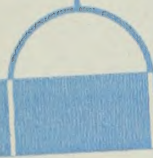
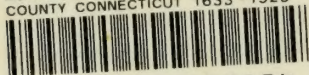




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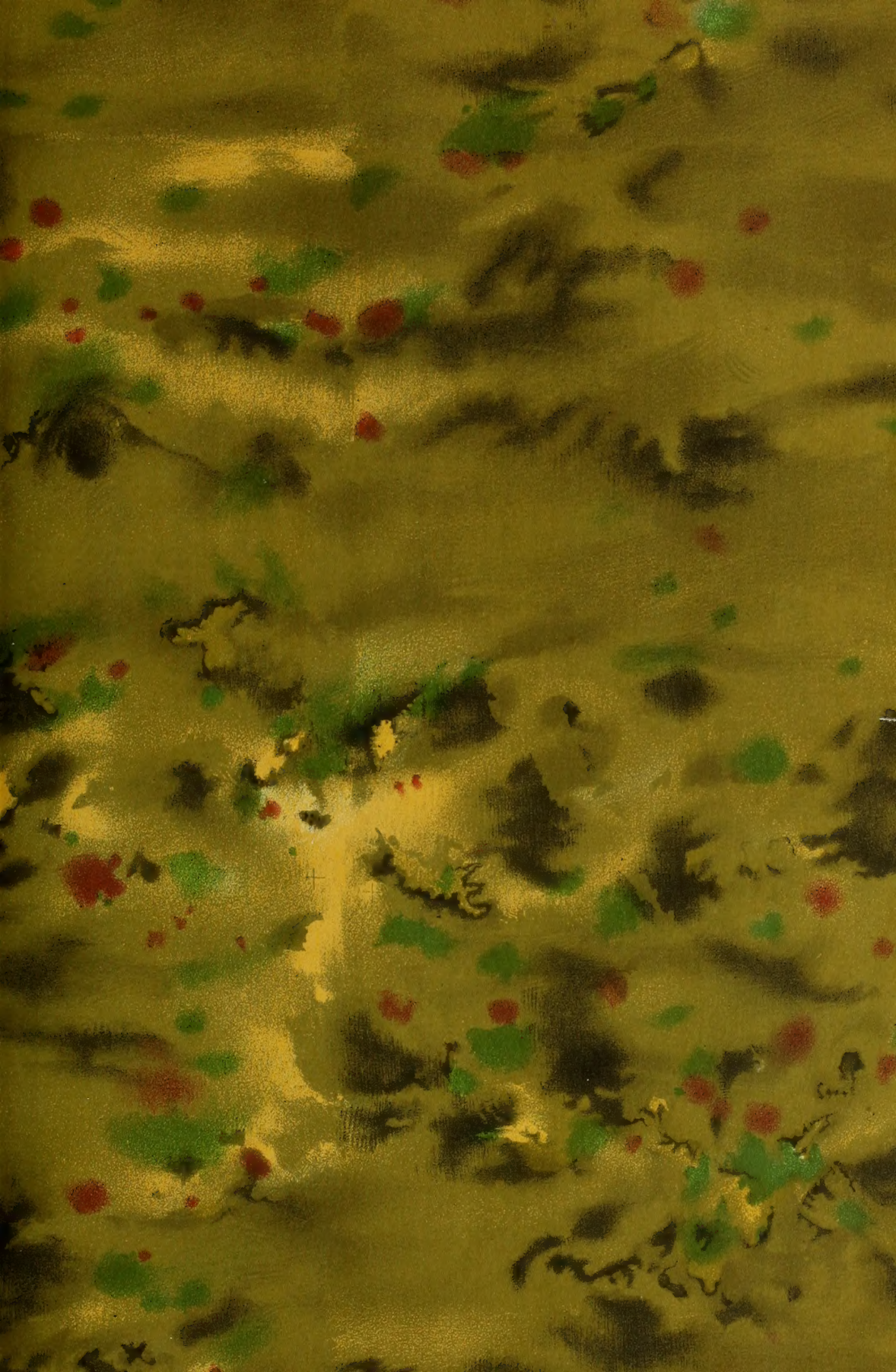
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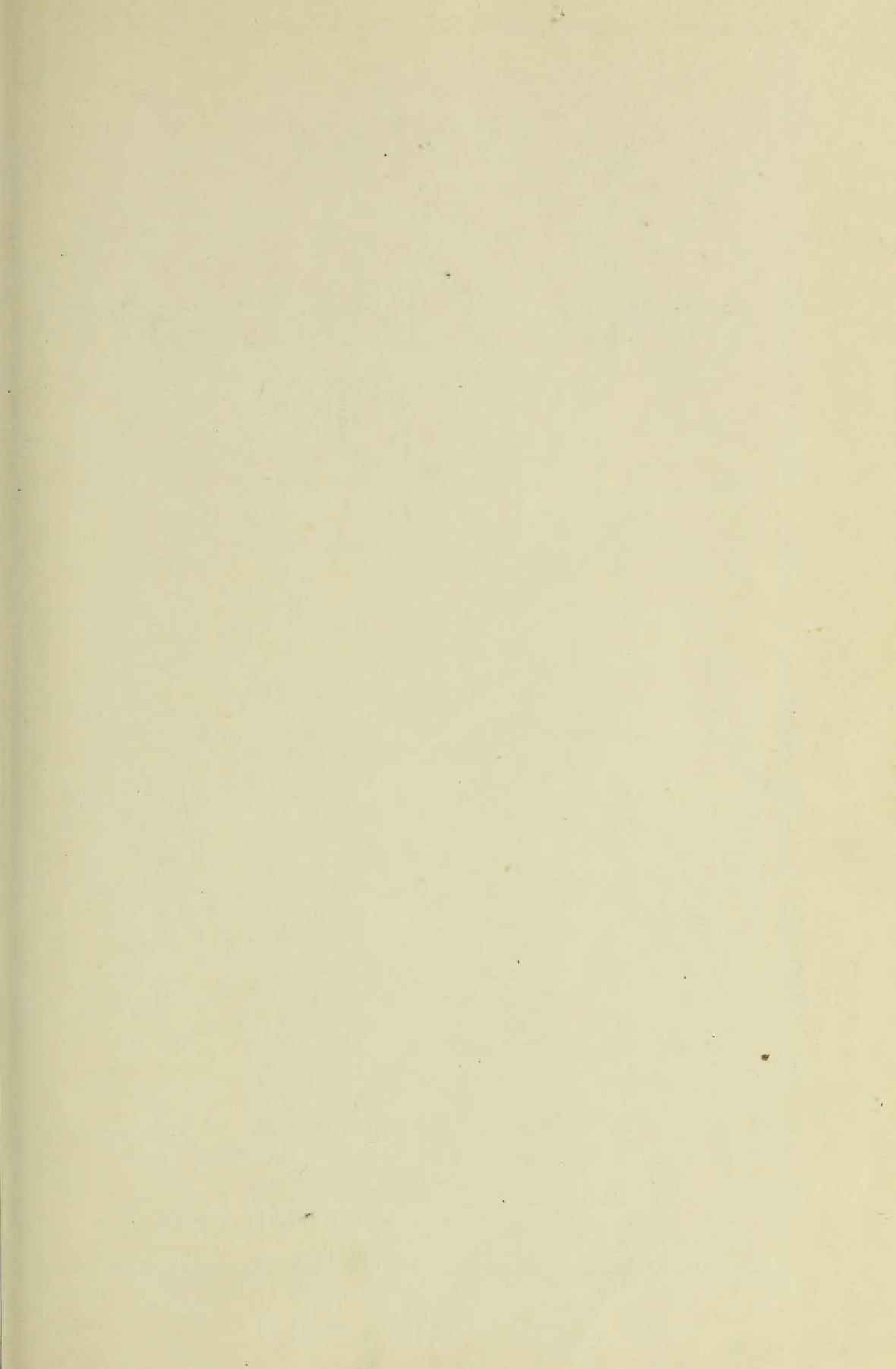
















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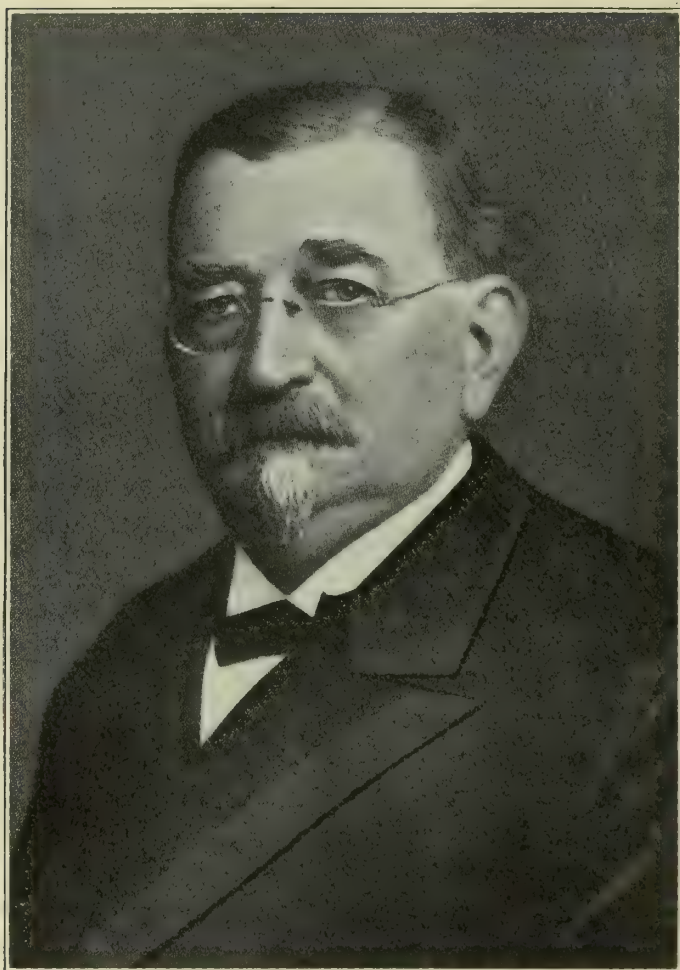
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## HON. MARCUS HENSEY HOLCOMB

The life of Marcus Hensey Holcomb has touched so many lines, has been so varied in its activity, so fruitful of benefit to his fellows and so far-reaching in its results as to have become an integral part of the history of Connecticut. The value of his service as judge of the superior court and as governor of the commonwealth would alone entitle him to distinction, yet in many other fields his labors have become a resultant force in the upbuilding of the state. He has now reached the eighty-third milestone on life's journey, having been born in New Hartford, Litchfield county, Connecticut, November 28, 1844. He has every reason to be proud of a New England ancestry distinguished for those qualities which have given stability to this section of the country and have made it an influencing factor for progress wherever its representatives have gone. Thomas Holcomb was born in Wales in the year 1601 and was therefore twenty-eight years of age when in 1629 he established his home at Dorchester, Massachusetts, and in 1634 he was made a freeman. Following his removal to Windsor, Hartford county, Connecticut, he devoted his time to clearing and tilling his land until he passed away at Poquanock, September 7, 1657. He had taken a very prominent part in the public life of the colony and had represented Windsor and Hartford in the convention which framed the constitution of the colony in 1639. From that time to the present representatives of the name have aided in molding and upholding the organic law of the state and their work has been of far-reaching effect and importance. Carlos Holcomb, the father of the Governor, like his predecessors, was called upon to fill various offices, serving as selectman, assessor and on the board of relief, and such was his known probity and business ability that he was called upon to serve as executor and administrator of many estates—a trust which he discharged in most efficient manner. He married Adah Bushnell, whose splendid womanly characteristics and charm ably supplemented the strength and capability of her husband, and the hospitality of their home was greatly enjoyed by the many friends who crossed their threshold.

Their son, Marcus H. Holcomb, spent his youth in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy, working in the fields through the summer seasons and attending the public schools in the winter months. He was ambitious, however, to enjoy better educational opportunities and for a time was a student in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, but ill health caused him to abandon his cherished hope of becoming a college student. When he had somewhat recovered his health he took up the profession of teaching, and while thus engaged began the study of law under the direction of Judge Jared B. Foster, a distinguished Connecticut lawyer. In 1871 he successfully passed the required bar examination at Litchfield and the following year removed to Southington, where he entered upon the active practice of his profession. No dreary novitiate awaited him. In a very short time he had gained a large practice that continually increased both in volume and importance, and in the trial of his causes he proved himself capable of crossing swords in forensic combat with the ablest members of the bar of his district. Five years after his admission to practice he was elected probate judge of the Southington district and was also judge of the Southington town court from the time of its organization until he was elected attorney general. The years chronicled his increased activity and usefulness. In 1893 he was elected treasurer of Hartford county, occupying that responsible position for fifteen years. It was natural that one of his knowledge and recognized power should be chosen for legislative office and in 1893 he was elected senator from the second district, where he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital problems which came up for settlement. In 1902 he aided in framing the organic law of the state as a member of

its constitutional convention, and in 1905 he was chosen speaker of the house of representatives. At different times he served on many state commissions and in 1907 he was elected attorney-general of Connecticut by a plurality of twenty-one thousand, his incumbency in that position continuing until 1910, when he was appointed a judge of the superior court, remaining upon the bench until, having reached the age limit of seventy years, he was automatically retired in 1914. His days of usefulness, however, were by no means over, for the citizens of Connecticut who had learned to value his service at once called him to the office of governor and his election of November, 1914, was followed by a reelection in 1916 and in 1918. In his terms of office he proved a most wise and loyal executive, giving to the commonwealth a businesslike administration characterized by reform, by progress and improvement. While he was still the incumbent in that position a contemporary writer said of him: "Dignified, imposing and courtly, he is the ideal of a chief executive, impressing all with whom he comes in contact as perfectly fitted for the office he holds. Of all the governors Connecticut has had in recent years no man has been so absolutely independent of the machine in making his selections for office as Governor Holcomb." He always regarded the capability of an appointee rather than his partisanship and the state at large recognized the value of his service in this matter, although strong party politicians may have opposed his course.

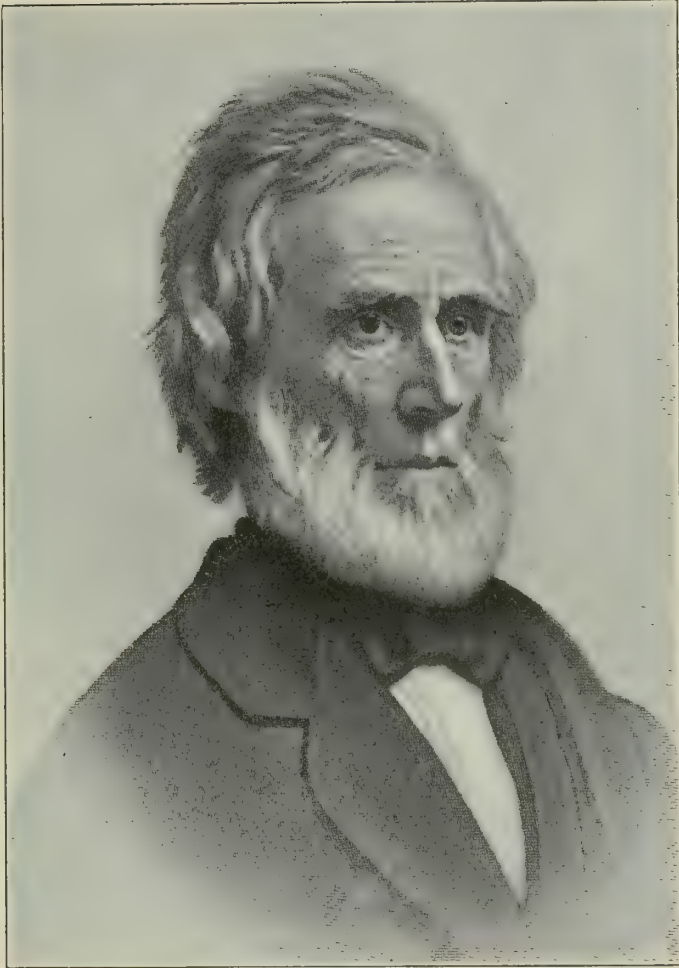
While the foregoing indicates the eminence to which Judge Holcomb attained as a lawyer, jurist and political leader, there are still other important chapters in his life history having to do with the benefit and upbuilding of Connecticut. He was chosen to the presidency of the Southington Savings Bank and became identified with the Southington National Bank, the Southington Hardware Company, the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company and the Aetna Nut Company, representing all of these corporations on the directorate and thus having voice in their management and control.

In early manhood, in 1872, Judge Holcomb was married to Miss Sarah Carpenter Bennett, of Hartford, Connecticut, who passed away in 1901. Judge Holcomb has served for many years as chairman of the board of trustees of the First Baptist church of Southington and for three decades was superintendent of its Sunday school. His religious faith, however, is based not so much upon denominationalism as upon the Golden Rule, which he has ever endeavored to embody in his relations with his fellowmen. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, has served as master of Northern Star Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He has also been identified with other fraternal organizations and is in firm sympathy with the basic principle which recognizes the brotherhood of man. To him came the unusual but merited honor of three times being elected the chief executive of Connecticut and of serving for many years in the judiciary of the state, and few men have ever left public office with a record so stainless and a reputation so clear. Now in the sunset years of life he may claim as a priceless possession that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

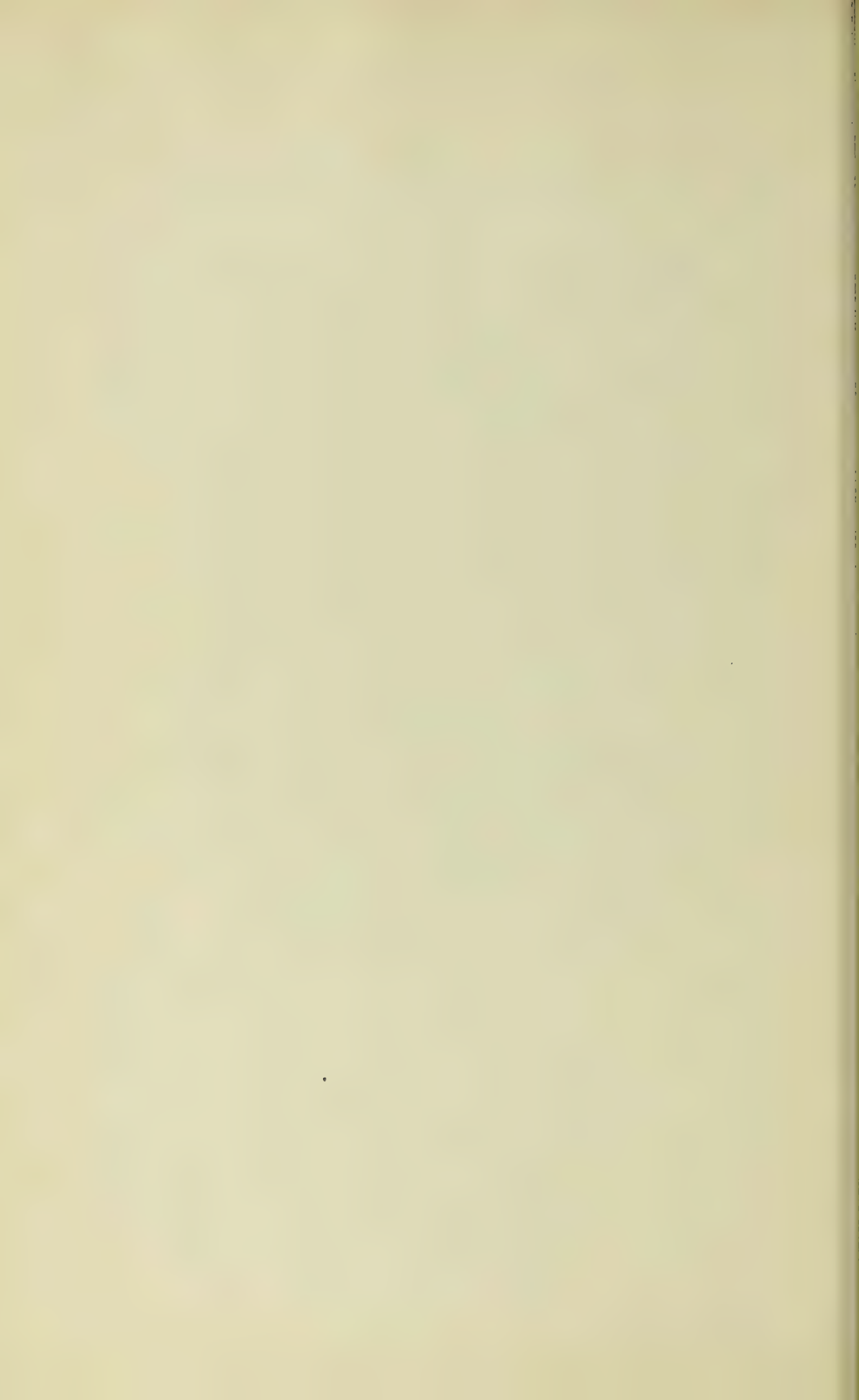
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#### REV. HORACE BUSHNELL

As long as Bushnell Park of Hartford is maintained the Rev. Horace Bushnell will be remembered by the citizens of the capital, for the memory of his upright life and Christian service to mankind is thus perpetuated. He made valuable contributions not only to the literature of the church but also to the enlightenment of his fellowmen upon many current questions of vital interest, and as preacher and teacher he exerted an immeasurable influence. Born in New Preston, Litchfield county, Connecticut, April 14, 1802, his boyhood was largely devoted to work on his father's farm and to assisting in a fulling and carding mill. His naturally keen intellect, however, sought activity in study and he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity to broaden his knowledge. Entering Yale, he was graduated with honor as a member of the class of 1827 and later he took up the profession of teaching at Norwich, Connecticut. Subsequently he became literary editor of the New York Journal of Commerce and in 1829 he returned to Yale to there pursue a course in law and at the same time acted as a college tutor. In 1831, when about to be admitted to the bar, he became interested in religious work through a revival held at the college and changed his life plans by entering the Yale Divinity School. On completing his course he was ordained to the ministry and was



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unanimously chosen pastor of the North Congregational church in May, 1833. In 1839 an address which he delivered before the Society of Inquiry at Andover Theological Seminary awakened suspicion as to his orthodoxy and again the subject was raised following the publication of his article "God in Christ" in 1849. Therefore a committee was appointed by the Hartford Central Association, of which he was a member, and before this committee he was called upon to answer a charge of heresy. Among his accusers were leading theologians of that day, but they did not agree as to the nature of the heresy. After a spirited defense by Dr. Bushnell the committee, through its chairman, Dr. Noah Porter, reported that "though there were, in the views presented, variations from the historic formulas of faith, the errors were not fundamental," and with but three dissenting votes this report was accepted. In 1850 and again in 1852 an appeal was made to the Central Association as to Dr. Bushnell's so called heresy, but it refused to render further judgment upon the subject and the agitation gradually ceased. His defense, "Christ in Theology," was published after the trial. Sixty years later his book "Christian Nurture" was used as a class book in the leading theological seminaries of the country.

Dr. Bushnell's pastorate at Hartford covered twenty-six consecutive years and when ill health obliged him to resign in 1859 great sorrow was manifested by his parishioners, who entertained for him the deepest respect and love. His writings included "Christian Nurture" (1847); "God in Christ" (1849); "Christ in Theology" (1851); "Nature and the Supernatural" (1858); "Sermons for the New Life" (1858); "Character of Jesus" (1861); "Work and Play," a collection of addresses (1864); "The Vicarious Sacrifice" (1865); "Moral Uses of Dark Things" (1868); "Woman Suffrage, the Reform Against Nature" (1869); "Sermons on Living Subjects" (1872); and "Forgiveness and Law" (1874). In 1842 Dr. Bushnell was called to Wesleyan University, where the D. D. degree was conferred upon him, and from Harvard he received the same degree in 1852, while Yale conferred upon him the LL. D. degree in 1871.

Aside from his church work Dr. Bushnell supported every plan, project and influence which he believed to have uplift value in the lives of his fellowmen. He it was who advocated setting aside the land surrounding the State House in Hartford for a public park, and so persistently and effectively did he urge this that Bushnell Park was at length created and named in his honor. At this time Central Park in New York was the only other public park in the United States. On the 1st of July, 1928, construction work will be begun on the Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall, which will be a gift to the city from his daughter, Mrs. Appleton R. Hillyer, and will be erected at a cost of about one million, five hundred thousand dollars. It is expected that this will be completed and ready for occupancy in the summer of 1929, with a seating capacity of thirty-three hundred. It will certainly be a fitting monument to the memory of one who played such an important part in the material, intellectual, civic and moral progress of Hartford.

On the 13th of September, 1833, Dr. Bushnell married Mary Apthorp, of New Haven, Connecticut. His daughter, Mary Bushnell Cheney, in 1880 published "Life and Letters of Horace Bushnell." He passed away in Hartford, February 17, 1876, and a mural tablet was set up in the church which he had so long and faithfully served. From an article "Hartford in Literature" we quote the following: "Perhaps the man of highest genius in the catalogue of Hartford authors was Horace Bushnell.

\* \* \* His writings, though mainly theological, or rather religious in subject, are often lifted by their imaginative quality and beauty of style into the region of pure literature. His thought has sometimes a resemblance to Emerson's though conclusions were widely different."

#### JAMES PARKHILL ANDREWS

After thirty-one years' connection with the Supreme Court of Errors, James Parkhill Andrews resigned his position and is now living in West Hartford, where his public activities and private life have gained him a position of distinction and of honor, high respect and esteem being accorded him by all who know him. Connecticut points to him with pride as one of her native sons, he having been born in East Windsor, October 23, 1854. He is a son of Samuel James and Catherine Augusta (Day) Andrews. The father died October 10, 1906. The mother was a daughter of

Thomas Day, who was Reporter of the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut from 1805 until 1853.

It was twenty years later that the grandson, who was to become his successor in that office, was graduated from the Hartford High School and entered upon preparation for a professional career by becoming a student in Yale University, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1877. Attracted to the law, he entered the office of William Hamersly, of Hartford, afterwards a distinguished judge, who directed his reading until he matriculated in the Yale Law School, there winning his LL. B. degree in 1879. He entered at once upon his professional career in Hartford as a partner of F. Walworth Smith, under the firm style of Smith & Andrews, an association that was maintained for about a year and a half, when Mr. Andrews removed to Bristol, Connecticut, and joined Willis A. Briscoe in organizing the firm of Andrews & Briscoe. When a year had elapsed, however, Mr. Andrews returned to Hartford and formed a partnership with Charles H. Briscoe, the father of his late partner. This association was maintained until January, 1894, its dissolution being occasioned by the appointment of Mr. Andrews to the office of reporter of the Supreme Court of Errors, which position he filled for almost a third of a century. Here he manifested the possession of high literary and legal ability in his preparation of analytical statements of the contents of the opinions reported, and the writing of head notes for the State reports. He made so splendid a record in the office that he was offered a position on the Superior Court bench, but for reasons of health preferred to continue his service as reporter of the Supreme Court of Errors, declining to act as judge. He is the author of the Index Digest of Connecticut Reports, 1883; Connecticut Index Digest, 1895; and has been a contributor to the Yale Law Magazine, his writings being of widespread interest. A member of the County, State and American Bar associations, he enjoys in high degree the good will, confidence and respect of his colleagues and contemporaries. Aside from his professional activities, he is a director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Andrews married Miss Julia Lincoln Ray, of Chicago, whose father, Charles H. Ray, was editor of the Chicago Tribune for a number of years, and a friend of President Lincoln. Mr. Andrews has always been an advocate and supporter of republican principles. His interest in the general welfare has been marked by advocacy of all those measures which he deemed of worth to the city and state, and although the professional demands made upon his time and energies were multitudinous, he nevertheless served as a trustee of the Connecticut Institution for the Blind and of the Connecticut Junior Republic. During his college days he was a member of Scroll and Key, the famous senior society of Yale, and he belongs to the Hartford Golf, the University and the Musical clubs of Hartford. He was one of the founders and served as president of the University Club, and belongs to the Graduates Club of New Haven.

His religious faith is shown in his connection with the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, and his entire life has been the expression of the highest principles of manhood, of citizenship, and of unfaltering allegiance to those cultural and intellectual forces which make for the uplift and higher development of the individual. His wife is president of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America.

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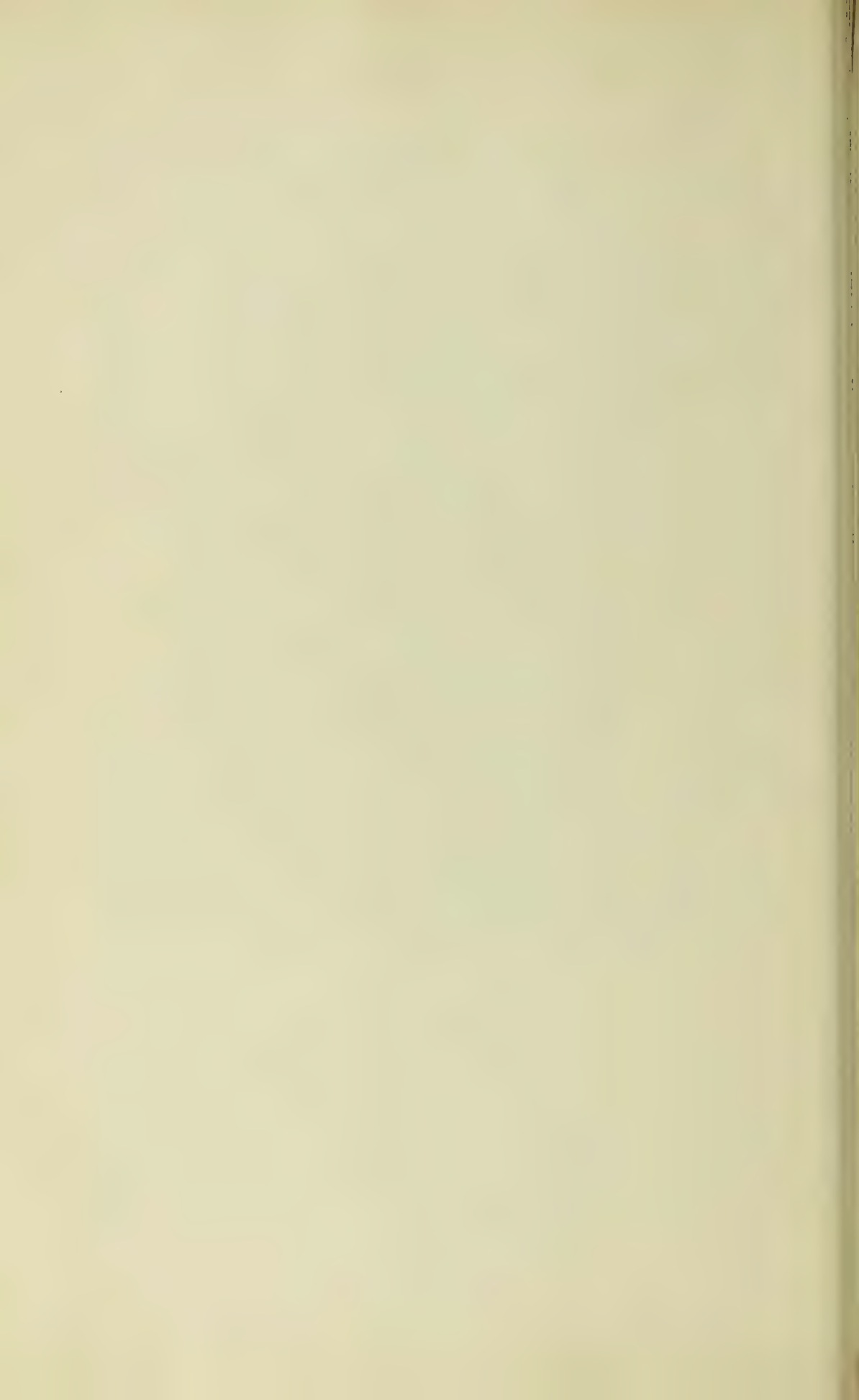
#### HON. NATHANIEL SHIPMAN

From earliest times representatives of the Shipman family have been prominent in molding the commonwealth and in advancing those interests which have made for its stability and its honored position among the states of the Union. When in 1639 Edward Shipman sailed from Hull, England, his destination was Saybrook, Connecticut, where John Winthrop as governor was establishing a very ambitious settlement in behalf of "lords and ladies" under the Warwick patent. The name was originally spelled Shipton, but the present spelling was soon adopted in this country and has since been used. Edward Shipman married Elizabeth Comstock, January 16, 1651; she died in July, 1659, and on July 1, 1663, he married Mary Andrews. He was admitted a freeman in October, 1667, and died September 15, 1697. He was one of the



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HON. NATHANIEL SHIPMAN





three legatees to three thousand acres of land near Hatrford given by the sachem, Uncas, through the terms of his will February 29, 1676.

John Shipman, son of the pioneer, was born in Saybrook, April 5, 1664, and married May 5, 1686, Martha Humphries. Their son, John Shipman (II), was born in Saybrook, January 6, 1687, and died July 7, 1742. The third son of John Shipman and his wife, Elizabeth (Kirtland) Shipman, was Nathaniel Shipman, who was born in Saybrook between 1720 and 1725. About 1750 he removed to Norwich, Connecticut, where he was chosen elder of what is now the Second Congregational Church, December 30, 1763. In 1747 he married Ruth Reynolds. His second wife, Elizabeth Leffingwell, whom he married July 18, 1756, was born in Norwich, January 4, 1729, and there died June 8, 1801. They were the parents of Nathaniel Shipman (II), who was born in Norwich, May 17, 1764, and died July 14, 1853. He learned the goldsmith's trade and was a man of prominence in his community, often presiding at important town meetings and other public gatherings. He was chosen a member of the general assembly and served as both probate and county judge. His wife was Abigail Coit, daughter of Judge Benjamin and Mary (Boardman) Coit, whom he married October 11, 1794, and who died July 31, 1800. Mr. Shipman died July 14, 1853.

Their only son was the Rev. Thomas Leffingwell Shipman, born in Norwich, August 28, 1798. He there attended the public schools, in 1818 was graduated from Yale College. Three years later he completed a course in the Andover Theological Seminary and entered upon ministerial work as a missionary in Charleston, South Carolina. After several months there, he resumed his studies at Andover. Later he became pastor of the Congregational Society in Lebanon, Connecticut, and subsequently was called to Brooklyn, New York, and afterward to Brooklyn, Connecticut, to Vernon, Connecticut, and to Hartford. In 1824 he did pioneer missionary work in Huron, Ohio; the following year he was at Norwich, Connecticut, after which he was installed as pastor of the First Church in Southbury, Connecticut. He afterward served for eleven years in Jewett City, when ill health forced him to abandon the active work of the ministry, although at the age of ninety years he still preached effectively. He died in Jewett City, August 29, 1886. Mr. Shipman's first wife, whom he married in Colchester, Connecticut, May 3, 1827, was Mary Thompson Deming. She was born October 9, 1803, and died October 14, 1841.

Hon. Nathaniel Shipman (III), only child of this marriage, was born in Southbury, Connecticut, August 22, 1828. He supplemented his early public-school education by study in the Plainfield Academy at Plainfield, Connecticut, and by a course in Yale as a member of the class of 1848. His law reading was done in the office of Judge Thomas B. Osborne of Fairfield, Connecticut, until October, 1849, when he became a student in the Yale Law School. Following his removal to Hartford he was admitted to the bar and for many years ranked as one of its most distinguished members. He also became one of the lawmakers of Connecticut, serving in the general assembly in 1857. From 1858 to 1862 he was executive secretary to the great war governor, William A. Buckingham. In 1875 he was appointed judge of the United States district court and in 1892 to the United States circuit of appeals, where he served with distinction until 1902. His fair and impartial rulings and decisions, based upon comprehensive knowledge of the law, gained him high position among jurists. In 1884 Yale conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D.

Judge Shipman on May 25, 1859, in Hartford, married Mary Caroline Robinson, daughter of David Franklin Robinson, former president of the Hartford National Bank, now the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, and of Anne (Seymour) Robinson, daughter of Asa Seymour. Children of this marriage are the following: Rev. Dr. Frank R. Shipman, now resident in New Haven, pastor for many years of the South church in Andover, Massachusetts, later president of the Atlanta Theological Seminary, trustee of Piedmont College, etc.; Arthur Leffingwell Shipman, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mary Shipman Penrose, wife of Rev. Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, whose work in connection with public matters, especially as national president of the Young Women's Christian Association, is well known; and Henry R. Shipman, professor of history at Princeton University.

Judge Shipman, continuing his interest in public and local affairs of worth to the last, was so much a part of Hartford and of the state that his death in 1906 came as a shock. Amid the activities of his positions he found time to concern himself with all that was best, in cultural, religious and business affairs alike. By kinship and

affiliation he was one of a notable coterie of citizens of the town. His counsel was freely sought and dependable, whether as a director or as a purely personal adviser, and his home on Charter Oak Place was a center of social life. He was a director in the Travelers Insurance Company, Aetna Insurance Company, Collins Company, Phoenix National Bank, Wadsworth Atheneum and an officer and director of many benevolent and charitable institutions. In early life he belonged to the Pearl Street Congregational church and later he was a founder and a deacon for many years of the Immanuel Congregational church. Along with his becoming dignity, there was a grace of genial kindness which appealed not only to his intimates but even to the man who merely passed him on the street. He was of that type of men who made Hartford.

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#### ARTHUR LEFFINGWELL SHIPMAN.

With an inheritance to inspire him and with a will and strength to cherish it, Arthur Leffingwell Shipman was born in Hartford, Connecticut, November 19, 1864. His parents were Hon. Nathaniel and Mary Caroline (Robinson) Shipman. Since 1639 the family name has been recorded in connection with many events that have shaped the history of Connecticut since Edward Shipman sailed from Hull, England, and established his home in Saybrook. Extended reference to the ancestry is found in connection with the sketch of Mr. Shipman's distinguished father on another page of this work.

Having completed the course in the Hartford public high school with the class of 1882, Mr. Shipman entered Yale University, where he received his degree with the class of 1886. Among his attainments there, in addition to high stand, were election to the editorial board of the Yale Literary Magazine, the oldest of college publications, and membership in the senior society of Skull and Bones. He won his LL. B. degree in the Yale Law School in 1888. His initial step in his profession was taken as a law clerk in the office of Seward, DaCosta & Guthrie, well known members of the New York city bar, but after two years spent in that city, during which he gained much valuable experience, he returned to Hartford in 1890 and formed a partnership with the Hon. William F. Henney, the association continuing four years. Then he joined the law firm of Hyde, Gross & Hyde and in 1894 the firm name of Gross, Hyde & Shipman was assumed. In 1919 he became senior member of the firm of Shipman & Goodwin (Charles A.), which includes today others prominent in the younger generation of lawyers. Although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, almost from the outset of his career Mr. Shipman has made notable progress, finding ready solution for intricate legal problems and handling all the interests entrusted to his care with such ability and keen discernment that he ranks today with the foremost representatives of the bar. He has also come into financial connection with various business firms and corporations and his counsel has proved to be a most valuable element in their control. He is now a director of the Aetna Insurance Company, Travelers Insurance Company, the Travelers Indemnity Company, the Union Trust Company, the Connecticut River Banking Company, the Collins Company, Capewell Horsenail Company, Sanborn Map Company and several other corporations.

On June 27, 1901, in Poughkeepsie, New York, Mr. Shipman married Miss Melvina Van Kleeck and they now have a family of three children: Nathalie, born December 17, 1902; Arthur Leffingwell, Jr., born July 4, 1906, now a student at Yale; and Mary Caroline, born December 23, 1910. The hospitality of their home on Asylum avenue makes it a favorite resort for their many friends.

Mr. Shipman's activity in the field of politics attests his deep interest in matters of public moment. He has always voted with the republican party and on its ticket was elected a member of the common council from the fourth ward in 1892; in 1895 he was made a member of the high school committee and in 1904 was appointed to the position of corporation counsel by Mayor Henney, serving a second term by appointment of Mayor Louis R. Cheney in 1910. His club connections are many, including membership in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the University Club of New York, and the University Club and the Twilight Club of Hartford, also patriotic societies. In hours of leisure he turns to hunting and fishing for recreation and finds great enjoyment in these sports and in out-of-door life in general. What with the volumes he has inherited and those which he has added,



he has one of the choicest private libraries in the state, and his intimates say that he can quote offhand from any one of the books. Such belief may be based on the fact that he has written many articles, not a few of which have been published in leading journals, chiefly on historical subjects and with relation to political economics, colonial days and the constitution. He shares with Mrs. Shipman a fondness for the drama, of which they have given gratifying evidence by devoting a portion of a building on their grounds for the use of members of the Drama League of Hartford. In the affairs of the South Congregational church he has furnished earnest cooperation and counsel. In the progress of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, the Connecticut Historical Society and the Hartford Public Library he has been a zealous and sometimes radical promoter; his familiarity with Connecticut's history, his native discernment and power of discrimination, together with aesthetic taste, have made him a valuable member of the State Commission of Sculpture, which has charge of the decoration and statuary at the capitol. Force of character and of expression and a rugged physique are among the family characteristics he has made his own.

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#### CHARLES C. GOODRICH

Charles C. Goodrich, who passed from life in Hartford, December 28, 1921, when seventy-six years of age, was widely known for his skill as an organizer, this enabling him to coordinate seemingly diverse interests into a harmonious whole that produced desired results. At all times obstacles and difficulties in his path seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part and in the course of years he came to prominence in business circles as the vice president of the Hartford & New York Transportation Company, efficiently managing steamboat lines and river shipping.

Connecticut numbered him among her native sons, he being born in Wethersfield, July 30, 1845, his parents being Joshua and Mary A. (Wells) Goodrich. In the acquirement of his education he attended the South Grammar School of Hartford and afterward became a student in Williston Seminary of East Hampton, Massachusetts. His early business experience came to him in his native city and later he was for a time in Portland, Connecticut, whence he went to New York as representative of a fertilizer company. While there he became interested in freight transportation, entering the employ of M. H. Brazos, then one of the largest vessel owners of the east, for whom he supervised his freighting interests on Long Island Sound. Mr. Brazos had the agency for several tugs plying on the Connecticut river. Mr. Goodrich, recognizing that there was a lack of efficient and economical management of this business, came to Hartford to make adjustments and soon recognized the fact that it would be advisable to form a joint stock company, for hitherto various persons had been interested in the different tugs to a greater or less degree. After considerable effort and diplomacy he obtained prices upon the respective tugs, for which seventy-seven thousand dollars was paid. Then it was—in May, 1877, that the Hartford & New York Transportation Company was organized with a capital of one hundred and twelve thousand dollars, Mr. Goodrich being chosen secretary and agent, with Ezra H. Williams as president and Charles I. Hills as treasurer. From that time forward Mr. Goodrich was continuously associated with the Hartford & New York Transportation Company, which in the first five years of its existence was engaged solely in the freight and towing business. In 1896 the company added the twin-screw propeller "Hartford" to their fleet and in 1898 another boat, the "Middletown." A year later, during the Spanish-American war, the "Hartford" was sold to the United States government for a hospital ship, but the company built another boat also named "Hartford" and operated its two steamers on a daily run between Hartford and New York. For almost a half century Mr. Goodrich devoted his attention to the study of marine commerce, particularly as to the problems arising along the Sound and the Connecticut river, and it was said that he could pilot a boat with as great dexterity as any man in his employ. In 1880 the Hartford & New York Transportation Company purchased a ship yard and marine railway at Dutch Point and there built many barger and tugs. In time the fleet of the company numbered more than fifty coastwise vessels and steamers, embracing the latest designs in marine construction. In 1906 the company through sale turned over its interests to the New



Haven road, with Mr. Goodrich continuing as vice president and general manager. After some years he resigned the office of general manager but retained the vice presidency. During the early days of the company it was said of him: "He was as active in physical tasks and as busy as any of the company's employes. He worked shoulder to shoulder with the men and inspired them by his aggressiveness and determination." He was a strong executive, a capable organizer, a man of sound judgment and broad vision, and his opinions in matters that related to the company's growth, development and success were seldom, if ever, at fault in the slightest degree. Aside from his connection with the Hartford & New York Transportation Company he became president of the Maine Steamship Company, operating boats between New York and Portland, Maine, its entire stock being owned by the first named corporation. He was also a director of the Middletown Coal Company, one of the most prosperous corporations of its kind in the state.

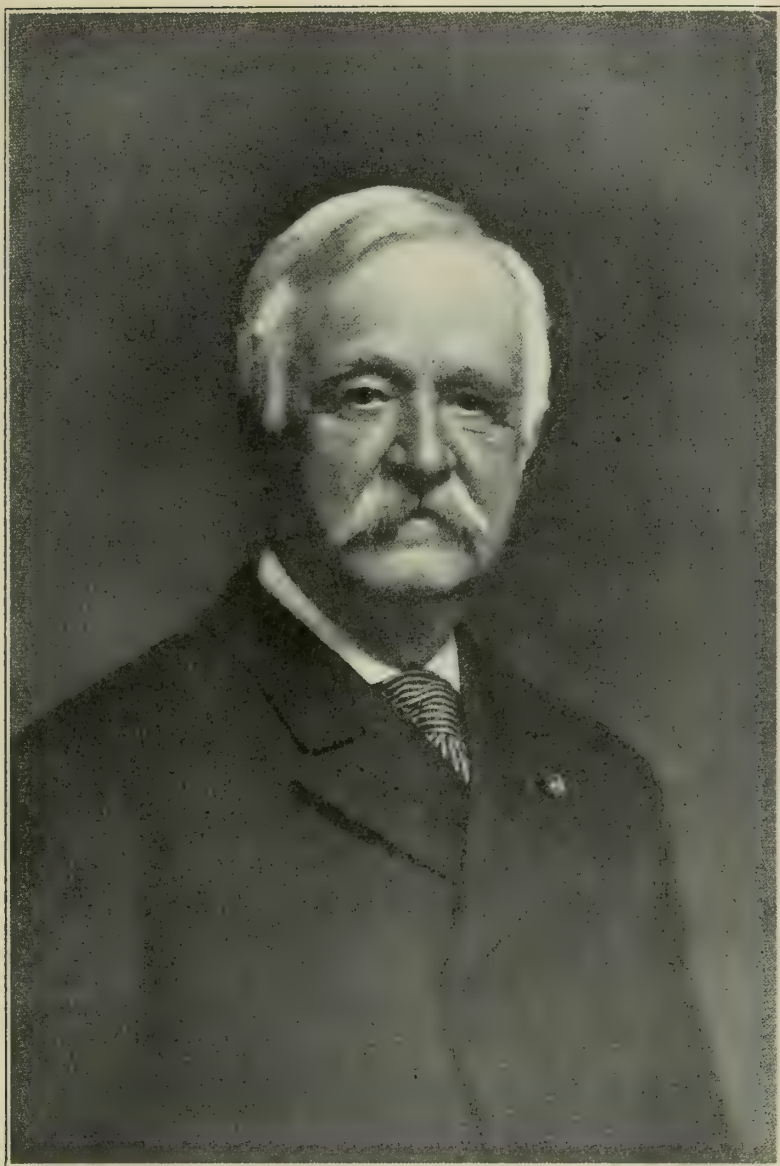
In 1875 Mr. Goodrich was united in marriage to Miss Beulah Murray, of Madison, a daughter of Calvin Murray, who was a shipbuilder of Guilford, Connecticut, where Mrs. Goodrich was born, she being one of a family of four children. By her marriage she became the mother of one son, Raymond M. Goodrich, who was born April 10, 1879, and married Zulema Conger. Raymond M. Goodrich has two daughters and a son: Genevieve G., Elizabeth and Charles C. For a number of years Raymond M. Goodrich was associated with his father in business but is now president of the F. R. & R. M. Goodrich Tobacco Company, Inc. He is also a director of the Middletown Coal Company and is interested in various other business enterprises. He holds membership in the Hartford Golf Club.

Charles C. Goodrich was an ardent sportsman and made many hunting and fishing trips, especially to Newfoundland. At one time he belonged to the Hartford Board of Trade and took great interest in the work of improving the Connecticut river, the knowledge that he had acquired through his transportation interests proving of great public benefit in that connection. He was interested in everything that had to do with the advancement and welfare of Hartford and his public-spirited citizenship was manifest in many tangible ways. As a business man his record was one of notable progress. His constantly expanding powers and his utilization of every opportunity brought him steadily to the front until he ranked with the leading representatives of transportation interests in New England.

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#### HON. MORGAN GARDNER BULKELEY

When on the 7th of November, 1921, Hon. Morgan Gardner Bulkeley passed from the scene of earthly activities there was concluded a most important chapter in the annals of Connecticut. He had passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and his entire career was one of useful service, signal honor and successful achievement. No history of the state would be complete without extended reference to Mr. Bulkeley and what he accomplished, for he was one of the most eminent of her native sons, contributing largely to her material development and as largely shaping public thought and action. He was born at East Haddam, Connecticut, December 26, 1837, and he came of a line of ancestors honorable and distinguished, including Baron Robert de Buclough, who lived during the reign of King John of England. The family was established in the new world in early colonial days by Rev. Peter Bulkeley, descended from the baron in the ninth generation and a fellow of St. John's College of Cambridge, England. He was a minister of the gospel, a non-conformist who arrived in Massachusetts in 1634 and became one of the founders of the church of Concord, of which he was the first pastor. He died March 7, 1659. By his second wife, Grace Chetwood, he had four children, including Rev. Gershom Bulkeley, who was born in 1636 and was graduated from Harvard in 1655. Four years later Gershom married Sarah Chauncey, daughter of President Chauncey, of Harvard. She died in 1669. In 1661 Rev. Gershom Bulkeley became the second minister of the church at New London, Connecticut, and in 1667 was installed pastor of the church in Wethersfield, where he remained for ten years. Thereafter he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery and in 1675 was appointed by the general court as surgeon of the army raised for defense against Indian attack. Removing to Glastonbury, he became an extensive landowner there and died at Wethersfield in 1713.



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He was regarded as an eminent representative of both the ministry and the medical science. His six children were Catherine, Dorothy, Charles, Peter, Edward and John.

The last named was graduated from Harvard College in 1699, studied divinity and was ordained as a minister of the church in Colchester, Connecticut, in 1703. He married Patience, daughter of John and Sarah Prentice, in 1701, and they had twelve children. Hon. John Bulkeley of this family was born April 19, 1705, and after completing a course at Yale College in 1725 studied law and became an eminent member of the profession. In 1753 he was elected an assistant and for a period of ten years was probate judge and also filled other important offices. In 1738 he married Mary Gardner, who died in 1750, and in 1751 Abigail Hastings became his wife. The children of his first marriage were Lydia, Mary, John, Mary, (the second of the name) Eliphalet, Lucy and Charles.

Eliphalet Bulkeley, born August 8, 1746, married in 1767 Anna Bulkeley, of New London, and their children were Lydia A., Mary A., John C., Patience, Jonathan, Pettis, Eliphalet, Sarah, Fanny, Orlando and Julia. John Charles Bulkeley, born August 8, 1772, married Sally Taintor in 1798 and they had three sons: Charles E., John T. and Eliphalet Adams. The last named was born in Colchester, Connecticut, January 20, 1803, was graduated from Yale College in 1824 and became a law student in the office of William P. Williams, of Lebanon, Connecticut. About 1830 he removed to East Haddam, where he engaged in law practice and was also president of the East Haddam Bank. He practiced law with Judge Henry Perkins as senior partner in the firm of Bulkeley & Perkins and later became the first president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which he was one of the organizers. In 1850 he organized and became president of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and so continued until his death, being also largely interested in the Aetna subsidiary corporations and in banking. He was likewise a director in the Willimantic Linen Company and other important business enterprises. He became a prominent figure in his community, represented his town in the state legislature and was twice a member of the senate. In 1847 he became a resident of Hartford, where he served as school fund commissioner and also filled other offices of honor and trust. He was likewise associated with many prominent business interests and became a man of wealth. He exerted marked influence for good upon the life of the community in many ways. He was president of the Pearl Street Ecclesiastical Society and he gave his cooperation to every project for intellectual and moral progress. In 1857 Hartford elected him to the general assembly and he was chosen speaker of the house by the Union republicans, having at the dissolution of the whig party become a staunch advocate of the new republican party. He had a remarkable memory, seldom forgetting a face or name, and this stood him in good stead in many instances. He married March 31, 1830, Lydia S. Morgan, of Colchester, and died in Hartford, February 13, 1872, while his wife passed away August 9, 1895. They were parents of six children.

The third in order of birth, Morgan Gardner Bulkeley, was in his ninth year when the family home was established in Hartford, where he attended the public schools until 1851, when at the age of fourteen years he began working for the Aetna Company, sweeping out the office for a dollar a week. Later he served as bundle boy in a mercantile establishment in Brooklyn, New York, and for seven years he was associated with the dry goods house of H. P. Morgan & Company as salesman, confidential clerk and finally as partner. All business and personal considerations, however, were put aside when the country became involved in civil war and as a private he went to the front with the Thirteenth New York Volunteer Infantry in the Army of the Potomac. His military record was in harmony with his entire life, being characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. He returned to his business connections in Brooklyn but in 1872, following his father's demise, again became a resident of Hartford that he might supervise the financial interests of the family. After seven years he succeeded Thomas O. Enders in the presidency of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and save for that brief seven-year period Eliphalet Adams Bulkeley and Morgan G. Bulkeley continuously occupied the presidency of the corporation from its founding until the latter's death. When he assumed the presidency the company was capitalized for seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and something of the marvelous growth of the corporation under his direction is indicated in the fact that by 1904 the capital had been increased to two million dollars, with equal development along all lines. He instituted many most progressive meas-

ures and his well devised plans were promptly executed. The term captain of industry has become familiar in the parlance of the present. Morgan G. Bulkeley might well be called a captain of finance, for he marshaled his forces with the precision of a military commander. No detail was too unimportant to be overlooked and at the same time every project was given its relative place in the well devised plans of the organization. Opportunity to Mr. Bulkeley was ever a call to action and upon the broad basis of business integrity, enterprise, diligence and honor he built one of the most notable superstructures known to the insurance and financial world.

To have accomplished this alone would have entitled him to lasting fame, but Morgan G. Bulkeley became equally eminent as a leader in the public life of his state. He was interested in politics from early youth and in young manhood served as councilman and as alderman of Hartford. In 1880 he was elected mayor and gave to the city a most businesslike and efficient administration through a period of eight years, instituting and promoting many important municipal projects, while he disbursed more than his salary in providing pleasure or comfort for the city's poor. His mayoralty service made his known throughout the state and in 1888 he was nominated in the republican convention by acclamation for governor and was elected by a handsome majority, although in that year the democratic presidential electors were successful. Concerning the political history of that period a contemporary writer has said: "Following the custom a new ticket was presented in 1890. The only person on either side having a clear majority over all was the democratic candidate for comptroller. The election of the remainder of the state officers was thrown into the general assembly. As the two houses belonged to opposite parties there arose under the provisions of our constitution a deadlock. Accordingly, Governor Bulkeley and his associates, with the exception of the comptroller, held over for two years. During the period the legislation remained in abeyance. No appropriations were voted for the maintenance of the institutions of the state or for meeting the imperative requirements of the treasury. At this crisis the Aetna Life Insurance Company, through its president, Governor Bulkeley, volunteered to furnish all the money needed to meet every legitimate bill. Instructions were issued in regard to the method of making disbursements and keeping the accounts. The next general assembly by public act repaid the company in full without disallowance of an item.

"Having twice thrown the votes pledged to him in the general assembly, to secure the reelection of General Hawley to the United States senate, in the fall of 1904 Governor Bulkeley, on the withdrawal of General Hawley, entered the field with the view of holding his strength to the end. In nominations, and later in the election, attention was centered on the senatorship, all other issues being for the moment submerged. When the caucus met the following January, Governor Bulkeley had about two-thirds of the votes, and the action of the caucus was ratified in the general assembly. In executive ability no man in the United States senate will excel the new member from Connecticut. Corporate abuses have provoked a dangerous disposition to assail the bad and good indiscriminately. The friends of Senator Bulkeley believe that he will penetrate to the marrow of questions affecting the business of the country, and prove a bulwark against injustice to legitimate interests."

The long record of his public service was one of exceptional honor. He handled with notable tact and skill the complex problems of government when he was at the head of the state and his administration was characterized by reform, improvement and notable achievement. Another important public work which he accomplished was the completion and dedication of the great Hartford bridge across the Connecticut river. The old bridge having burned in 1895, he was chosen president of the board of bridge commissioners in 1897 and labored untiringly until the completion of the new structure in 1908, when three days in October were devoted to its dedication, made memorable through historical pageant, patriotic jubilee and other forms of public rejoicing. On the 3d of December following a great meeting was held in the Parsons theatre to do honor to Mr. Bulkeley in recognition of the service that he had rendered his fellowmen, on which occasion a magnificent silver service of one hundred and fifty-six pieces was presented to him amid the felicitations of all present. Not only did his public spirit find expression in untiring effort for the building of the great bridge but also in the development of the broad boulevard and the park on the east side. He was likewise president of the State Commission to erect the State Library and of the Town Commission having in charge the building of the Soldiers' Memorial arch in Bushnell park. It was through the efforts of Mr. Bulkeley



and others that one hundred acres of a peninsula at the mouth of the Connecticut river were developed into a separate borough known as Fenwick, which has become one of Connecticut's most delightful summer places.

With the patriotic societies and organizations Mr. Bulkeley was closely associated, having membership in the Society of the Cincinnati, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Foreign Wars, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of Colonial Wars, Society of the War of 1812, Grand Army of the Republic and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was ever a faithful follower of the teachings of Masonry and his religious belief was indicated in his close and helpful connection with the Congregational church. He belonged to the Hartford Club and other social organizations and those who met him in the field of social activity found him ever courteous, genial and kindly.

Nowhere was his true nature more manifest than in his own home, where as a devoted husband and father he found his greatest happiness in ministering to those at his own fireside. On the 11th of February, 1885, Mr. Bulkeley married Fannie Briggs, daughter of James and Caroline A. Houghton of San Francisco, California. Three children were born to them: Morgan Gardner, Elinor Houghton and Houghton. The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Bulkeley covered a period of thirty-six years ere he passed away. More than six years have since come and gone, but the name of Morgan G. Bulkeley can never be effaced from the records of Connecticut. There is no phase of the state's growth, development and progress with which he was not connected, either actively or through influence, and so far-reaching and beneficial were his labors that few names have been placed so high on the roll of Connecticut's eminent citizens as is that of Morgan Gardner Bulkeley.

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#### ROBERT L. COATES

Robert L. Coates, attorney at law, has been a member of the Hartford bar since January, 1921, and in the practice of his profession he has acquired the reputation of being an able lawyer.

Mr. Coates was born in New Britain, Connecticut, on January 24, 1898, a son of George W. and Margaret Keating Coates, both natives of Connecticut, his father having been born in Union City, and his mother in Southington.

His preparatory education was received in the public schools of New Britain, where he was graduated from the grammar school in 1912 and from the high school in 1916. He then matriculated at the Albany Law School, Union University, at Albany, New York, for the study of law and was graduated from that University in 1920, with the degree of LL. B. Immediately following his graduation from law school he entered the law office of the late Hon. Lewis Sperry, who had formerly, with the Hon. George P. McLean, now the senior United States senator from Connecticut, composed the old firm of Sperry & McLean. Intimate, daily intercourse with such a man as Lewis Sperry, who was one of the most eminent and able lawyers in this country, and who had served with great distinction on the banking committee of congress, while a member of that body for two terms, could not but give noble ideas of life to any youth coming under his influence, and here young Coates could see exemplified each day the highest requirements in the study of law—which study, of necessity, must be continuous—and its most honorable application when practiced as a profession. Mr. Coates was admitted to the bar at Hartford, in January, 1921, and entered upon active practice with Mr. Sperry, which continued until Mr. Sperry's death in 1922.

He then went to New York city, where he became associated with the law firm of Evarts, Choate, Sherman & Leon, of 60 Wall street, an internationally known firm, and was admitted to the New York bar. Later he became associated with the law firm of Baldwin, Hutchins & Todd, of 120 Broadway, the senior member of this firm, Mr. Roger Sherman Baldwin, being a descendant of Roger Sherman, one of the Connecticut signers of the Declaration of Independence, and a cousin of the late Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut.

In September, 1926, Mr. Coates returned to Hartford, where he has since practiced, with offices at 125 Trumbull street. His extensive and varied experience and his thorough preliminary preparation have developed his powers until he now has a



most creditable position among the members of the bar of the county and his practice is one of growing importance.

Mr. Coates belongs to the national university fraternity of Gamma Eta Gamma. He is a World war veteran, a member of the American Legion, and, along professional lines, he is a member of the Hartford County Bar Association, thus keeping in touch with professional purposes and standards.

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### MEIGS HEYWOOD WHAPLES

Meigs Heywood Whaples had passed the eighty-second milestone when "the weary wheels of life at length stood still" and he slept. His career was one of unusual distinction—a record of unfaltering honor and of successful achievement. He was the dean of the banking fraternity in Hartford and his was an outstanding example of all that makes for esteem, respect and admiration in the business world. Added to this was notable power to accomplish what he purposed and thus he became one of the foremost financiers of New England, filling the office of chairman of the board of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, with which he had been associated for more than a half century.

Mr. Whaples was born in New Britain, July 16, 1845, a son of Curtis and Elizabeth Meigs (Lusk) Whaples. In the maternal line his ancestry is traced back to one of the oldest Connecticut families of English lineage who at the time of the Revolutionary war sent its representatives into battle to fight for American liberty. A branch of the family was then living in Middletown, Connecticut, and one of the sons, Return Jonathan Meigs, as major in Connecticut's Second Regiment, under the first call for troops hastened to participate in the siege of Boston. In Major Benedict Arnold's expedition against Quebec in 1775 he was in command of the Second Division, doomed to spend the winter as a prisoner of war in the Canadian city. After being paroled he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of Colonel Shelburne's Regiment of Rhode Island and Connecticut troops in 1777 and the same year was advanced to the command of the Sixth Regiment of the Connecticut Line. For his success in conducting the Sag Harbor expedition congress awarded him the sword pictured in the Peale portrait of Colonel Meigs, which is a valued heirloom in the Whaples family. He was detailed to command the picked body known as Meigs' Light Regiment when Washington selected the troops to accompany Anthony Wayne on his dash on Stony Point in 1779. In 1781 he declined the offered position of brigadier-general of state troops and after the war he became the first provisional governor of Ohio, while his son later served as postmaster-general.

John Meigs, eldest of the four brothers, was adjutant in Colonel Webb's Regiment and later in the Third Connecticut Line. He was captured in the Long Island expedition of 1777. In the War of 1812 he was brigade major in the regular army. He married Elizabeth Henshaw, a great-granddaughter of John and Priscilla Alden, and Meigs H. Whaples was a great-grandson of Major and Elizabeth Meigs. His father, Curtis Whaples, became a leading merchant of New Britain, where he also held various local offices. To him and his wife, Elizabeth Meigs Lusk, there was born July 16, 1845, a son whom they called Meigs Heywood Whaples and who acquired his early education in the public schools. Following his graduation from high school he completed a course in the Commercial Collegiate Institute at Poughkeepsie, New York, and then started out on his business career in connection with banking, securing a position in the New Britain National Bank. After a brief period he was made teller of that institution, with which he continued until 1863, when he assumed a similar connection with the Mercantile National Bank of Hartford and thereby became a resident of the capital city. For five years he served in that capacity and then gave more than two years of his life to national service. From 1866 to 1868 he had been adjutant of the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard and in 1869 he became secretary, with the rank of lieutenant, to Rear Admiral O. S. Glisson of the United States navy. He afterward served on the staff of Rear Admiral Charles H. Boggs, spending three years on the flagship Franklin, most of the time in Mediterranean waters.

With his return to Hartford, Mr. Whaples resumed active connection with the banking business, being appointed a teller in the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company, which had been organized the previous year. After filling that position for



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MEIGS H. WHAPLES





six years he was made treasurer and so continued for a decade, while in 1888 he was advanced to the presidency and remained as the chief executive officer and directing head of the institution for thirty-one years or until July, 1919. In that month the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company merged with the Hartford Trust Company, under the name of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, and Mr. Whaples became chairman of the board of trustees, so continuing until his death. The Hartford Clearing House Association honored him nine times with election to the presidency and he was president and treasurer of the Connecticut River Bridge and Highway District Commission, vice president of the Society for Savings, vice president and director of the Stanley Securities Company and treasurer and director of the Collins Company of Collinsville. In January, 1925, when the Connecticut State Bank and Trust Association was formed, he was chosen its chief executive officer and he also served as president of the Connecticut Bankers Association. He was regarded as one of the foremost bankers of Connecticut because of his broad vision, his unfaltering enterprise and his progressiveness that was ever tempered by a safe conservatism. His banking interests were ever kept abreast with the constantly changing conditions of the business world and his opinions were at all times sound, practical and reliable. That he stood extremely high among the financiers of the country is indicated in the fact that he was made a trustee of the Bankers Trust Company, was United States trustee of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company and prominently identified with other interests. He served on the directorate of the American Hardware Company, American Union Insurance Company, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, First Reinsurance Company of Hartford, the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Pickering Governor Company of Portland and the Stanley Works of New Britain. In June, 1918, the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Trinity College, on which occasion former President Theodore Roosevelt received from Trinity the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

Extensive and important as were Mr. Whaples' connections with business and financial interests, he found time and opportunity for public service. He was for nine years a member of the board of police commissioners of Hartford and during seven years of that period served as president of the board. He was Mayor Henney's first appointee to the board of finance when it was created in 1905 and he remained a member thereof for two years. He usually voted the republican ticket yet did not consider himself bound by party ties. Never for a moment did he hesitate in his loyalty to or support of projects for the general good, and when America entered the World war he was a member of the naval recruiting committee of the governor's war council and of the mayor's war council, while later he served for several years as state treasurer of the American and Near East Relief Fund. His own military record resulted from service in young manhood as sergeant major of the First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, under Col. Charles H. Prentice and as adjutant under Colonel Bunnel. He always felt the deepest interest in patriotic organizations and societies and he held membership in Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth branch of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and in the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut, and he took active part in organizing Leonard Wood Camp, Soldiers and Marines Association.

On the 15th of May, 1878, Mr. Whaples was married in New Haven to Miss Harriet Atwater Hotchkiss and they became parents of a daughter and a son, Mary Atwater and Heywood Hotchkiss Whaples. The son is a member of the firm of Roy T. H. Barnes & Company. He married Constance Roberts and they have two children, Anne and Constance Jean. Mr. Whaples has a sister living, Isabella E. Whaples, a resident of New Britain.

Mr. Whaples always greatly enjoyed outdoor life and for a number of years maintained a summer camp in Maine. He became one of the organizers of the Hatchettis Reef Club and he delighted in spending leisure periods with congenial friends on Long Island sound that he might enjoy absolute rest and quiet and fine fishing. From boyhood he held membership in the South Congregational church of New Britain, although in later years he regularly attended the services of the Asylum Hill Congregational church in Hartford. In an editorial one of the local papers, referring to Mr. Whaples, wrote: "Some one has said that few persons know how to be old. Mr. Whaples was one of those few. He could not stay the passing years, but he possessed the art of keeping a youthful spirit. He was younger in his four score years than many men are in their sixties. 'His eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.' \* \* \* Nature had given him a good constitution which he was wise enough to conserve and make the

most of, although seemingly never sparing himself toil and exertion nor ever consulting his own convenience. He kept up his interest in the daily concerns of life and in so doing had little time to reflect upon his years. It is always worth a word of comment, it seems to us, when a man instead of retiring keeps at his appointed tasks and in so doing lengthens his span of life. We are not so sure but that this is one of the secrets of a youthful old age.

"A man of great will and rugged character, he could dominate a situation. He could lead and command. Yet his force and leadership were expressed by a personality through which shone sympathy and kindness. Affable and cordial to a marked degree, he made friends readily—friends who stood by him, friends by whom he stood. He could be a good enemy when the occasion warranted, but his antagonism was never carried to the point of personal hatred. Of the utmost probity himself, he looked for and admired that quality in others. Humbug and deceit he detested. He believed in plain speaking. It is true to say of him that he was a 'straight shooter.' He was exceedingly jealous of the integrity of his own profession. He regarded integrity as the very keystone of successful banking. He had no patience or sympathy for bank officials who did not look upon their calling as a public trust of the highest type. Stability, dependability, these must come first. With these thoroughly established, wisely progressive measures could be adopted. If he clung tenaciously to that which was true and tried he never forgot that he was living in a modern age. Hence he kept himself and his institution always fully abreast of the times.

"If the banking business absorbed his first attention he nevertheless found time to play his full part in civic affairs, and to give his assistance and counsel, as well as his money, to worthy causes. He had faith in his country and in its institutions. In the best and broadest sense of the word he was a good patriot. He enriched the life of Hartford and he felt that his life was enriched by his living it here. Yet devoted as he was to this city he never forgot New Britain, the place of his birth and his early training.

"As a Connecticut product the career of Meigs H. Whaples stands out. Here he found opportunity, here he made the most of what he found. He was self-made and in carving out his own success he helped others as he went along. To have lived the life he lived is reward enough for anyone."

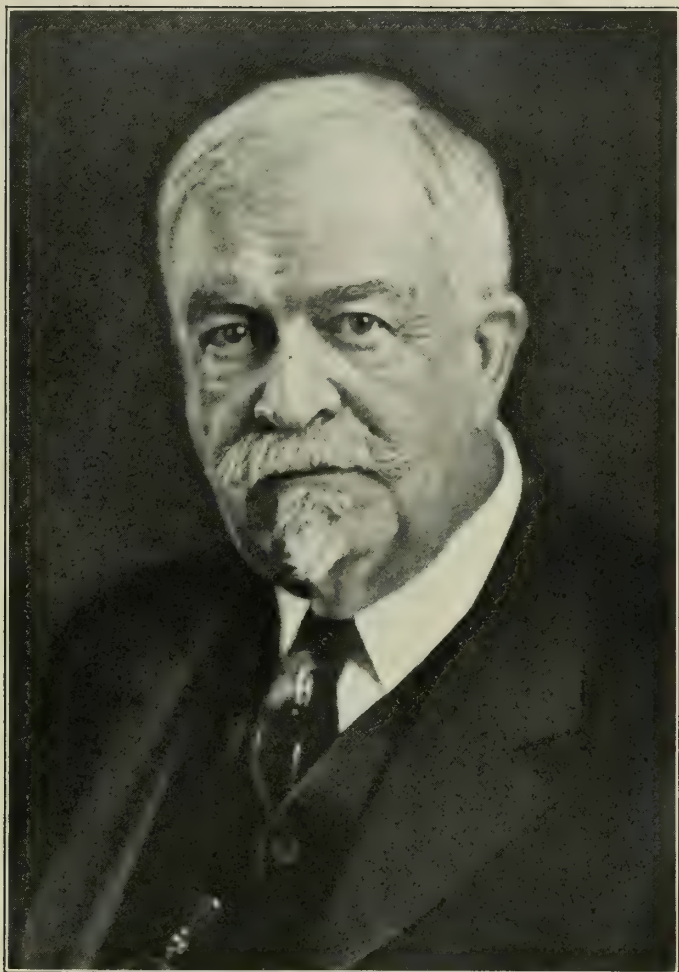
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#### CHARLES HOPKINS CLARK

For more than a century—since 1820—the Clark family has figured in the substantial development of Hartford, its representatives taking active and influential part in advancing the city's interests, in directing its policy and shaping its ideals. In keeping with the example of his forebears of colonial descent, Charles Hopkins Clark contributed in notable measure to the growth and improvement of the city, and as a journalist helped to shape its public policy, nor were his efforts confined to the city, for he figured in affairs of state and national importance and his influence was ever far-reaching and beneficial.

He was born in Hartford, April 1, 1848, a son of the Hon. Ezra and Mary (Hopkins) Clark. Ezra Clark was prominent in the business life and material development of Hartford. He served as a member of the common council and of the board of aldermen and afterward as judge of the city court, and he likewise figured in national affairs through his election to the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of congress. He was president of the water board when the original system of water-works was established, and when the West Hartford reservoirs were built, and he maintained a most progressive attitude in this connection. The large Tumbledown Brook reservoir was likewise planned and built under his supervision and it was he who laid out Reservoir Park, whereby a picturesque driveway through the woods connected the city's several reservoirs. Mr. Clark also served as president of the Young Men's Institute of Hartford for many years and no project for the general good failed to receive his endorsement.

The son, Charles Hopkins Clark, attended the Free Academy of New York and the Hartford public high school, from which he was graduated in 1867. At Yale University he completed his course in 1871 and immediately thereafter joined the staff of the Hartford Courant, known as "the oldest newspaper of continuous publica-



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CHARLES HOPKINS CLARK





tion in the country." His capability and loyalty to the interests which he represented were recognized by the owners of that journal and in 1887 he was admitted to partnership, and when the business was incorporated under the name of the Hartford Courant Company he was chosen secretary. Later he became editor-in-chief and continued to act in that capacity until his death. At first he was associated in the publication of this paper with Charles Dudley Warner, and United States Senator Joseph R. Hawley. He had wide influence in shaping the thought and directing the action of many of the most intelligent readers of the Courant and it was a matter of personal pride with him that he ever exercised this influence for the benefit of the community, for the advancement of civic ideals and for the achievement of those purposes which have made Hartford the progressive center that it is today. His editorials were clear, cogent and forceful. Wit, too, formed an effective part in his writings. Whether his thought was clothed with humor or with logic it went unerringly straight to the point. The Courant remained a forceful factor in the lives of hundreds of families in Connecticut where it had been regularly received generation after generation. Moreover, Mr. Clark saw to it that in equipment the Courant was equal to that of any modern daily newspaper and year by year its circulation grew and its value as an element in Connecticut's development and upbuilding increased. The paper was a monument to his genius and was ever the expression of the high ideals of citizenship which he entertained.

If Mr. Clark had accomplished nothing outside of the field of journalism he would be entitled to rank with the foremost residents of the state, but in other ways, too, his labors were of vast benefit to it, for again and again he was called upon for public service. In 1901 he was made a delegate to the state constitutional convention and he had previously served on the tax commission when it made an exhaustive investigation, and he had published a most valuable report. In 1905 he traveled with the Taft expedition to the Philippines; and he was many times a delegate to the republican national convention, and was a member of the committee of notification to President Harding.

In December, 1873, he married Ellen Root, daughter of Elisha K. and Matilda (Colt) Root, her father being the president of the Colt Fire Arms Company. Mrs. Clark was born November 6, 1850, and died February 28, 1895. In November, 1899, Mr. Clark married her sister, Matilda C. Root. There were two children of the first marriage: Horace Bushnell, born June 22, 1875, and Mary Hopkins, born May 13, 1878. The son is numbered among the Yale alumni of 1898 and following the completion of his college course became associated with his father in the publication of the Courant and was chosen secretary of the company. He has served as president of the Hartford Board of Fire Commissioners and, like previous generations of his family, is taking his part in public affairs. In 1925 he married Mabel Hanlakenden Perkins. His sister, in 1909, was married to Henry K. W. Welch.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Asylum Hill Congregational church. He was identified with many interests of a public or semi-public character. He served as a director of the Associated Press, of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company and the Wadsworth Atheneum. He was also treasurer of the Watkinson Library, vice president of the Collins Company and a director of the State Reformatory. In 1910 he was elected to a fellowship in the Corporation of Yale University. In the same year Trinity College conferred on him the degree of LL. D. He was a member of many clubs, among them being the University, Century and Yale clubs of New York, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Hartford Club, and many smaller groups in his own town. He died September 6, 1926, and in his passing Hartford mourned the loss of one of her most valued and public-spirited men—one who in his life exemplified high qualities of manhood and citizenship and who found real joy in service for his fellowmen.

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#### HENRY K. W. WELCH

Active in commercial circles in Hartford is Henry K. W. Welch, the vice president and treasurer of the J. B. Williams Company, soap manufacturers. He was born in Hartford, December 4, 1865, and his parents, Henry K. W. and Susan Leavitt (Goodwin) Welch, were natives of Hartford county. The father was a lawyer who devoted

his life to his profession, practicing in partnership with Judge Shipman. He passed away in 1870.

His son and namesake, Henry K. W. Welch of this review, obtained a public school education, pursuing his studies to the age of sixteen years, when he took up the task of mastering the more difficult lessons taught in the school of experience. He entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company as an office boy, thus working for a period of eighteen months, after which he went to New York city with the firm of Perkins, Goodwin & Company, engaged in the paper business on Duane street, continuing with that house through a period of fifteen years. In 1899 he returned to Hartford, where he became associated with the J. B. Williams Company, soap manufacturers, in the capacity of secretary, and some time later he became vice president and treasurer of the company. As the years have gone by he has also extended his activities into other fields and is now a director of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, the Hartford Courant Company, the Hartford Retreat, the Russell Manufacturing Company of Middletown and the Glazier Manufacturing Company of Glastonbury.

On the 30th of June, 1909, Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hopkins Clark, a daughter of Charles Hopkins Clark, for many years editor of the Courant. Their children are Elinor Goodwin, Sarah Pierrepont, Mary Frances, Caroline Hopkins and Archibald Henry.

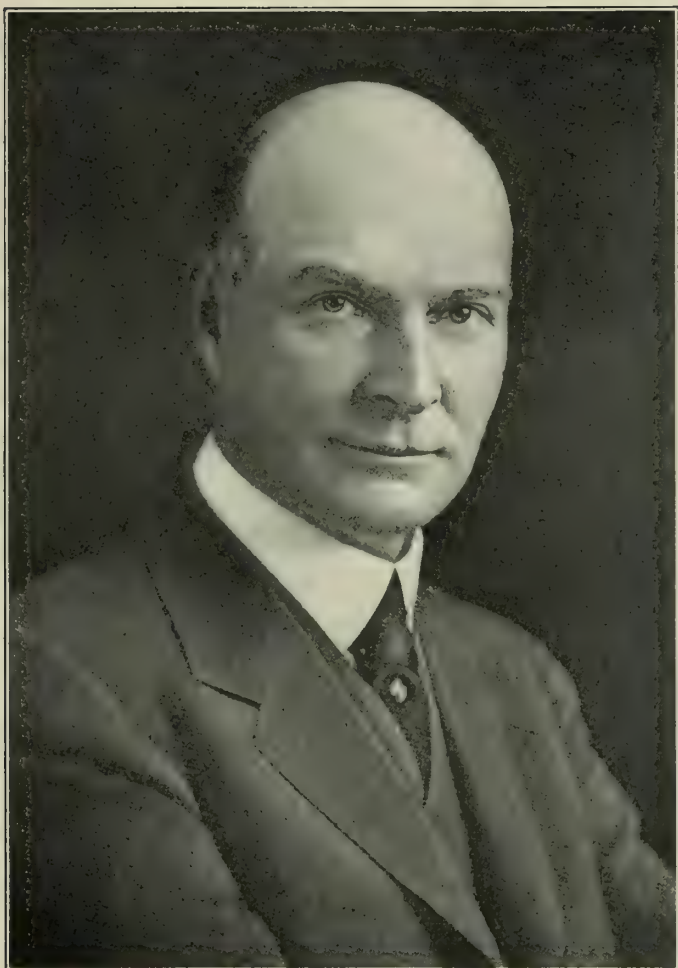
Mr. Welch belongs to the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Country Club and the Twentieth Century Club and has marked appreciation for the social amenities of life.

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#### HON. JOHN H. TRUMBULL

Hon. John H. Trumbull, governor of Connecticut and man of affairs, has left his impress in unmistakable terms upon the history of the commonwealth as its chief executive and as one of the founders and promoters of an industrial enterprise that ranks with the foremost business concerns of the state. The breadth of his interests and activities is measured by all those forces and interests which have gone to further the stability and promote the growth and development of Connecticut, and holding always to high ideals, he employs the most practical methods in their attainments.

It was in Ashford, on the 4th of March, 1873, that John H. Trumbull first opened his eyes to the light of day as one of the seven sons in the household of Hugh H. and Mary Ann (Harper) Trumbull. His parents were natives of Ulster, Ireland, and of Scotch descent, the ancestral line tracing back in Edinburgh to 1792. It was in 1870 that Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Trumbull arrived in the new world, establishing their home near Windsor, Connecticut, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He afterward removed with his family to a farm in Plainville and it was there that John H. Trumbull was reared, early becoming familiar with the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, for during vacation periods and before and after the daily sessions of the public school near his home he worked in the fields. Early in youth he manifested a keen interest in the subject of electricity which was to him far more enticing than the work of the farm or the usual routine of the schoolroom. It was therefore to be expected that in starting out to provide for his own support he would leave the old home and seek employment elsewhere. This he found with the Eddy Electric Company of Windsor and there he applied himself with the greatest thoroughness to mastering every phase of the business and gaining as comprehensive a knowledge as possible of electricity as a commercial asset. He began experimenting, too, and his early labors in this field proved of great benefit to him in his later business career. For a brief period he was an electrical contractor in Hartford but in 1898 returned to Plainville, where he was joined by his brother Henry and by Frank Wheeler in an effort to establish an electrical business. They utilized every possible means to acquire a capital of two thousand dollars in order to finance a business which they organized under the name of the Trumbull Electric Company, their first plant being a small one-story wooden building, in which they began the manufacture of electrical rosettes. The enterprise proved promising from the beginning and the capital was soon increased to five thousand dollars; yet there is no royal road to



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wealth, as the three young men soon discovered, and in fact many obstacles and difficulties were to be encountered and overcome before the business was placed upon a paying basis. The partners agreed upon a division of labor and responsibility whereby the future governor was to take care of the outside purchasing field, with Henry Trumbull coordinating the plant's various departments, so that the business as a whole might be operated in an economical and efficient manner, while Frank Wheeler took charge of the shop. There was no task connected with the business, however, that any one of the three hesitated to do if necessity required. They kept up the fires over the week-ends and did all their own plumbing, steamfitting and electrical work, carted porcelain in a wheelbarrow and used the company's one bicycle in going on their errands. They sent out letters and circulars to the trade and a little later John Trumbull followed this up with a personal call, and soon the business began to grow, even though at times after paying their employees there was nothing left for the proprietors. They soon became involved in a patent suit, which they won, but the expense thereof was so great that they were inclined to discontinue the business altogether. However, they persevered and when the initial period of difficulty was over the business entered upon an era of steady growth that has increased with the passing years, there being several increases in capital stock, which now stands at five hundred thousand dollars, although the investment in the business is several times that amount. In February, 1918, the company became affiliated with the General Electric Company, although remaining an independent unit. In 1912 the wooden buildings were replaced by brick ones and there are now more than six hundred employees. One of the most interesting things about the business is the fact that more than one-fourth of their employees have been with the company ten years or more—a fact which is indicative of the pleasant relations which have always existed between the employers and those in their service—a relation based upon fairness, justice and a living wage. During the war the Trumbull Electric Company furnished two thousand, two hundred and sixteen switchboards for the emergency fleet and other war vessels. Today sales offices are maintained in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, with representatives in many other cities as well as in various foreign countries, including Buenos Aires, England, Spain, Cuba, Honolulu and the Philippines.

While Mr. Trumbull has been instrumental in developing one of the largest industrial enterprises of his section of the state, he has also done much in other fields of business whereby the material resources of the county have been developed and promoted. He is the president and a director of the Plainville Trust Company, which he aided in organizing, is a director of the Bristol and Plainville Tramway Company, a director of the Plainville Realty Company and a director of the Chamber of Commerce of both Bristol and Plainville, whereby he aids in advancing various interests from which he derives no pecuniary advantage.

To have been one of the active factors in the upbuilding of a business of the extent and importance of the Trumbull Electric Company would alone entitle John H. Trumbull to prominent mention in the history of his estate, but into many other fields he has extended his labors wherein his fellowmen have benefited. It is interesting to know that he is the fourth of the name of Trumbull to serve Connecticut as its chief executive. In November, 1924, he was elected lieutenant governor and through the election of Hiram Bingham to the United States senate he became governor of the state on the 8th of January, 1925. He continues in the office and his record is a matter of present-day history, being characterized by needed reforms, the introduction of notable improvements in public service and in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of Connecticut. For five years previous to his advancement to the highest office within the gift of the state he has been active in politics and his course had won for him the confidence and trust of the public to an unusual degree—a trust that he has never betrayed. As in business, his plans are of a practical character and at the same time have led to the adoption of high civic standards and ideals.

Through nearly all of the period in which Governor Trumbull made steady advance in business and political circles he has had the inspiration and encouragement of one who prior to their marriage on the 30th of November, 1903, was Miss Maude Pierce Usher, of Plainville, a daughter of Robert C. and Antoinette Usher, representatives of old and honored families of this state. Governor and Mrs. Trumbull have two daughters, Florence and Jean. The hospitality of the Trumbull home is proverbial and there are other features that are just as outstanding in the life of Connecticut's governor, one of which is his staunch loyalty to the high teachings and purposes of the

Masonic order, his membership being in Frederick Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M., of Plainville, and with the different Masonic bodies which have brought him up to the thirty-second degree, while of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Hartford he is a past illustrious potentate. He has membership in the famous Campfire Club, a national organization which includes in its membership some of the most distinguished naturalists and noted woodsmen of America. One of the requirements for membership is a record as a hunter of big game and at least one trip that necessitated camp life for thirty years or more. Mr. Trumbull has gone on many memorable hunting trips from which he has brought back notable trophies of his skill, as evidenced in the heads of moose and caribou that adorn his den, and on two or three occasions he has taken with him a cameraman and moving picture machine, enabling him to bring back the story of his experiences in the wilds of our own western country and of Canada.

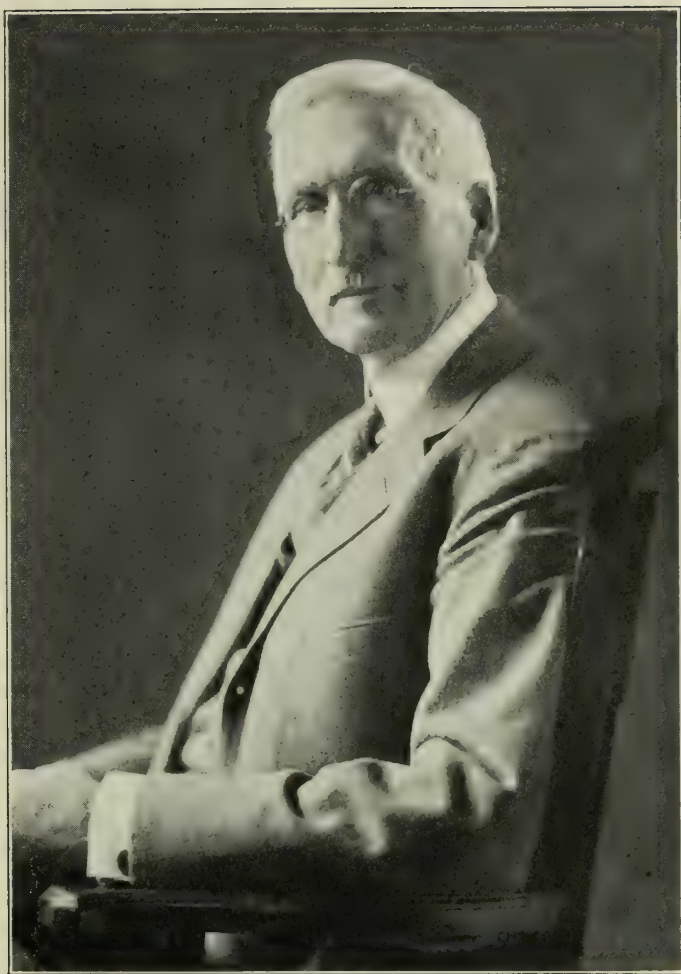
The military experience of Governor Trumbull covers service as captain of the Connecticut State Guard during the World war, when he organized the Plainville Company and was appointed chief of ordnance by Governor Templeton. He is now a captain in the Officers Reserve of the Connecticut State Guard and a lieutenant in the Putnam Phalanx. He has been keenly interested in aviation for a number of years, being a great believer in the future of aviation as a means of transportation, especially to connect the New England state with the west. He was one of the organizers of the Colonial Air Transport to carry the mails between New York and Boston. The company was formed as Connecticut corporation with the governor as chairman of the board of directors. He is also chairman of board of directors of Colonial Western and a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Colonial Airways. He is a director in a large manufacturing company producing aircraft engines and aircraft and in two local operating companies. He has qualified as a licensed pilot and holds a state and federal license to operate aircraft. He has been keenly interested in the activities of the Forty-third Division Air Squadron and was instrumental in securing legislation enabling them to put up shops and hangars and improve their flying conditions. He is also a member of several aeronautical societies.

Along strictly social lines his connection is with the Hartford Gun Club, the Farmington Country Club, the Hartford Club and the Shuttle Meadow Club of New Britain. His interest along scientific lines finds expression in his membership in the American Ornithological Union and the Aero Club of Hartford. He belongs to the American Trapshooting Association and by reason of the nature of his business is a member of the Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies of New York, of which he has served as a governor. He is likewise a director of the Connecticut Children's Aid Society and has done effective work in various charitable fields, for it is characteristic of Governor Trumbull that he is continuously but unostentatiously reaching out a helping hand. His is indeed a well rounded nature, his activities covering a most comprehensive scope and has led to continuous intellectual, social, civic and moral progress. Connecticut has achieved much under his regime as its chief executive and in less spectacular fields he has done that which has made for the material development of the state and has rendered it a better place in which to live.

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#### WILBUR FISK GORDY

The name of Wilbur Fisk Gordy, educator and author, is known throughout the length and breadth of the land because of his contributions to the historical literature of the country, many of his writings being accepted as standard textbooks in many sections. Mr. Gordy was born near Salisbury, Maryland, June 14, 1854, as were his parents, Elijah Melson and Martha Ellen (Shepard) Gordy. His preliminary education was acquired in the public schools of his native state and he won his Bachelor of Arts degree on the completion of a course of study in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, in 1880, while later his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree, and the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, in 1928. He immediately took up the profession of teaching, becoming vice principal of the high school at Middletown, where he served for the school year from 1880 to 1881. He then accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Ansonia, Connecticut, where he remained from 1881 until 1884, when he was made a supervising principal in



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the public schools of Hartford and so continued through the succeeding two decades. From 1904 until 1911 he was superintendent of schools at Springfield, Massachusetts, and from 1904 until 1908 he was a member of the Committee of Eight appointed by the American Historical Association. Among the official positions which he has held in the line of his chosen life work is that of president of the Hartford board of education and president of the board of directors of the Hartford Public Library. Mr. Gordy is a familiar figure on the lecture platform, speaking on many school topics, and is also a well known contributor to educational journals. His name is perhaps most widely familiar to the people of the country, however, through his authorship, which includes: *A School History of the United States*, published in 1898; *American Leaders and Heroes*, 1901; *Stories of American Explorers*, 1906; *Colonial Days*, 1907; *Elementary History of the United States*, 1910; *American Beginnings in Europe*, 1911; *Stories of Early American History*, 1913; *Stories of Later American History*, 1915; *Abraham Lincoln*, 1917; *Causes and Meaning of the Great War*, 1919; *History of the United States*, 1922; *Leaders in Making America*, 1923. Mr. Gordy was a co-author of: *A Pathfinder in American History*, 1892; *Language Lessons*, 1903; *Grammar Lessons*, 1903.

On the 9th of July, 1889, Mr. Gordy was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Drummond Hunter and they reside at 104 Gillette street in Hartford. While his activities have been directed largely in the educational field, he has found time for helpful cooperation in various projects having to do with the social, intellectual and moral advancement of city and state and has served as a director of the Connecticut Humane Society. He has carried his researches far and wide into the field of history and the results of his labors have been presented in a clear, logical and entertaining way that holds the interest of readers and has made the story of American development and progress a familiar one to American youth in many sections of this wide land. His name is on the membership rolls of the American Historical Association, the New England History Teachers Association, the Get Together Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Hartford Golf Club and the Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

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#### HENRY J. MARKS

Henry J. Marks, a partner in the law firm of Gilman & Marks, with offices at 49 Pearl street in Hartford, was born in this city November 11, 1888, and is a son of Leopold and Nettie (Leopold) Marks. The father was formerly a merchant and died in 1910. The youthful days of Henry J. Marks were passed under the parental roof and when a lad of six years he entered the public schools, mastering the work in consecutive grades until he left the high school. Having determined to make the practice of law his life work, he then became a student in the Yale Law School, won his LL. B. degree in 1910 and was admitted to the bar. He began practice in his native city with the firm of Bill & Tuttle, being thus associated from 1910 until 1912, after which he practiced independently for eight years and then entered into his present partnership relation as the associate of George H. Gilman and of his brother, Albert J. Marks. The firm has had a continuous existence through many changes in partnership since 1875, existing as Hyde & Joslyn from that date until 1893, as Hyde, Joslyn & Gilman from 1893 to 1897, as Hungerford, Hyde, Joslyn & Gilman from 1897 to 1909, as Hyde, Joslyn, Gilman & Hungerford from 1909 to 1919, as Hyde, Joslyn, Gilman & Marks from 1919 to 1920 and as Tuttle, Gilman & Marks from 1920 to 1921, when it became Gilman & Marks. The present partners are acknowledged to be the peers of their predecessors and the extent and volume of their clientage is indicative of their high standing among their colleagues and contemporaries of the Hartford bar at the present day.

On the 16th of January, 1924, Mr. Marks was married to Miss Alice Davidson, a daughter of Philip and Julia (Franken) Davidson, of Bremen, Germany. They have one child, Julia D., born July 28, 1925.

Mr. Marks is a member of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar associations. Politically he is a republican and is now serving on the town plan committee of West Hartford. He was assistant corporation counsel in 1912 and 1913, but his time and energies have been mostly devoted to the private practice

of law, wherein he has made consecutive progress bringing him to an enviable position. In January, 1928, he was elected vice president of the Hartford Bar Library Association.

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#### HENRY C. ROBINSON

Along many lines of activity and in many departments of valuable public service Henry C. Robinson rendered aid to his city and state in maintaining and upholding the highest standards of manhood and citizenship. He was a lawyer of ability, an orator of distinction, a legislator whose course was marked by unassailable honor, a benefactor whose generosity brightened the lives of many and a Christian gentleman whose example remains as an inspiration to all who knew him. Hartford numbered him among her native sons, he having been born here August 28, 1832.

It is believed that Thomas Robinson, the pioneer of the family in the new world, was a native of Guilford, England, and with his arrival in America he settled in Guilford, Connecticut, where through the purchase of land in 1666 he acquired the title of "Mr." His later years were spent in Hartford, where he passed away in 1689 at an advanced age, while his wife, Mary, died on the 27th of July, 1688. The sixth of their seven children was David Robinson, who was probably born in England in 1660. About 1688 he married Abigail, daughter of John and Elizabeth Kirby. She passed away in 1694 and soon after 1700 David Robinson removed to Durham, Connecticut, which town was incorporated in 1708, and in the spring of that year he was made a member of a committee appointed to secure the services of the Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey as their minister. He was long prominent in town and church affairs and died January 1, 1748.

David Robinson (II), son of David and Abigail Robinson, was born in 1694 and was married January 26, 1719, to Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Miller, of Middletown. She died September 18, 1786, at the age of eighty-seven years. Her ancestry could be traced back to Thomas Miller, of England, who settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and afterward in Middletown, Connecticut, becoming one of its proprietors. His son, Benjamin Miller, a man of prominence in the community who had great influence with the Indians, was the first settler of Middlefield, Connecticut, where he died November 22, 1746. To him and his wife Mary, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) Johnson, of Woodstock, Connecticut, was born a daughter, Rebecca Miller, who became the wife of David Robinson, of Durham. Their son, Colonel Timothy Robinson, was born April 29, 1728, in Durham, and afterward resided in Litchfield, Connecticut, and in Granville, Massachusetts, where he became an influential citizen, representing his town in the general court for nine years. He espoused the cause of the colonists in the Revolutionary war, was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Third Hampshire County Regiment, February 8, 1776, and participated in the battle of Ticonderoga. He was again in the service for two months in the same regiment in 1777 and in 1782 became lieutenant-colonel of that regiment. He served as judge of the court of common pleas of Hampshire county and was for thirty years a deacon in his church. On the 13th of February, 1755, he married Catherine Rose.

Their son, David Robinson (III), was born August 9, 1762, at Granville, and died May 27, 1809. In young manhood he was elected and served for about seven years in the general court. He married Catherine Coe, who was born September 25, 1769, and died February 2, 1820.

David Franklin Robinson, son of David and Catherine (Coe) Robinson, was born in Granville, January 7, 1801, and after there acquiring his public school education became a resident of Hartford, where his remaining days were passed. His wife, Anne, born December 9, 1801, was a daughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Denison) Seymour and a descendant of Richard Seymour, who came to America and was one of the early proprietors of Hartford, while in 1650 he became an early settler of Norwalk. His son, John Seymour, born about 1640, married Mary West and their son, John Seymour (II), was born in Norwalk, January 12, 1666. He filled various town offices and was a member of the general assembly. On December 19, 1693, he married Elizabeth Webster, whose father, Lieutenant Robert Webster, was a son of Governor John Webster. Daniel Seymour, son of John and Elizabeth (Webster) Seymour, was born October 20, 1699, and was married August 10, 1727, to Mabel Bigelow. Their son,



Henry C. Robinson





Daniel Seymour (II), born about 1729, died November 8, 1815. He served in the Revolutionary army and he married Lydia King, who was born in 1738 and died April 1, 1829. Their son, Asa Seymour, who was born February 5, 1760, and died October 28, 1810, was married December 17, 1786, to Elizabeth Denison, who was born March 27, 1765, and died May 28, 1846. They were the parents of Anne Seymour, who became the wife of David Franklin Robinson.

Henry C. Robinson, son of David F. and Anne (Seymour) Robinson, married Eliza Niles Trumbull, of Stonington, Connecticut, and they became parents of five children, namely: Lucius F., Lucy T., Henry Seymour, John T. and Mary S.

The public school system of Hartford accorded Henry C. Robinson his early educational opportunities, and true to his native state and her institutions, he continued his education at Yale, where he won high honors at his graduation with the class of 1853. Among his fellow alumni of that year were many who have since gained distinction, including Hon. Andrew D. White; Bishop Davies of Michigan; Dr. Charlton T. Lewis; Dr. James M. Whiton; Isaac H. Bromley and George W. Smalley, journalists; R. L. Gibson, former member of the United States senate; Hon. Benjamin K. Phelps; and Edmund Clarence Stedman, poet. Following his graduation Mr. Robinson entered upon the study of law in the office of his elder brother, Lucius F. Robinson, and following his admission to the bar engaged in practice independently for three years. He then formed a partnership with his brother, a relationship that was maintained until the latter's death in 1861. Henry C. Robinson then practiced alone until 1888, when he was joined by his eldest son, Lucius F. Robinson, under the style of H. C. & L. F. Robinson. Throughout the years of his connection with the bar the father enjoyed a constantly growing reputation as the result of his pronounced ability and high standards of service. In the course of time his practice extended throughout New England and into the middle Atlantic states and he was recognized as one of the foremost attorneys of the country. His alma mater recognized his scholarship and achievements by conferring upon him the Doctor of Laws degree in 1888. He possessed not only a most intimate and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence but also that oratorical ability that enabled him to present his thought with clearness and force and which further enabled him to present the intricate problems of law in a way that all auditors could thoroughly understand. Because of his gift of oratory, resting upon the foundation of liberal education and culture, he was called upon to speak on many public occasions, being chosen to address the audience at the memorial services held in Hartford in honor of Presidents Garfield and Grant, while his address at the unveiling of the Putnam statue in Brooklyn, Connecticut, was regarded as one of the finest ever delivered in the state.

Mr. Robinson was yet a young man when first called to public office. From his boyhood he was interested in fish culture and gave considerable attention to the study of that subject, so that he was well qualified to serve when Governor Hawley appointed him fish commissioner of the state. Already his practice had assumed extensive proportions, but he yet found time to faithfully and capably discharge his official duties and brought about the passage of law forbidding the use of fish pounds at the mouth of the Connecticut river. Selfish interests on the part of others later secured the repeal of the laws, and other statutes were enacted which experience has shown to be valueless in conserving the shad fisheries. As a worker in republican ranks Mr. Robinson's labors were far-reaching and effective and he always maintained the highest standards of citizenship and wrought for continued progress. Although the city was usually democratic in politics, he was elected mayor of Hartford and it was largely through his efforts that the city became the sole capital of the state. To the discharge of his duties he brought the same earnest study and careful analysis that characterized his law practice, with the result that he succeeded in introducing various economies and in promoting improvements of far-reaching effect and benefit. A number of department commissions were established as the result of his suggestions and he left the office as he entered it—with the confidence, respect and good will of all. Following his election to the general assembly in 1879 he was made chairman of the judiciary committee and became a leader in the house. Working earnestly for improved legislation, his committee accomplished some very important results greatly beneficial to legal procedure. In the spring and fall of 1876 and again in 1878 he was nominated by acclamation in the republican state convention for the office of governor, declining the nomination, however, on the third occasion. He wrote a large portion

of the republican platform when in 1880 he met with the party in national convention in Chicago. In 1887 he was the commissioner for Connecticut at the Constitutional Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia. President Harrison offered him appointment as minister to Spain, but this he declined on account of his law practice, which had become of great volume and importance. His legal knowledge, his sound judgment in all practical affairs, his broad vision and his keen insight led him to be sought as a cooperant factor in the management of many important business and financial interests. He became a director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, the Pratt & Whitney Company and the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, while of the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company he was a trustee. He was likewise a member of the Hartford Board of Trade and each organization benefitted by his keen insight and broad vision.

On the 28th of August, 1862, Mr. Robinson married Miss Eliza Niles Trumbull, who was born July 15, 1833, a daughter of John F. Trumbull, of Stonington, Connecticut. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters: Lucius F., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Lucy T., who was born July 19, 1865, and is the wife of Sidney Trowbridge Miller, of Detroit, Michigan, and the mother of two children, Elizabeth T. and Sidney T., Jr.; Henry Seymour, who was born April 16, 1868, and rose to prominence as an attorney and insurance officer of Hartford; John T., an able attorney, who was born April 25, 1871, and who married Gertrude Coxe, of Utica, New York, by whom he has two children, Gertrude and John T.; and Mary S., who was born May 17, 1873, and is the wife of Dr. Adrian V. S. Lambert, of New York city, their children being Mary, Adrian, John and Ruth. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when Mr. Robinson passed away February 14, 1900. His wife survived until June 25, 1916, and had reached the age of eighty-two years when called to her final rest. A contemporary biographer wrote of her: "She was a Christian in every sense of the word, not only in the name, but in the deeds of daily life. She gave constantly and unreservedly of her energy, strength, and financial support to the charitable work of the city of Hartford, and was one of the founders of the Union for Home Work, of which she was a member of the board of trustees for several years. Mrs. Robinson's work was well known in the city, and it served to raise her to a standard in the hearts of hundreds to which only the truly worthy can attain. By one who knew her, as a friend of years, the Rev. Dr. Edwin Pond Parker, pastor emeritus of the South Congregational church, of which she was a member, the following tribute was paid: 'For more than half a century it has been my inestimable privilege to know with some good degree of intimacy Mrs. Henry C. Robinson. I turn for a moment or two from my paper to interrogate the picture of her husband on the wall nearby—that most trusted and most faithful friend of my active life—and memories too numerous and precious for relation, of him and of her, and of their home, their family, their hospitality, their unfailing friendship and unbounded kindness throng into the chambers of my mind and heart. Loving and honoring her at first for his dear sake, it was soon and ever after honor and love of her for her own no less dear sake. She was one of those who as wife, mother and friend "show us how divine a thing a woman may be made." Recalling her domestic devotion, her attunement in all wisdom and simplicity to the appointments of her life, her fervent charity, her fragrant purity, her contagious cheerfulness, her delightful humor, her quick sympathy with the sorrows of others, and her calm serenity in her own sorrows, her unaffected modesty and meekness combined with a rare intellectual brightness and a beautiful spiritual insight and taste, and all that combined for reverence and loveliness in her character, I may best use Wordsworth's lines and say:

God delights

In such a being; for her common thoughts

Are piety, her life is gratitude.

This, I am aware, is eulogy; but no less  
a true testimony.'"

In a review of the life record of Henry C. Robinson one cannot but be impressed by his great intellectual force, his broad sympathy and his benevolences. There are few men who have so fully recognized and met their obligations to their fellowmen. Extensive and important as were his professional and public duties, he nevertheless found time to cooperate in all movements that made for uplift, for mental activity and culture or for benevolence in his community. He rendered valuable service as a trustee of the



Wadsworth Atheneum and the Hartford grammar school and he was a member of the Hartford Tract Society. The Bar Association of Connecticut honored him with the vice presidency and regarded him as one of its most distinguished representatives, as did the Hartford County Bar Association. He was president of the Yale Alumni Association and was one of the founders of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. His private benefactions were many, for he was continually doing all in his power to alleviate the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate. The worth of his work can hardly be overestimated. He exemplified in his life the highest standards of manhood and citizenship, helpfully reaching out to the human race at large and rendering to his fellowmen a service that will not reach its full fruition until those who came within the circle of his work and his influence shall have passed from life.

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#### LUCIUS F. ROBINSON

The position of any individual is determined by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen, and judged by this standard, Lucius F. Robinson has few peers at the Hartford bar, where for more than four decades he has continuously practiced, being now senior partner in the firm of Robinson, Robinson & Cole. Actuated by a high purpose, his entire professional career being characterized by marked fidelity to the interests of his clients and the highest standards of the legal fraternity, he has long commanded a practice that in its nature and its extent classes him with the foremost lawyers of Connecticut. He is now serving as president of the Hartford County Bar Association.

Mr. Robinson was born in Hartford, June 12, 1863, and on his ancestral record appear the names of many distinguished colonial families. He is the eldest of five children, three sons and two daughters, born to Henry C. and Eliza Niles (Trumbull) Robinson, and he had the advantage of a cultural environment and of liberal education. Following the completion of his preliminary school work he entered Yale University and was graduated with the class of 1885. Having determined to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he at once entered upon the practice of law in association with the senior Robinson and has since been a member of the Hartford bar. While he had the advantage of becoming a partner of an able and distinguished representative of the legal fraternity in Hartford, it was his own industry and capability that won him promotion, for in no calling does advancement depend so entirely upon individual merit, thoroughness and personal efficiency as in the law. From the beginning he prepared his cases with great thoroughness, precision and skill and thus steadily developed his powers until he has long since left the ranks of the many and stands among the most successful attorneys of Hartford, having today a large and distinctively representative clientele. Through more than forty years of practice he has acquired a most comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and has ever maintained his practice in accord with the highest professional ethics and standards.

In 1894 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Elinor Cooke, of Paterson, New Jersey, and they are parents of three sons: Lucius F., Jr., Barclay and Henry Cornelius. Inspired by the story of an ancestry honorable and distinguished, the lines of Lucius F. Robinson's life have been cast in harmony therewith. He has sought and supported that which is best in citizenship and in the life of the individual, and he has rendered signal service to his fellowmen through his example and his activities.

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#### EVERETT ELTON DOW

Many substantial qualities characterized the business career of Everett Elton Dow, who for twenty-six years was active in the insurance field. Industry and persistency of purpose carried him steadily forward and for a long period he ranked not only as a progressive and reliable business man but also as a valued citizen of Hartford. He had passed the sixtieth milestone when death called him on the 14th day of October, 1925, he being born in South Coventry, October 25, 1864, his

parents being Riou Duane and Sarah A. (Grant) Dow. In his boyhood, however, the family home was established in Hartford, so that he pursued his education in the South school and in the Hartford public high school, completing his course as a member of the class of 1881. Early experience in the business world came to him through employment as clerk of the probate court under Judge J. Hurlburt White. He left that position to become office manager with the Greenwood Manufacturing Company, makers of cotton duck at New Hartford. Each change in his business connections marked a forward step. After a time he was advanced to a position of larger responsibility in the New York headquarters of the company, there remaining until 1894, when he accepted the proffered position of advertising manager with the Willimantic Linen Company. The experience which he gained in the commercial field proved an excellent foundation for his success in insurance. In 1899 he became assistant manager of the American branch of the National Assurance Company of Ireland, the corporation having its headquarters in Hartford. With the withdrawal of that branch in 1905, Mr. Dow became identified with the state insurance department, with which he continued for several years, resigning to engage in business independently as an expert accountant in 1910. He displayed marked capability in that field and was called upon to install accounting systems in many banks and manufacturing concerns throughout Connecticut. Moreover, he was regarded as an expert on taxation accounting. Ten years prior to his demise he joined the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which he remained until his death. In 1915 he was made secretary of the company and filled the office in a most capable manner, proving an efficient and painstaking executive. He likewise had other business connections, being secretary of the Ely Brothers Lumber Company, and in 1907 he became assistant treasurer of the Connecticut river bridge and highway commission.

On the 26th of October, 1887, Mr. Dow was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Goodwin Adams and they became parents of two daughters: Mrs. William H. Flint (II), of Larchmont, New York; and Mrs. Allan P. Northend, of Hartford; and a son, Everett D., also living in this city.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Dow was a Mason, having membership in Amos Beecher Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Hartford. He also belonged to Jeremiah Wadsworth branch of the Sons of the American Revolution and maintained a patriotic attitude in relation to all questions of citizenship, standing stanchly in defense of every project advanced for the benefit of community and state. His business activities had brought him a wide acquaintance and his outstanding characteristics were such as gained for him not only the thorough respect but also the warm friendship of his fellowmen. He measured up to high standards and his associates valued his companionship as of real worth.

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#### WALTER ELLSWORTH BATTERSON

For three generations the name of Batterson has been interwoven with the history of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, of which Walter Ellsworth Batterson is now an officer. This corporation was founded by his grandfather, as elsewhere told in these volumes, and its successful history is due in large measure to the efforts of the founder, and of James G. Batterson, who was New York resident manager, and of the subject of this review.

Walter E. Batterson was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, on the 6th of October, 1886, his parents being James Goodwin and Ida (Wooster) Batterson. He was graduated from the public and high schools of Hartford and also attended Trinity College. His association with the Travelers Insurance Company dates from January 27, 1908, when he was employed as a clerk in the liability and compensation department of the home office in Hartford. He did not depend upon family influence to gain him promotion but won each advance in his business career through determined purpose, diligence and close application. In October, 1916, he was elected an assistant secretary of the liability and compensation department and with the passing years he acquired intimate, accurate and comprehensive knowledge of every phase of the business, so that he was well qualified for larger responsibilities when in October, 1924, he became assistant secretary of the Travelers Fire Insurance Company, in





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which connection he still continues. His labors were a contributing element to the development of the corporation along Travelers methods and thus his work is reflecting further credit upon an honored family name.

On April 29, 1914, Mr. Batterson married Miss Ann Grewar Cargill, daughter of James and Jean (Stoddard) Cargill, of Alyth, Scotland. The only son of this marriage, James Goodwin Batterson (IV), was born in Chicago, February 13, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Batterson are prominent socially, having a circle of friends in Hartford almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. He is a member of the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club, the Get Together Club, the Trinity Alumni Association and the Republican Club. During the World war he served in the Machine Gun Officers' Training Camp.

Loyalty to the republican party is a family characteristic, Mr. Batterson's grandfather having been one of the founders of the republican party in this city. Since becoming a voter Mr. Batterson has risen to prominence in his party in Hartford. His first activity was in connection with caucus matters, and from that time these steps are noted: president of the Young Men's Republican Club and organizer of the Republican Young Men's Marching Club; secretary of the Hughes' Business Men's League of Hartford; chairman of the first district congressional committee; member of the tenth ward republican committee; republican town chairman of the city of Hartford; state central committeeman of the first senatorial district; president of the Hartford County Republican Organization; president of the McKinley Association; and delegate to the republican national convention at Kansas City in 1928. Mr. Batterson served as a police commissioner for three years, being president of the board in 1927 and 1928. In April, 1928, he was elected mayor of Hartford and is now serving in that capacity. In his message, among other things, he advocated attention to and cooperation with the development of a metropolitan Hartford. He recommended the transfer of a discontinued part of the reservoir system of the city from the water department to the park department to provide the city with a park devoted solely to recreational life. This recommendation has been approved and an important feature of Hartford's park development in future years has thus been secured. He has urged the plan of dyking for the South Meadows and plans are in operation which will make available for use land of about one-sixth the total area of Hartford. Mr. Batterson has always been interested in athletics and favors greater opportunities for the boys and girls of the city in the development of sports. During his high school days he played on every athletic team of the school and was captain of the football and track teams and winner of the "Best Athlete's" cup. He still pursues his love of sport and is a good golfer. To his office as mayor he has brought the same intensity of application that has characterized his career in both athletics and business.

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#### NORMAN CLIFTON STEVENS

An important chapter in the history of Hartford is found in the life record of Norman Clifton Stevens, who is the present chief executive of the city, and in the discharge of his official duties he brings to bear the same substantial and dependable qualities which have made him a leader in the field of business. As secretary of the Aetna Casualty & Insurance Company he occupies a commanding position in insurance circles. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, November 19, 1883, his parents being Alfred P. and Mary (Van Ness) Stevens. To the public school system of Bayonne, New Jersey, he is indebted for his educational opportunities and without collegiate training he started in the business world, where his rise has been continuous as the result of his early manifested faithfulness and ability. His first position was that of messenger boy with the Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York city. He entered the service of that corporation in 1898 and when he severed his connection with the company a decade later he was serving as special agent. In September, 1908, he came to Hartford, having been called to take charge of the plate glass department of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, which he has since represented in that connection, and he is also the secretary of the Aetna Casualty & Insurance Company. Thus through a period of almost three decades he has remained in constant association with insurance interests, gaining year by year added knowl-



edge, power and ability. He is likewise a director of the Capitol National Bank and is accorded a position among those men of sound judgment and broad vision whose efforts constitute the basic element of substantial advancement and prosperity in Hartford.

On the 8th of June, 1910, two years after his removal to this city, Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Bess A. Bailey, of New Haven, and in the social circles here they are well known. Mr. Stevens is identified with the various York and Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry and is a loyal adherent of the teachings and purposes of the craft. He likewise holds membership in the Mystic Shrine and belongs to the Elks and Odd Fellows lodges. In club circles, too, he is widely known through his connection with the Hartford, City, Avon Country and Wethersfield Country Clubs and he has membership in the Hartford Saengerbund. In political life Mr. Stevens has also been an outstanding figure for a number of years and heartily supports the republican party, which has called him to various offices of importance. He has served as alderman of what was the old tenth ward and is now the fourteenth ward, acting in that capacity in 1921, 1922 and 1923. In 1924 he was elected mayor of the city and hearty endorsement of his two years' service came to him in his reelection in 1926. Since entering upon the duties of this position he has instituted various reforms and improvements, giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration that has made for wide popularity among his fellow townsmen.

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#### WILLIAM BRADDOCK CLARK

The career of William B. Clark was one of the most distinguished in the history of fire insurance in the United States. He was engaged in that business for seventy years, from 1857 until his death in 1927, in his eighty-seventh year. For nearly sixty years he was an officer of the Aetna Insurance Company, spanning in a single life more than half of the corporate life of the Aetna which was chartered in 1819.

Mr. Clark's family were among the earliest settlers of Hartford. He was of the sixth generation in descent from John Clark who came from Newtown (now Cambridge) Massachusetts, to Hartford in 1636, and whose name appears upon the Founders' Monument in the Ancient Cemetery in the rear of the old First Church of Christ in Hartford. The family later moved to Farmington and thence to New Britain. Mr. Clark's father, Abel Newell Clark, returned to Hartford and became one of the proprietors and business manager of The Hartford Courant for many years.

William Braddock Clark was born in Hartford, June 29, 1841. His education in the public schools was followed by a course in a private school kept by an uncle. After one year's service in the Courant office he entered the employ of the Phoenix Insurance Company on January 19, 1857, as bookkeeper. In 1863 when twenty-two years of age he was made secretary of that company.

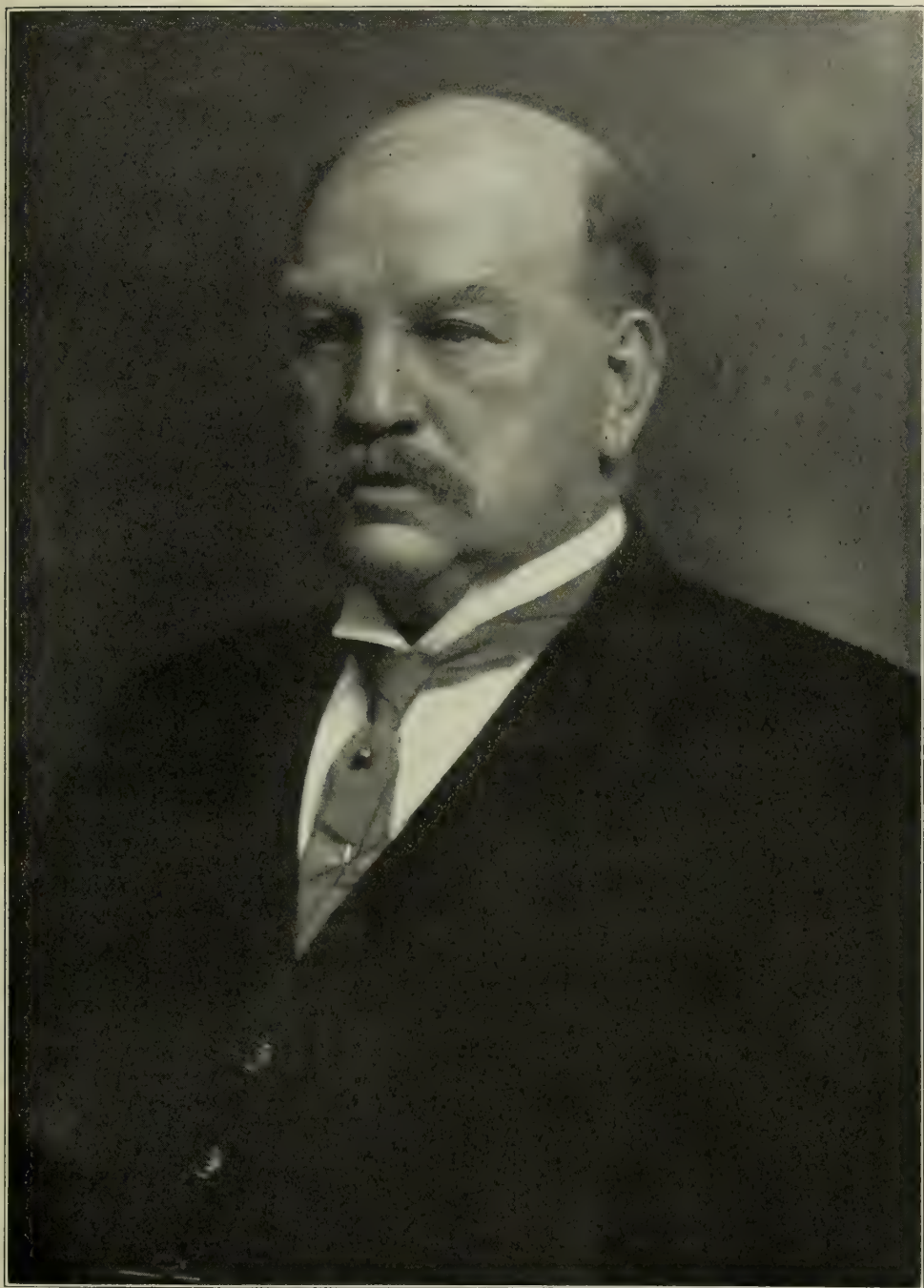
On December 1, 1867, he was elected assistant secretary of the Aetna Insurance Company in which office he was actually the underwriting secretary of the company. On September 26, 1888, he became vice president, and on December 1, 1892, he was elected its president. On January 8, 1923, he resigned as president and was elected chairman of the Board of Directors, which office he held until his death on August 6, 1927. He lived for the Aetna Insurance Company and his most earnest wish was literally fulfilled that he might be at his desk up to the very last day of his life.

His record of seventy years service in the insurance world,—sixty of which was as an officer of the Aetna, and thirty as its president,—was most remarkable not only for its length but for the breadth and character of the service rendered. Mr. Clark's span of office, commencing back before the Chicago fire in 1871, covers the period of the greatest growth both in the field of fire insurance generally and also in the history of his own company. From the time he joined the Aetna in 1867 he was an acknowledged leader in the fire insurance world, as an underwriter, as an executive, as a wise investor and as a man.

In 1907, upon the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the fire insurance business, the leaders of the fire insurance world in New York city feted him in token of their personal affection and high esteem.

On December 1, 1917, which was the fiftieth anniversary of his joining the Aetna Insurance Company and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election as its president,





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he was honored by his directors and associate officers in the Aetna by the adoption of resolutions which so adequately express Mr. Clark's outstanding leadership in the fire insurance world that they are here quoted in full.

"Resolved, That we, the directors and officers of the Aetna Insurance Company, assembled today to celebrate the completion of fifty years of service which Mr. William B. Clark has rendered as an officer of this company, of which for twenty-five years he has been president, desire to place on record.

"First: Our congratulations on the uniform and remarkable success which has distinguished his administration as shown in the results which have been achieved.

"Second: Our appreciation of the ability, fidelity, and steadfast courage which, during the days of adversity as well as in times of prosperity, have, through all vicissitudes of half a century, preserved the high and honorable reputation of the Company and maintained its position among the greatest insurance corporations of the world.

"Third: Our felicitations that in all of the personal relations which have existed between him and the officers and directors of the company he has, by his unfailing courtesy and consideration, won not only in the highest degree, the respect and confidence of his associates, but their sincere and lasting affection."

When he died, he had also been for fifty-two years a director of the Travelers Insurance Company. In 1925 the board of directors of that company by appropriate resolutions commemorated the fact that for fifty years as a director and for thirty years as a member of its finance committee, Mr. Clark "at all times and in every capacity a wise and helpful counselor has had a large part in the company's achievements and has been a power for good to the Travelers companies as he has been to every other institution with which he has been connected."

He was also for many years a director of the First National Bank of Hartford, the City Bank, the Society for Savings, the Fidelity Trust Company; a trustee of the Y. M. C. A. and of the Retreat for the Insane and a member of the corporation of the Hartford Hospital. He was a staunch republican, a member of the "Wide Awakes" in 1861 and had served on the board of aldermen and on the board of water commissioners of Hartford.

In 1896 he served as president of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and in 1897 declined a reelection.

He was a devout member of the First Baptist church and a very generous supporter of that church and of all worthy causes. Only a few of his closest associates have ever had even an intimation of the extent of his public benefactions and of his many acts of charity rendered generously and sympathetically in strictest confidence and privacy.

Mr. Clark married, May 13, 1863, Miss Caroline H. Robbins, the daughter of Philemon F. and Emily (Strickland) Robbins, who died in 1902. To them five children were born, only one of whom survived him, Mrs. Caroline Clark Marshall. He is also survived by his second wife, Mrs. Rachel Whittier Clark, whom he married in 1905, and by three grandsons, William B., Clark Allen, Edwin Stanton Allen and Francis R. Allen, the children of a deceased daughter.

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#### WALTER HAVEN CLARK

Walter Haven Clark, judge of the probate court in Hartford, has been a member of the Connecticut bar since 1899. He was born January 20, 1872, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Mahlon N. and Mary A. (Haven) Clark. He completed his public school education by graduation from the high school in Hartford and then matriculated in Yale University as a member of the class of 1896, there gaining his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then entered the Yale Law School and the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him in 1899. Following his admission to the bar he at once entered upon active practice in partnership with William A. Arnold under the firm style of Clark & Arnold, which association was maintained for twenty-two years, until in 1921 he was elected judge of the probate court, the office which he now holds. His official service in other connections also covers a wide scope. He is a republican in politics and in 1900 was elected a member of the common council, serving therein until 1903 and acting as president of the board during the last year



period. In 1905 he was elected representative from the town of Hartford to the general assembly. He was associate judge of the city police court from 1903 until 1908 and judge of the police court through the succeeding five years. Early in 1917 he was named a member of the governor's council of assistants. After the declaration of war against the central powers he was appointed chairman of Draft Board No. 2 of the city of Hartford. Mr. Clark is a member of the directorate of the State Savings Bank of Hartford, of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, of the Hartford Public Library, of the Long Lane Farm, which is a state reformatory, and he is also a member of the board of the State Department of Public Welfare. He was president of the Connecticut Conference of Social Work during 1927.

On the 26th of June, 1902, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Julia E. Gilman, a daughter of the late Judge George S. and Ellen M. (Hills) Gilman. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have two daughters: Eleanor Mary, who was born March 6, 1904, and was graduated from Smith College with the class of 1926; and Dorothy Gilman, born November 22, 1911, who is a member of the class of 1929 in the Hartford Public High School. Mr. Clark belongs to the Hartford Club, the University Club of Hartford, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Acorn Club and the Dauntless Club.

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#### HON. HENRY ROBERTS

Winning equal distinction in the field of politics and of business and bringing to both high ideals, combined with most practical service, Henry Roberts is leaving the impress of his individuality and his strongly developed powers upon the history of Connecticut in no uncertain manner. His record as the chief executive of the state is one over which there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil and into his business career he has carried the same lofty ideals, successfully managing various manufacturing and commercial interests.

Mr. Roberts is a native of the Empire state, having been born in Brooklyn, New York, in January, 1853, at which time his father, George Roberts, a prominent Connecticut manufacturer, was temporarily managing business interests in that city, while his ancestors through many generations had been numbered among Connecticut's sons. The ancestral line is traced back to his great-great-great-grandfather, William Roberts, and comes down through Benjamin and George Roberts, the latter a Revolutionary war soldier, while the grandfather, Captain Ozias Roberts, served on the privateer "Blockade" during the War of 1812. Later he became a sea captain and subsequently turned his attention to farming in Connecticut, where he was chosen to serve in various positions of public honor and trust. He was treasurer of his town and a member of the state legislature, and when the question of slavery became a paramount issue he left the democratic ranks to join the newly organized republican party, formed to prevent slavery extension into the north. Captain Roberts married Martha Treat and their son, George Roberts, was born at East Hartford, Connecticut, in 1810, his life span covering the intervening years to 1878. He had important business interests both in Hartford and New York, serving as a director of the Phoenix Bank of Hartford, as treasurer of the Hartford Carpet Company and for twenty-two years as president of the Woven Wire Mattress Company. He was likewise a director of the Phoenix National Bank, the Aetna Fire Insurance Company, the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company and the Hartford Gas Company, while in New York he became one of the organizers of the Metropolitan Bank. His second wife, Elvira Evans, was born July 27, 1812, her parents being Jason and Thankful (Taylor) Evans. Through the maternal line she was descended from John Taylor, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Connecticut, and from John Taylor, the Indian fighter, whose heroism was remembered in the erection of a monument at Deerfield Cross Roads, near Deerfield, Massachusetts. He had been captured in the Deerfield raid and was carried into Canada, where his captors decided to put him to death; but through the offices of a friendly Indian his life was spared and later he returned to his old home.

Henry Roberts was but a few months old when his parents returned from New York to take up their abode upon a farm at South Windsor, Connecticut, where he spent the first twelve years of his life, there acquiring his elementary education in the public schools near his home. He next entered the high school at Hartford and was graduated in 1873. He further pursued his studies by a classical course at Yale



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University and was graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Realizing the value of legal training even in a business career, he completed a course in the Yale Law School, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree in 1879.

Thus thoroughly trained for the duties and responsibilities which were to devolve upon him, Mr. Roberts became associated with the Hartford Woven Wire Mattress Company, of which his father was then president. The same thoroughness that marked his course during his scholastic period was seen in his service in the business world. He made it his purpose to thoroughly acquaint himself with every phase of mattress manufacture as well as the different phases of administrative direction connected with the business. In 1884 he was elected secretary of the corporation, of which his brother George was then president, having succeeded to that office on the death of the father in 1878. After two years in the position of secretary Henry Roberts became the president and was the directing head of the corporation until 1907, making the Woven Wire Mattress Company one of the strongest and most prosperous manufacturing enterprises of the state. He likewise became associated with other important business interests and is a director of the Phoenix National Bank, the Hartford Trust Company, the State Savings Bank of Hartford, the Hartford Electric Light Company and the Farmington River Power Company.

Mr. Roberts' political activity has ever vied in importance and scope with his business. He inherited a love of republican ideals and through home training early came to a realization of the duties and responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship. The first office that he ever filled was that of alderman from the sixth ward of Hartford and during his two years' service he acted as chairman of the ways and means committee, giving to the city valuable service in that connection. In November, 1898, he was elected to the state legislature and the following year was named chairman of the finance committee. In this larger field of activity he demonstrated to the state, as he had done to the city, his ability and fitness for office and his devotion to the high ideals of public service. It was natural that still more important public work should be entrusted to him and he was elected to the state senate. During his term of office he served as chairman of the senate appropriations committee and from the position of lawmaker he passed to that of a state executive. On the ticket which made Abiram Chamberlain governor of Connecticut, Mr. Roberts was chosen lieutenant governor, by virtue of which office he presided over the senate sessions and won the highest endorsement of the public. At the close of his term a leading journal of the state said: "The cordial esteem of twenty-four leading men of the state is something an unworthy man never gets. The cordial esteem of all who know him cannot be enjoyed by any man not of high class, morally and intellectually. Lieutenant-Governor Roberts has won a high place in the regard and affections of the people of Connecticut and in our opinion no senate was ever presided over more successfully than the one of 1903 over which the favorite son of Hartford wielded the gavel." So firmly had Mr. Roberts become entrenched in public regard that it was natural that he should become the standard bearer of his party for the office of governor, and such was the high opinion entertained for him as a public official that his vote was largely in excess of the combined vote of three rival candidates in the nominating convention. He also won a handsome majority at the polls and was inaugurated as Connecticut's chief executive January 4, 1905. His record met every expectation of the people who had so strongly supported him. Fairness, efficiency, dignity and honor characterized him in the discharge of the important duties which devolved upon him and he gave to Connecticut an administration which will go down in history as one of the best the state has ever enjoyed. He brought to his problems the sound judgment that had come from long experience in the business world, combined with an understanding of the needs and the opportunities of the state, and at all times he showed remarkable tact in meeting and handling men and situations. He retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and regard of all—and resumed the duties of private citizenship, again becoming a factor in the control of important business affairs.

On the 5th of October, 1881, Governor Roberts was married to Miss Carrie E. Smith, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a daughter of Isaac W. Smith, and they had a family of three children—John Taylor, Francis Thatcher and Edward Constant, but have lost their second son.

Back of every phase of a man's activity is the belief or non-belief in a power that governs the universe, and the high principles which have actuated Mr. Roberts



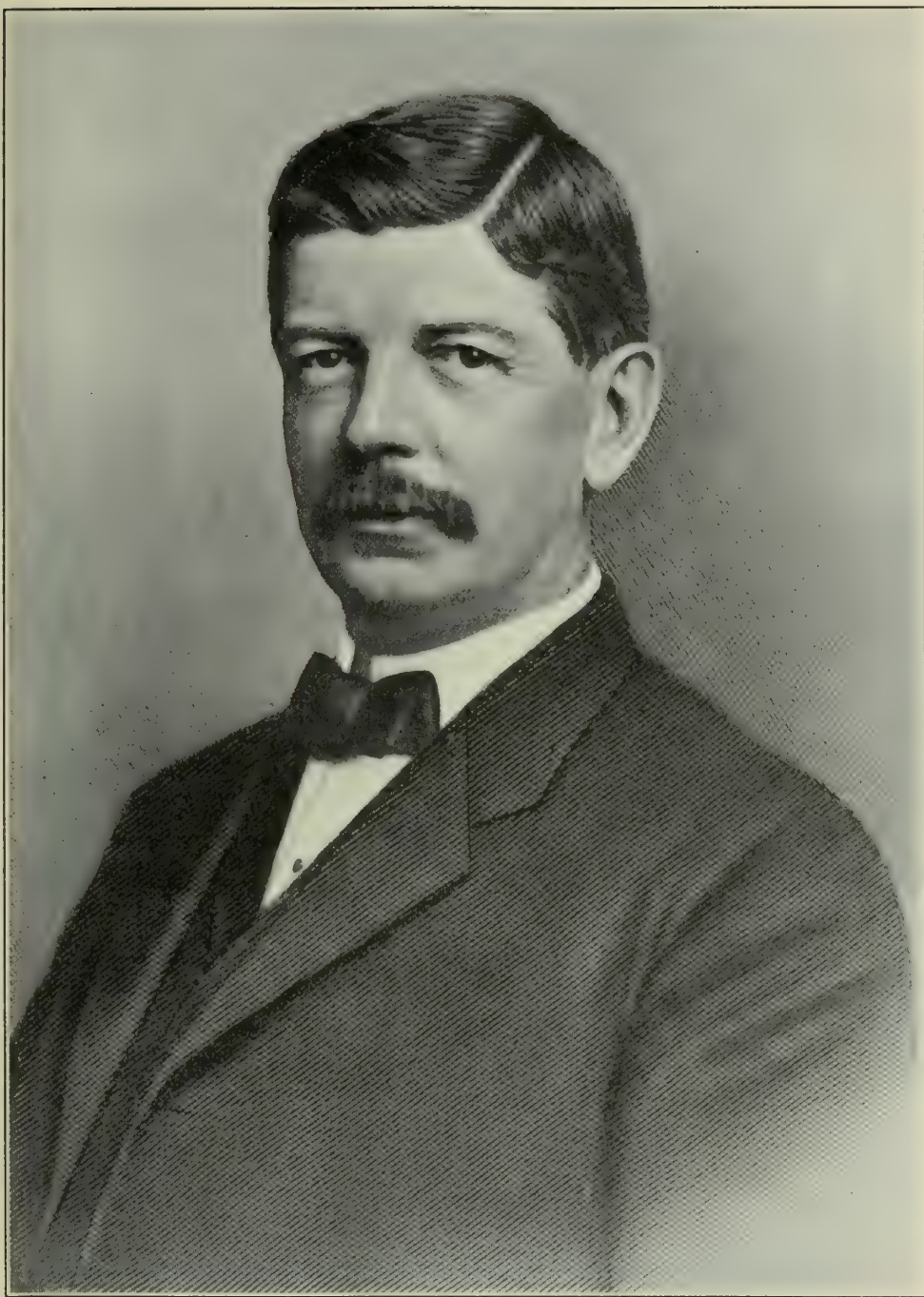
have found their inception in his faith as a member of the Center Congregational church. At all times he has been quick to extend his aid to uphold the high ideals of life and to advance those fields of service which contribute to character building. He has therefore done excellent work as a trustee of the Slater Industrial School at Winton, North Carolina, and as trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association School at Springfield, Massachusetts. He has ever been a champion of the cause of education and he has ever manifested loyalty to the Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the Revolution, in both of which organizations he has membership. His college days brought him into active association with the Psi Upsilon, Sigma Epsilon and Theta Psi. He has found recreation and interest in his connection with the Country, Golf and Republican clubs of Hartford and the University Club of New York city. The entire life record of Henry Roberts has been an open book which all might read. In every respect it has measured up to high standards of manhood and citizenship and his work has been a contributing factor to the highest and best interests of community and commonwealth.

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#### WILLIAM WALDO HYDE

Though much has been written concerning the cause of success and the methods of its attainment, final analysis brings one to the conclusion that industry, intelligently applied, is the only basis for continued advancement. There is no calling in which progress depends so entirely upon individual effort and ability as in the legal profession, and that William Waldo Hyde ranked with the eminent leaders of the Connecticut bar was proof of his highly developed powers and the studious habits which he maintained throughout his professional career. He never deviated from a course which he believed to be right and few men have such a high sense of professional honor and dignity as did William Waldo Hyde. He was born in Tolland, Connecticut, on the 25th of March, 1854, his parents being Alvan Pinney and Frances Elizabeth (Waldo) Hyde. He was descended from William Hyde, a native of England, who became one of the founders of both Hartford and of Norwich, Connecticut, and ranked with the men of wealth and prominence of his day. His only son, Samuel Hyde, born in 1637, became one of the leading residents of Norwich West Farms. He married Jane Lee and died in 1677, at which time his son, Thomas Hyde, was but five years of age, he having been born in July, 1672, while his life span covered the intervening years to April 9, 1755. He married Mary Backus and their son, Captain Jacob Hyde, who was born January 20, 1703, married Hannah Kingsbury and they became parents of Ephraim Hyde, who was born April 23, 1734. Nathaniel Hyde, son of Ephraim and Martha (Giddings) Hyde, was born at Stafford, Connecticut, March 7, 1757, and was an iron founder. He married Sarah Strong and their son Alvan became the father's successor in business, being engaged for many years in iron manufacturing in Stafford. To him and his wife, Sarah Pinney, was born a son, Alvan Pinney Hyde, who on the 12th of September, 1849, married Frances Elizabeth Waldo, daughter of Judge Loren P. Waldo, of whom William Waldo Hyde afterward became a law partner.

The ancestry of the Waldo family in America traces back to Cornelius Waldo, of whom mention is made in records of Salem, Massachusetts, bearing date July 6, 1647. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of John Cogswell, who sailed from his native England on the ship "Angel Gabriel." John Waldo, son of Cornelius and Hannah Waldo, was a soldier in King Philip's War and married Rebecca Adams. Their son, Edward Waldo, led a busy life as teacher, farmer, deacon in his church, deputy and lieutenant. About 1714 he built a house in that part of Windham, now Scotland, that is yet occupied by one of his descendants. He married Thankful Dimmock and their son, Edward Waldo, married Abigail Elderkin, by whom he had a son, Zachariah, who was a soldier from Canterbury in the Revolutionary war. The first wife of Zachariah Waldo was Elizabeth Wright and their son, Ebenezer Waldo, who was born in Canterbury, died in Tolland, Connecticut. To him and his wife, Cynthia Parish, was born a son, Loren Pinckney Waldo, on February 2, 1802. He became a distinguished lawyer, served in congress, was judge of the superior court of Connecticut, was a recognized leader of the democratic party in his state, and died in 1881. He had married Frances Elizabeth Eldridge, whose grandfather Charles El-



*Mr. Walter Hyle*





dridge, was severely wounded in the massacre at Fort Griswold. Her grandfather in the maternal line, Captain Elijah Avery, was killed in that massacre. Frances Elizabeth Waldo, daughter of Loren Pinckney and Frances Elizabeth (Eldridge) Waldo, became Mrs. Alvan Pinney Hyde on the 12th of September, 1849.

William Waldo Hyde, born of this marriage at Tolland, March 25, 1854, there spent the first ten years of his life and then accompanied his parents to Hartford, where his father became a member of the well known law firm of Waldo, Hubbard & Hyde as the associate of Governor Richard D. Hubbard and Judge Loren P. Waldo. Completing a high school course by graduation with the class of 1872, William W. Hyde then entered Yale and gained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1876 as a member of a class distinguished by the prominence to which many of its members attained. Whether inherited tendency, environment or natural predilection had most to do with his choice of a life work it is perhaps impossible to determine, but at all events it was wisely made, for in the field of law he rendered valuable service to the commonwealth. His preparatory reading, covering two years, was done under the direction of his father and for a year he was a student in the Boston University Law School, being admitted to the Connecticut bar in Hartford in 1878. He then became a law clerk in the office of Waldo, Hubbard & Hyde and following the death of Judge Waldo, in 1881, the firm was reorganized under the name of Hubbard, Hyde & Gross, the partners being Governor Hubbard, Alvan P. Hyde and Charles E. Gross, while later William Waldo Hyde and Frank E. Hyde were admitted to the firm. On the death of Governor Hubbard the firm style of Hyde, Gross & Hyde was assumed and following the demise of Alvan P. Hyde, Charles E. Gross and William Waldo Hyde were joined by Arthur L. Shipman under the firm name of Gross, Hyde & Shipman. The next change in the partnership led to the admission of Charles Welles Gross and Alvan Waldo Hyde, sons of the two senior partners. The practice of William Waldo Hyde was ever of a most important character, as recorded in the reports of the state and federal courts, and frequently brought him before the supreme courts of both his state and the United States. He was regarded as the equal of the foremost members of the bar not only in Connecticut but in other sections of the east, and for a quarter of a century he served as general counsel of the board of water commissioners and was instrumental in securing the passage of the special act of the general assembly legalizing the acquisition of the Nepaug property. He served as corporation counsel from April, 1910, until May, 1912, and in March, 1914, Mayor Cheney appointed him to the city charter revision committee to present the revised charter to the general assembly in 1915. In October, 1915, before the supreme court, he argued the case of the Hartford board of water commissioners against property owners, on defendants' appeal from a decision by Judge Cass of the superior court. Mr. Hyde was also appointed with four others to take over the Connecticut Company as trustees and rendered valuable aid to that board. With the passing years his practice became more and more notable because of its important character and its far-reaching scope and effect and he measured up to the highest requirements thereof, few men having as intimate and comprehensive a knowledge of legal principles as did Mr. Hyde. His activities outside the strict path of his profession, too, were largely of benefit to his fellowmen. He served on the board of school visitors, as acting school visitor and as superintendent of schools during the period from 1885 until 1891 and was largely instrumental in advancing the educational standards and broadening the opportunities afforded in the Hartford schools. He served on the board of street commissioners from 1888 until 1891 and again from 1897 until 1899 and during three years was president of the board. He was also a member of the board of health in 1895 and 1896. When the democratic party made him its mayoralty candidate in 1892 he carried the election by a vote of four thousand, six hundred and seven, giving him a majority of about eight hundred over the republican nominee, and Hartford has had few mayors whose term of office has been characterized by such efficiency and thorough public spirit.

In his home Mr. Hyde was ever genial, courteous and hospitable and he found his greatest happiness in ministering to the welfare of his family. He was married December 1, 1877, to a high school classmate, Helen Eliza Watson, daughter of George W. Watson, of Hartford, and they became parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Alvan Waldo, the latter mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Masonry had no more exemplary representative than Mr. Hyde, who was affiliated with both York and Scottish Rite bodies as a member of St. John's Lodge, F.



& A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and the various branches of the Consistory and was likewise a Noble of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also had membership relations with the Society of Mayflower Descendants, with the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Society of Colonial Wars in Connecticut. He rendered appreciated service to the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane as a trustee. He belonged to the South Congregational church and his entire life was spent in harmony with his professions. Along strictly social lines he was connected with the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Country Clubs, the University Club of New York, the Yale Club of New York, the Graduates Club of New Haven and the Nayasset Club of Springfield, Massachusetts. There was in his make-up a love of harmless fun, an appreciation of wit and humor that made him a delightful companion, and yet he lacked none of those qualities of tact and sympathy which made his companionship so valuable when the trials and sorrows of life pressed heavily upon his friends. So keen was his intellect, so potent his ability, so strong his public spirit and so faithful his friendship that one might say of him:

"He was a man; take him for all in all,  
I shall not look upon his like again."

#### JOHN BUTLER TALCOTT

Death often removes from our midst those whom it seems that we can ill afford to lose, but the life of John Butler Talcott had come to rich fruition inasmuch as he had accomplished great things in the business world, leading not only to the attainment of notable personal success but also to the promotion of business growth, progress and prosperity in Connecticut. A firm purpose, guided by keen intelligence, made him a citizen of great worth to his community and New Britain long numbered him among her most honored representatives. He was born at Enfield, Connecticut, September 14, 1824, his parents being Seth and Charlotte (Stout) Butler Talcott, while his ancestral line was traced back to John Talcott, who came from England in 1636 and built the first frame house in the city of Hartford. He was a prominent member of the Hartford colony, by which he was frequently sent to England as its business representative. In the ancestral records also appears the name of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, who was the first minister of the Hartford colony, and Thomas Hart Hooker, who served with the Revolutionary army about Boston. In 1828 Seth Talcott removed with his family from Enfield to West Hartford, so that his son, John Butler, became a pupil in the public schools there, and though ill health precluded his indulgence in the sports and activities which occupied the attention of other children, he found great pleasure in books and this love of literature developed with the passing years. He attended the Hartford grammar school and in 1846 was graduated from Yale College, receiving the honor of being chosen salutatorian of his class. His alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts and when he had completed his classical course he became a law student in the office and under the direction of Francis Fellowes, a distinguished representative of the Hartford bar. During his last year in college and while pursuing his law studies he engaged in teaching, thus partially meeting his expenses, and he also served as a clerk in the probate court and as a tutor in Middlebury College of Vermont for a year. He won admission to the bar in 1848 but continued his studies while acting as tutor in Yale College for a three-year period, expecting soon to engage in active practice. Circumstances, however, changed the course of his life and in 1851 he went to New Britain, where in association with S. J. North and others he began the manufacture of knit goods. Other partners managed the hook and eye business of the company. After a time the knitting department of the business of North & Stanley was merged into the New Britain Knitting Company, of which Mr. Talcott became treasurer and general manager, continuing to fill the office for fourteen years and taking active part in the successful conduct of the business, which reflected his sound judgment and keen discrimination. In 1868 he became one of the organizers of the American Hosiery Com-



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pany and for many years thereafter served as secretary and treasurer, while later he became president of the company, which conducted one of the most extensive and important enterprises of this character in America. His ability was so well recognized that his cooperation was sought in other fields and he became one of the directors of the P. & F. Corbin Hardware Company, also of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company and of the New Britain Savings Bank. Upon the death of the Hon. Valentine B. Chamberlin, the Mechanics National Bank elected him to the presidency, enabling him to become an increasingly useful factor in the financial circles of Connecticut. He was also one of the incorporators of the New Britain Institute and served as its president for some years. This organization was among the first to provide an absolutely free reading room and also an ample library at which a nominal charge was made for books. He donated twenty-five thousand dollars, known as the Talcott Art Fund, to this institution to be used for the purchase of oil paintings for the art room. He ever held to high ideals and supported those interests which tend to promote the cultural progress of a community. He gave generous assistance to philanthropic and benevolent causes and to the church and he manifested an unflinching spirit of patriotism in his service in public office. In 1876 he was chosen a member of the common council of New Britain and filled the office of alderman from 1877 until 1879, while twice he was elected mayor of the city as the candidate of both parties, and to the administration of the office he brought sound judgment and the same substantial qualities which gained for him success in the business world.

On September 14th, 1848, Mr. Talcott married Jane Croswell Goodwin of West Hartford, daughter of Thomas O. Goodwin and Mahala (Mix) Goodwin. Her father was a descendent of Ozias Goodwin, one of the early settlers of Hartford before 1640; also of Rev. Stephen Stone, who was associated as teacher with Rev. Thomas Hooker, the preacher, at the First church in Hartford. Of the four children born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Talcott, Samuel Hooker died in infancy. Ella Jeannie and John Croswell died in the early twenties in 1877. Mrs. Talcott died in 1878.

On March 18, 1880 Mr. Talcott married Fannie Hall Hazen, daughter of Rev. James Alexander Hazen and Fannie Lucinda (Grant) Hazen. The children of this marriage are Florence Hazen, wife of Walter Ewing Hope of New York, and Helen Hooker, wife of Philip Bartholomew Stanley of New Britain. The family circle was again broken by the hand of death when on the 21st of February, 1905, John B. Talcott passed away, leaving to his family the priceless heritage of an honored name by reason of the outstanding success he had attained in business, by the important part which he played in the public life of the community and his unflinching support of those interests which make for intellectual, civic and moral development. Mrs. Talcott died on January 16, 1922.

George Sherman Talcott, son of John Butler and Jane Croswell (Goodwin) Talcott, was born in New Britain, July 27, 1869, and there he obtained his education in the public and high schools until he entered Yale University, being graduated in 1891 from the academic department. He started out in the business world with the American Hosiery Company of New Britain, of which his father was president, and remained in that connection from 1891 until 1917, being still one of the directors of the company. He acted as secretary and treasurer from 1905 until 1917. Varied activities in connection with the religious and philanthropic work of New Britain had engaged his attention. At the beginning of the World War he was local Red Cross Secretary. In the winter of 1918-19 he served with the Y. M. C. A. in France.

He married, on June 9, 1897, May Churchill, daughter of Frederick Hosea Churchill, 1848-1881, and Annie Louise (Smith) Churchill, 1849-1927, who was descended from Stephen Hart, who came from Braintree, England, served in colonial wars, was deputy to the General Court, first deacon of the church in Farmington. Frederick Hosea Churchill, Yale 1870, S., after practising law for which he had prepared at Harvard Law School, becoming interested in the practical application of electrical science organized in New Britain a company whose business was later removed to Lynn, Mass., to be merged eventually with the General Electric Company.

Of the four daughters of G. S. and May Talcott, Cynthia and Iolanda died in childhood. The surviving children are Lucy and Theodora.

May Churchill Talcott died September 13, 1919.

Mr. Talcott married, on May 29th, 1924, Elizabeth Van Duzer Norton, daughter

of John Norton, 1833-1919 of Kensington, Connecticut and Jean (Ford) Norton. Since 1920 he has made his home in Hartford and through the intervening period of eight years has dealt in investments. He is a trustee of the New Britain Trust Company.

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#### ARTHUR POMEROY DAY

Arthur Pomeroy Day, chairman of the board of trustees of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, with which institution he has been continuously connected for more than three decades, is one of Hartford's honored native sons, leading financiers and business men and influential citizens. He was here born on the 6th of November, 1868, a son of Thomas M. and Ellen (Pomeroy) Day and a representative of one of Hartford's pioneer families. The father long figured prominently in journalistic circles as editor of the Hartford Daily Courant.

Arthur P. Day completed a course of study in the Hartford high school by graduation with the class of 1886 and four years later received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, while in 1892 the degree of LL. B. was conferred upon him by Yale Law School. Though admitted to the bar, he has never engaged in law practice. He received his initial experience in the business world in the service of the Spencer Turbine Company, with which he continued until 1898, when he became mortgage loan clerk with the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Company. In 1906 he was made secretary of that institution and in the following year became vice president and a trustee. With the merger of the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Company and the Hartford Trust Company in 1919 Mr. Day became a vice president of the new institution. On the 31st of December, 1924, he was chosen vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, thus serving until he succeeded the late Meigs H. Whaples as chairman.

The aid and cooperation of Mr. Day have been sought in the successful conduct of various important corporate interests. He is a trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank and a director of the Aetna (Fire) Insurance Company and the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He is a director also in the Donchian Rug Company, E. G. Whittlesey & Company, Inc., Russell Manufacturing Company, Smith-Worthington Company, Spencer Turbine Company, Plimpton Manufacturing Company and the Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Manufacturing Company. He is also a trustee and treasurer of the Berkeley Divinity School and a trustee of Donations and Bequests for Church Purposes, of the Hartford Grammar School, Hartford Hospital, Loomis Institute, Wadsworth Athenaeum, Scottish Union Insurance Company and the Connecticut River Bridge Commission. He is treasurer, moreover, of the Connecticut Historical Society and is vestryman of Trinity church. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is indicated in his membership connection with the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club, the Shuttle Meadow Club, the Wampanoag Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Monday Evening Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven and the Yale Club of New York, Skull and Bones society and the Greek letter fraternity Delta Kappa Epsilon.

On the 24th of September, 1904, Mr. Day was united in marriage to Lucy B. Bunce, of Hartford. They are the parents of three sons: Pomeroy, a graduate of Yale University; Marvin, a Yale student; and Lucien, who is attending school.

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#### WILLIAM S. TODD

William S. Todd was richly endowed with all those qualities which develop character and raise the individual to a high plane among his fellows. Reliable and capable in business, steadfast in his devotion to the advancement of civic standards and loyalty itself to his family and to his church, he commanded to an unusual degree the respect, confidence and warm friendship of those with whom he was brought in contact. He was born in Durham, England, July 15, 1873, and spent the period of his boyhood, youth and early manhood in his native country, there acquiring his education and receiving his initial business training, but when in the twenty-seventh year of his age he decided to try his fortune in America, believing that he might





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have better business opportunities in the new world. Hartford became the scene of his activities and through a period of more than a quarter of a century he was associated with the optical department of Brown, Thomson & Company. He developed a high degree of efficiency and scientific skill in his chosen field and for many years was an active member of the American Optometric Association, his high standing being evidenced in the fact that he was elected to the presidency of that association in 1922, while previously, in 1919, he had been commissioned by the organization to act as its representative in Europe, where he spent some time doing preliminary work in connection with the formation of a world-wide optometric affiliation. The national association made him its chairman of the department of education and he likewise served as president of the International Association of State Boards of Examination in Optometry. For several years he was a member of the Connecticut state board and at all times he kept thoroughly abreast with the latest researches and discoveries having to do with the science of optometry, which he made his life work. He was regarded as the peer of the ablest in this field and he made the department of Brown, Thomson & Company one of the strong paying elements of their business.

Mr. Todd was united in marriage in 1900 to Miss Lucy Irons and they became the parents of a daughter, Margaret D. His devotion to the welfare of his family was one of his outstanding characteristics. His wife was in ill health for some time and his great anxiety over her condition was undoubtedly the immediate cause of his own demise, which occurred very suddenly on the 6th of November, 1927. He was long a consistent and devoted member of the First Methodist church, served on its official board and took active part in many phases of the church work. When he was called to the home beyond his pastor paid a beautiful and fitting tribute to him in the following: "In attempting to say a few appreciative words of our departed friend we would begin by emphasizing his marked devotion as a husband. He was always considerate and chivalrous; but did you ever see more tender and constant devotion than this man has showed for his suffering wife during all these trying months. Over against the matrimonial infelicities and infidelities which so often fill our news columns, giving the impression of the failure of marriage, are many quiet and unselfish love ministries, such as we have seen in this home, which redeem the marriage relation and give us ground for optimism. But now Mr. Todd's long love-watch over his dear wife is ended. And while his going is not without its tinge of tragedy as well as mystery, yet we thank God for the memory and after-glow of his unfailing chivalrous devotion in the family circle.

"And this quality shown in the family circle was but one expression of a quality of heart which Mr. Todd showed outside his home, among all who really knew him. As a single illustration, recall how he used his car. Rarely have you seen Mr. Todd riding alone. Going daily to and from business, he always had some person along with him to whom he was showing a good turn. Almost never would he go directly home from any church gathering, but would take many a detour to carry others first to their homes. If ever there was a consecrated Cadillac it was Mr. Todd's car. And the best of all was that he enjoyed doing all such thoughtful, unselfish things.

"Mr. Todd was a self-made man, and should be rated among that goodly company for which America is noted and who have made America, who have come up from comparative obscurity to recognized positions in their respective callings by dint of hard work, faithful and honest efforts, making the most of their opportunities, and by genuine worth gaining the recognition and admiration of their fellows.

"All these achievements required much time and strength, but Mr. Todd never made this an excuse to relaxing his religious duties. On the contrary, he gave unstintingly of himself and his substance in the service of the church. No man among us has done more, or could be called upon to do more than Mr. Todd. And, over and above all his activity as a church official, and in committee work, no one was more regular at the Sunday church service, morning and evening. As the head usher he was always at his place at the church door with the glad hand which assured a welcome to all who came here for divine worship.

"Most men today have some definite diversions which give them their pleasures and relaxations from business. Mr. Todd did not seem to have any sport to which he was particularly attached. Perhaps it would have been better if he had. In music, however, he found great delight and diversion, also in the radio. But seldom

have I seen a man who found so much genuine pleasure in his church and in the practice of the Christian spirit as William S. Todd. Greatly did he feel his indebtedness to the church; and never did he feel he could do enough to pay that debt. And his Christianity was not confined to church attendance. His Christian friendliness was shown not only in his hospitality as usher at church, but in his interest in the newcomer, in young people away from home, in his quiet inquiry as to their religious life, and in countless kindnesses to all, ever pointing them into the higher and better ways of life. So, let us thank God for the Christianity we have seen incarnated in William S. Todd."

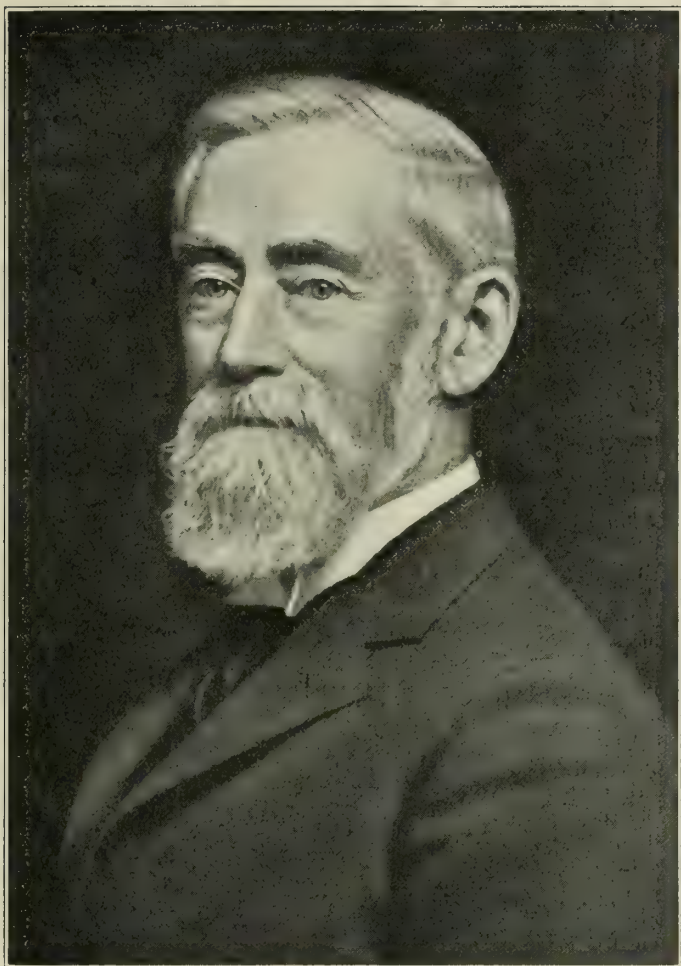
The floral tributes included offerings from the official board of the First Methodist church, the Sunday school, the Hipple Bible class of the school, the Oxford Bible class, the Men's Club of the church, the Young People's Society of the church, the Woman's Auxiliary, George A. Gay and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Strong of the firm of Brown, Thomson & Company; employes of Mr. Todd in the optical department; employes of Brown, Thomson & Company; state board of examiners in optometry; Hartford County Optometric Association; Hartford County Optometric Society and Hartford Opticians; Connecticut State Optometric Society; the American Optical Company of Hartford; G. M. Smith Optical Company of Boston; Bausch & Lomb Optical Company of Boston; the Harvey & Lewis Company; the Oxford School Association; the Hartford Woman's Christian Temperance Union; the Hartford Young Men's Christian Association; the Hartford Kiwanis Club.

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#### APPLETON ROBBINS HILLYER

It is the province of the historian to pay merited tribute to those who have shaped the history and left their impress upon the development and progress of city and state, and in this connection mention should be made of Appleton Robbins Hillyer, who ranked as one of the outstanding financiers of Hartford and whose broad philanthropy made his life a blessing to mankind. For almost sixty years he was associated with the Aetna National Bank, death severing that connection on the 21st of April, 1915. He had passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, for he was born on the 2d of September, 1833, at East Granby, Connecticut, a son of General Charles Tudor and Catharine (Robbins) Hillyer. His father's military title was won by service in the state militia.

Reared in Connecticut, Appleton R. Hillyer spent his entire life within the borders of the state and was a youth of only nineteen years when he established his home in Hartford in 1852 and entered upon a clerkship in the city post office under Ezra Hamilton, who was then postmaster. On leaving that position he initiated his career as a banker by becoming a clerk in the State Bank of Hartford. After a brief period he became associated with the Charter Oak Bank, of which his father was then president. His early experience and training constituted a broad foundation upon which to build future success. That he gave demonstration of his capability and powers is indicated in the fact that at their first meeting the directors of the Aetna National Bank, then known as the Aetna Bank, elected Mr. Hillyer to the position of cashier. This was on the 9th of September, 1857, and from that date until his death Mr. Hillyer was closely associated with the work of formulating the policy and directing the activities of this strong financial institution, of which both he and his father had become stockholders at the organization. Mr. Hillyer retained the cashiership during the presidency of Judge Eliphalet A. Bulkeley, its first chief executive, and of his successor, Oliver G. Terry. He was also cashier under William R. Cone, who remained as president until March 31, 1887. On that date Mr. Hillyer was elected to the office, which he continuously filled until April 1, 1891, when he resigned. However, he continued as one of the directors of the bank and on the 7th of May, 1897, was again prevailed upon to take office, being made vice president, in which connection he continued until his death. On the 9th of September, 1907, the bank celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding and in recognition of Mr. Hillyer's faithful service to the institution he was tendered a reception at the Hartford Club by the most prominent men of the city and state. He was then the oldest banker in Hartford in point of service and had been largely instrumental in placing the Aetna Bank on the roll of honor among the most important financial institutions of Connecticut, being one of the



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few banks in the country with a surplus equal to its capital. On this occasion Mr. Hillyer's associates in the bank presented him with a magnificent silver loving cup in token of the high esteem in which he was uniformly held. He did not confine his efforts entirely to the bank, for through many years he served as a director of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and was also on the board of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. In 1861 he became a trustee for the Society for Savings and in 1871 was made auditor which position he resigned December 22, 1893.

In 1879 Mr. Hillyer was united in marriage to Miss Dotha Bushnell, a daughter of the distinguished divine, Rev. Horace Bushnell, who was pastor of the North Congregational church and whom Hartford honored by giving his name to Bushnell Park. He is mentioned at length on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hillyer became the parents of three children: Mary, Catharine and Lucy.

Mr. Hillyer was a most active and earnest member of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church and a most generous contributor thereto. He and his sister, Miss Clara E. Hillyer, gave to the church its parsonage and Miss Hillyer donated the organ to the church, afterward the parish house, and gave twenty-five thousand dollars as a permanent fund, the interest on which was to be used for church music. Hillyer Hall, the large room on the second floor of the parish house, was named in her honor. Mary and Lucy Hillyer, daughters of A. R. Hillyer, gave largely to the equipment of the gymnasium. Another point at which Mr. Hillyer's interest centered was the Young Men's Christian Association. He did much to further the work of the organization and to give it adequate housing facilities. His activity was prompted by the previous interest of his father, General Hillyer, who gave the site on which the building was erected—a property valued at that time at forty thousand dollars, while toward the erection of the building he contributed an additional fifteen thousand dollars. Appleton R. Hillyer and his sister, Clara E., in memory of their father, General Hillyer, gave to the association an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars for the establishment of an educational department to be known as the Hillyer Institute, and later this sum was increased by a second fifty thousand dollars through the will of Miss Hillyer. When, early in 1913, the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association decided to inaugurate a campaign to raise three hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a large addition, Mr. Hillyer donated one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of this amount. As soon as the news of his demise was received the flags on the Y. M. C. A. building were placed at halfmast, as was that on the Aetna Life Insurance Company. The association prepared resolutions telling of the loss felt for their benefactor and expressing sincere regret, at the same time attesting the value of his service as a public benefactor and his worth as a man. For many years he had resided at 91 Elm street, his hospitable home being ever open for the reception of his many friends. His generosity was an expression of his kindly feeling toward his fellowmen against whom he never said an unkind word and whom he was every ready to serve in no matter how humble a capacity. Quiet and unassuming, he went his way but with interest responsive to all about him. His keen power of observation added to his enjoyment of nature and from his boyhood to old age he studied and loved the trees and flowers in the country about him. As the age of man is reckoned, he had traveled far on life's journey and his record is one rich in service in a material way, as a business man, in benefactions and exceedingly rich in those substantial qualities of character which brought him the love of all who knew him and which causes his memory to be an inspiration to all who were in any way associated with him.

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#### BERTRAND ARCHER PAGE

Bertrand Archer Page, insurance underwriter, is now vice president of The Travelers Insurance Company and financially interested in other enterprises. He was born in Yalesville, Connecticut, a son of George Washington and Mary Jane (Smith) Page. He has two brothers: DeWitt Page, vice president and director of General Motors Corporation, and Ralph E. Page, retired business man of Hartford.

When he had mastered the elementary branches of learning, Bertrand A. Page continued his education in the Wethersfield Academy and the Hartford high school. In May, 1888, he sought employment with The Travelers Insurance Company and was assigned to work in the ticket department. From then until the present time,

covering a period of forty years, he has been with this corporation, which numbers him as one of its valued executives. Industry and thoroughness brought him promotion from time to time until in 1894 he was placed in charge of the audit department, and in 1901 was made assistant secretary of the accident department, while in 1904 he became department secretary. For eight years he continued in that position, and in January, 1912, at the age of thirty-eight, was elected to a vice presidency in a corporation which has contributed much toward making Hartford the insurance center of the country.

For years he traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada in the interests of The Travelers and was probably better known in insurance circles throughout the country than in his adopted city. He is a director of The Travelers Bank and Trust Company. His judgment is regarded as most sound by his colleagues and contemporaries in insurance circles.

On the 27th of October, 1898, Mr. Page was united in marriage to Miss Cecile Somerset Whitney, a daughter of George and Mary Jane (Jones) Whitney, of Hamilton, Bermuda, and Snow Hill, Maryland. Their two children are: Nelson Whitney, born October 9, 1899, and Janet Hotchkiss, June 14, 1908.

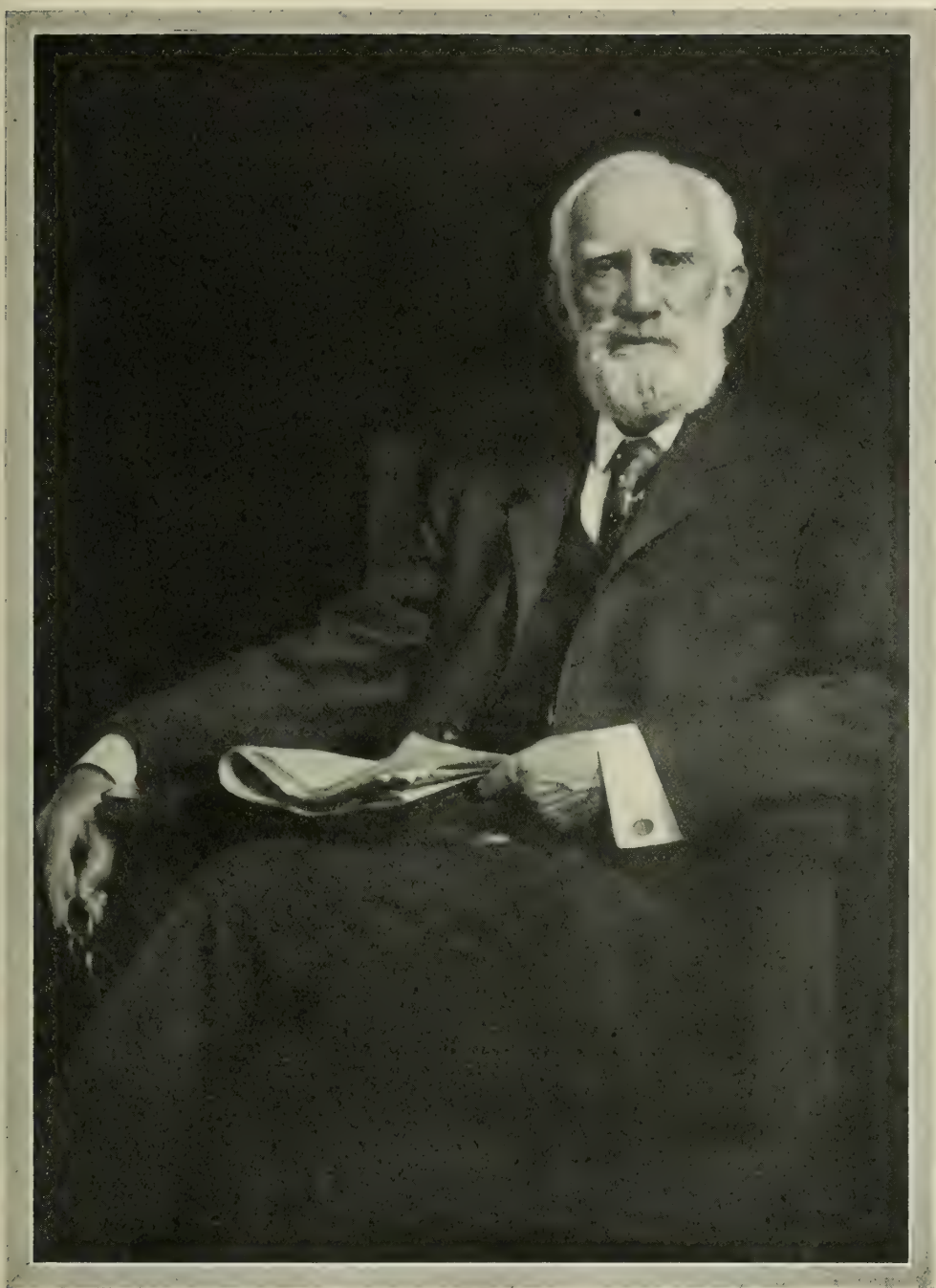
The activities of Mr. Page have been devoted almost exclusively to the interests of the business in which he is engaged. He has had little time for outside affairs. He is a member of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church and the Connecticut Historical Society, also a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society of America. He is a member of the Farmington Country Club, the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, and the Wampanoag Country Club. He is a republican in politics.

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#### JOHN RANSOM BUCK

High on the roll of eminent lawyers whose records have reflected credit and honor upon the history of the Hartford bar appears the name of John Ransom Buck, who as lawyer and lawmaker rendered valuable service to his community and to the commonwealth. His entire record was in keeping with that of his ancestors, who from an early period in colonial times fully upheld their part in shaping the development and promoting the progress of Connecticut. One of his ancestors, John Hollister, was the first settler of Glastonbury, while another, Lieutenant John Hollister, probably coming from Weymouth, England, reached the new world about 1642, was admitted a freeman at the general court in Boston, May 10, 1643, and early became a resident of Wethersfield, Connecticut, which he represented in the general court in 1644, 1654 and 1656. He was a member of the militia and died in 1665. His wife was Joanna Treat, daughter of Richard and Joanna Treat, early settlers of Wethersfield. John Hollister, son of John and Joanna Hollister, was born about 1644, probably in Wethersfield, and was a prominent resident there until his death, November 24, 1711. On the 20th of November, 1667, he married Sarah Goodrich, born in Wethersfield, August 8, 1649, and their second son was Thomas Hollister, who was born in Wethersfield, January 4, 1672, and spent much of his life in Glastonbury as a weaver and as deacon of his church. He married Dorothy Hills, daughter of Joseph Hills, of Glastonbury. She was born in 1677 and died October 5, 1741, while her husband, Thomas Hollister, survived her only seven days. Their fourth son, who also bore the name of Thomas, was born January 13, 1707, in Glastonbury, and settled on a farm in Eastbury parish of that town, where he died September 17, 1784. His wife, Abigail Talcott, whom he married January 1, 1734, was born in Glastonbury in 1717 and died March 31, 1812. Their eldest son, again named Thomas Hollister, was born September 23, 1738, in Eastbury, where he followed farming and died January 27, 1813. He was married February 19, 1767, to Jemima Goodrich, who was born in Glastonbury, September 16, 1741, and their second daughter, Lucretia Hollister, born about 1772, became the wife of Benoni Buck, who was born between 1768 and 1770, a descendant of the Buck family that for generations had lived in Wethersfield. The second son of Benoni and Lucretia (Hollister) Buck was Halsey Buck, born in East Glastonbury, August 28, 1793. He followed farming and was married September 15, 1814, to Sarah Ann Wood, daughter of Alexander Wood.

This worthy couple were the parents of John Ransom Buck, born in Glastonbury, December 6, 1835. His youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy and



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*John R. Buck*







under the direction of his mother, a lady of intelligence and broad culture, he developed a taste for good reading that made him early acquainted with the best in literature and in history. His preliminary studies were supplemented by a course in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and by a year's study in the Wesleyan University, which in 1877 conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. He early turned his attention to teaching, becoming principal of the graded schools at East Haddam and later teaching in high schools and academies, but his desire to become a member of the bar led him to take up the study of law in 1859 in the office of Wells & Strong, of Hartford, the members of that firm directing his reading until his admission to practice in the Connecticut courts in 1862. He afterwards formed a partnership with Hon. Julius L. Strong, one of his former preceptors and member of congress from the Hartford district. The firm of Strong & Buck held prominent place at the Hartford bar until the death of the senior partner September 7, 1872, after which Mr. Buck practiced alone until April 1, 1883, when he was joined by Arthur F. Eggleston, then states attorney for Hartford county, under the style of Buck & Eggleston. They were soon accorded a large clientele that brought them much corporation law work and the partnership was maintained until Mr. Eggleston retired from active business July 1, 1908. During the period of the Spanish-American war Mr. Buck was legal adviser to Governor Lorrin A. Cooke. On July 1, 1908, he was joined in practice by his son, John Halsey Buck, under the firm style of Buck & Buck, and their name is found in the records of many of the notable cases tried in the courts that convene in the capital city. Long did John Ransom Buck occupy an honored and exalted position at the Hartford bar and he also became associated with many financial activities in this city, serving as a director of the State Bank and Trust Company, the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford.

Aside from his prominent association with law practice Mr. Buck became widely known through his legislative service. He was always a stalwart republican and in 1864 was appointed assistant clerk of the house of representatives and became a clerk thereof in 1865. The following year he was elected clerk of the state senate and thus he became familiar with legislative procedure—a knowledge that stood him in good stead in later years. In 1868 he filled the office of president of the Hartford Court of Common Council and from 1871 until 1873 was city attorney, while from 1863 until 1881 he was the able treasurer of Hartford county. Still higher honors awaited him, however, and in 1879 he was elected to the state senate, wherein he gave most thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement and did much important committee work, acting as chairman of the corporations committee and of the committee on constitutional amendments. He reported the amendment providing for the appointment of judges to the supreme court of errors, and of the superior court by the general assembly upon nomination by the governor. This amendment was adopted largely as a result of Mr. Buck's untiring efforts. He conducted the hearings before the committee of the general assembly of 1869 that reported in favor of establishing the court of common pleas in Hartford and New Haven counties. This report was adopted and the court established, and no one was more active in securing the passage of this measure than Mr. Buck. He was also largely instrumental in securing the passage, in 1880, of the joint stock law, and was chairman of the committee on corporations that had this measure in charge. He was indefatigable in his efforts on behalf of the law that was passed making Hartford the sole capital of the state, and providing for the construction of the new state house. That Mr. Buck made an equally creditable record in congress is shown by the fact that his election of 1880 was followed by reelection in 1884 and thus he aided in shaping the national policy, serving on the committees on Indian affairs, on revision of laws and on naval affairs. While he did not again hold public office after the conclusion of his service in congress, he never ceased to feel the deepest interest in the vital problems and issues of the day and kept abreast with the best thinking men of the age. The community welfare also was a matter of vital interest and the cause of education never found a more stalwart friend than Mr. Buck, who for many years was a trustee of the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and for several years a member of the Hartford board of education.

On the 12th of April, 1865, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Mary A. Keeney, of Manchester, Connecticut, and to them were born a daughter and a son: Florence

K., who became the wife of Jacob H. Greene, of Hartford; and John Halsey, mentioned elsewhere in this work. In his own home Mr. Buck was a hospitable host, kindly, cordial and considerate, and his circle of friends was an extensive one. He died February 6, 1917, having left an indelible impress upon the history of the state through his devotion to the highest ideals of the legal profession and through most loyal and efficient service in public office.

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#### JOHN H. BUCK

On the list of those who are representatives of the legal profession in Hartford appears the name of John H. Buck, whose course has ever reflected credit and honor upon the Hartford bar. His clientele today is extensive, connecting him with many of the most important legal interests that figure in the records of civil law procedure. Born in Hartford, August 12, 1869, he is a son of John R. and Mary A. (Keeney) Buck. The father, who died February 6, 1917, was long one of the leading attorneys of his day. The son, after leaving the high school, enrolled as a student in Yale University with the class of 1891 and in due course of time won his Bachelor of Arts degree. He studied law in the office and under the direction of his father and his thorough preliminary reading enabled him to pass the required bar examination in 1893. He then began practice in association with his father, the business connection between them continuing until the latter's death, after which time John H. Buck remained alone until 1918, when he formed a partnership with Captain Anson T. McCook under the firm style of Buck & McCook. The thoroughness and care with which he has ever prepared his cases have made Mr. Buck a formidable adversary in the courts and the breadth of his legal knowledge, combined with his analytical power, has constituted him a safe counselor and wise adviser on legal matters. In business circle, too, Mr. Buck is known through his connection with the directorate of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company and he is also secretary as well as director of the Taylor & Fenn Company. He is a director of the American School at Hartford for the Deaf and of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association.

On the 4th of October, 1906, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Edith A. Albin, a daughter of John and Georgia A. (Modica) Albin, of Concord, New Hampshire, and they now have two children: Richard A., born October 21, 1909; and Mary, born September 17, 1917.

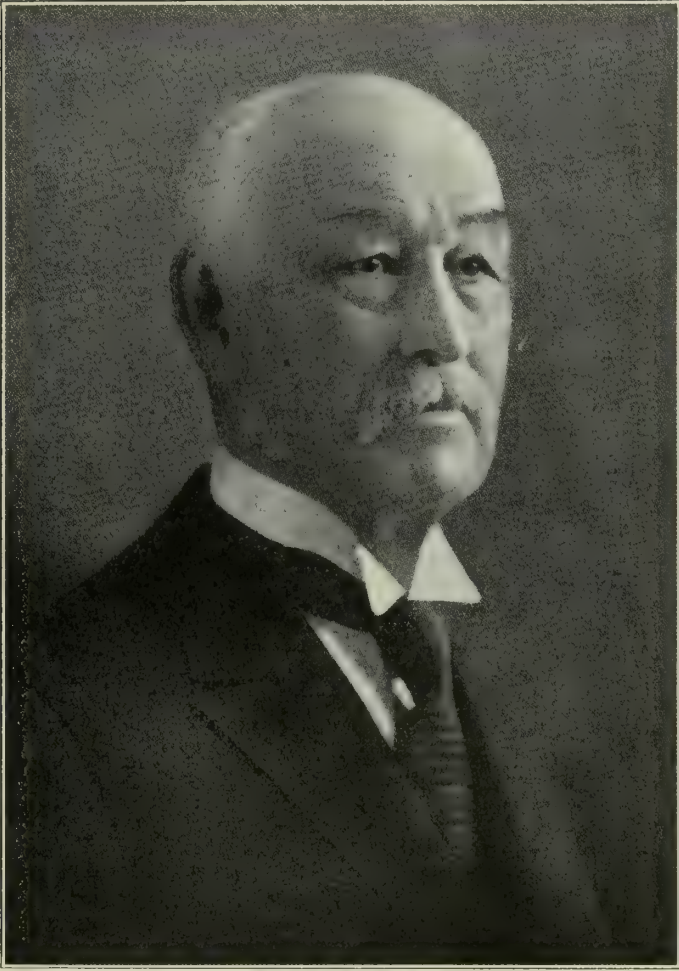
Mr. Buck votes with the republican party and his official service was as a member of the city council and as executive secretary to Governor Lorrin A. Cooke from 1897 until 1899. He belongs to the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Wampanoag Country clubs and his interest in organizations for the public welfare is manifest in helpful service as a director of the American School for the Deaf. Along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar associations, and that he has ever been a loyal adherent of the highest ethics and standards of the profession is indicated in the warm regard entertained for him by his fellow members of the legal fraternity in the capital city.

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#### JUDGE EDWARD B. BENNETT

The name of Judge Edward B. Bennett, now deceased, was closely associated with Hartford's history through a period of fifty-eight years. He came to the capital as a young man and filled various public offices, while for an extended period he was widely and prominently known as a lawyer and lawmaker. He was born in Hampton, Windham county, Connecticut, April 12, 1842, his parents being William and Marina (Brown) Bennett. The early American ancestors of the family came from England and settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, whence removal was afterward made to Hampton. There William Bennett figured as a leading and influential citizen and was chosen to represent his district in the general assembly of Connecticut.

In the pursuit of his education Judge Edward B. Bennett attended Williston



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JUDGE EDWARD B. BENNETT





Seminary at Easthampton, Massachusetts, there remaining from 1860 until 1862, when he enrolled as a student in Yale. His course was completed by graduation from the law school with the class of 1866 and after a brief period devoted to practice in Hampton he came to Hartford, where he established an office in 1869. Through the intervening years to the time of his death he continued an active member of the bar of this city and for a time was associated in practice with George O. Brott. He made steady progress at the bar, winning recognition as one of its able representatives, owing to the thoroughness with which he prepared his cases and the wise legal counsel which he gave to his clients. His clear reasoning and logical deductions were manifest in all of his legal work. He readily recognized the relation between cause and effect and he was seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a law principle. He had been a resident of Hartford for only a brief period when he was called upon to aid in the execution and later in framing the laws of the state. In fact, while still a resident of Hampton, he was elected to the general assembly in 1868 and in the following year became assistant clerk of the house, while in 1870 he was chosen clerk of the senate. In 1871 he became clerk of the Hartford police court and filled that position continuously until 1874. The second ward of the city chose him as its councilman in 1873, while from 1878 until 1891 he occupied the bench of the police court, making a notable record for the fairness and impartiality of his decisions. On the first of June, 1891, through presidential appointment, he became postmaster of Hartford and filled the office until January 18, 1896, while he was again called to that position on the 1st of February, 1900, and remained postmaster until June 1, 1907. In the meantime—in 1904—he succeeded John P. Harbison as president of the Hartford City Gas Light Company and so continued to the time of his demise. Judge Bennett was also a director of the Travelers Insurance Company and the Travelers Fire Insurance Company, and his legal knowledge and sound judgment proved of great value in the successful conduct of the interests of these corporations. He had previously served as president of the Springfield Waste Company of Springfield and as president of the Farmington River Power Company.

In April, 1877, Judge Bennett was married to Miss Alice Howard, daughter of James L. Howard, who was lieutenant-governor of Connecticut from 1887 until 1889. They were separated by the hand of death on the 25th of March, 1927, Judge Bennett passing away at the venerable age of eighty-four years. While a student at Yale in his young manhood he was actively interested in athletics and rowed as No. 5 on the famous Wilbur Bacon crew which defeated Harvard twice on successive days at Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1865. For three years he was a member of the varsity crew and was most prominent in intercollegiate athletic interests and events. He was the last survivor of the "Hawley Old Guard," a group of men united by the common purpose of supporting the late General Joseph H. Hawley in his campaigns to become governor, representative and United States senator. He took the keenest interest in public affairs and his activities were always of a constructive nature, seeking the benefit and progress of city and commonwealth. He gave efficient service to the American School for the Deaf as one of its directors and also as a member of the advisory board of the Hartford Orphan Asylum. His interests and his labors touched life at many points. He was president of the Hartford Yale Alumni Association in 1901 and 1902, was a member of the Republican Club of Hartford, the University Club, the Hartford Club, and the Connecticut Historical Society. He was usually seen in those gatherings where men of intelligence were met in the discussion of vital civic, public or philanthropic projects, and his high standing as a man, as a citizen, as a lawyer, a jurist and a legislator is indicated in the fact that at his demise a number of the most prominent men of the city acted as honorary pallbearers when he was laid to rest.

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#### FRANCIS GOODWIN (II)

Francis Goodwin (II), secretary and treasurer of the Silas Chapman Company, Incorporated, conducting one of the old established fire insurance agencies of Hartford, was born April 30, 1895, and is numbered among the young men whose activities have greatly furthered the interests of insurance here. His parents were Rev. James and Frances Whittlesey (Brown) Goodwin, who are mentioned on another page of

this work. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he improved the opportunities for educational training accorded by the public school system of Hartford and afterward entered St. Paul's School at Concord, New Hampshire, there pursuing his preparatory course, while his more specifically literary course was taken at Yale University, which numbers him among its alumni of 1918.

In the meantime—in April, 1917—Mr. Goodwin enlisted for service in the United States navy, and in March, 1918, was commissioned ensign. He was on duty until September, 1919, when he received his discharge and returned home. Immediately after he sought employment, which he secured with the firm of Todd, Irons & Robertson, building contractors of New York, with whom he remained until November, 1921. Again coming to Hartford, he here turned his attention to the insurance business with the firm of Beardsley & Beardsley, with whom he continued until 1924, when he became secretary and treasurer of the Silas Chapman Company, Incorporated, and thus entered into active relations with one of the old fire insurance agencies of the city. His previous experience stood him in good stead. He has thoroughly studied fire insurance in all of its varied phases and his broad knowledge enables him to speak authoritatively concerning the business in all of its departments. Moreover, his executive force enables him to wisely direct the activities of the company and contribute to its growing success.

On the 24th of April, 1924, Mr. Goodwin was married to Miss Janet Stanley, a daughter of James N. and Caroline (Zelie) Stanley, of Brookline, Massachusetts. He has membership in the Yale Club of New York and the Dauntless Club of Essex. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is now serving for the second term as alderman from the eleventh ward, giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to municipal problems and seeking at all times to advance civic standards and promote municipal improvement.

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#### REV. FRANCIS GOODWIN

Rev. Francis Goodwin, of the seventh generation of the Goodwin family in America, devoted practically his entire life to service for others in the ministry and in the fields of education and benevolence, and his life was of such signal usefulness and benefit to his fellowmen as to reflect still further honor upon a name that has figured prominently in the history of New England since 1632, when Ozias Goodwin came from his native England and landed at Boston, Massachusetts. Extended reference to the ancestral line is made in the sketch of James Junius Goodwin elsewhere in this work, the latter being a brother of the Rev. Francis Goodwin. Their parents were Major James and Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin, and in the family home in Hartford the son Francis was born September 25, 1839. At the usual age he became a public school pupil and made substantial progress in his studies, so that he had done considerable work in the high school when at the age of fifteen years he entered the employ of Howe, Mather & Company, dry goods merchants, with whom he continued for two years. New York city then became the scene of his activities, and until May, 1857, he was there associated with the firm of Morton & Grinnell, but the high purpose of devoting his life to the uplift of his fellowmen had become a dominant force in him and he began preparation for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church, pursuing his studies under private instruction for a time and afterward in the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, which he entered in October, 1860, there completing his course in May, 1863. He was ordained a deacon in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Middletown by the Right Rev. John D. Williams, D. D., diocesan bishop, and the following month Rev. Mr. Goodwin received appointment to the position of chaplain to the bishop, being placed in charge of the missions at Durham, North Guilford, North Killingworth and Ponset, with residence at Middletown. In July of the same year Trinity College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and on the 19th of December following he was ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal church by Bishop Williams. From May, 1865, until he resigned in November, 1871, he was rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church of Hartford, and from April until December, 1872, he was in charge of St. John's church at Hartford, while from April, 1874, until May, 1875, he was pastor of Trinity church at Wethersfield. In November, 1876, he was called to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford, where he con-



(Photograph by Randall)

REV. FRANCIS GOODWIN





tinued until June, 1877, and in 1878, on the division of the archdeaconries, he was elected the first archdeacon of Hartford, filling that high office until February, 1888, or for a period of a decade.

In his later years business engrossed much of his time and attention, but he never ceased to feel the deepest interest in the church or to aid in its various activities. Throughout his life he gave much attention to the study of architecture, and not only drew the plans for his father's beautiful residence on Woodland street, but also superintended its construction. After the father's death in 1878 he was associated with his brother, James Junius Goodwin, in the management of the estate, which brought him into close and prominent connection with various business and financial interests. Nor did he abate his service to mankind, though it took a different form from active duty in the ministry. In 1875 he became a trustee of the Berkeley Divinity School of Middletown and so continued for many years. He was also president of the board of trustees having in charge the bishop's fund. In 1884 he was elected a trustee of Trinity College of Hartford, was made a trustee of the Watkinson Library of Reference in 1875, and in 1877 a trustee of the Watkinson Farm School and Juvenile Asylum, becoming president of the board in 1879. His incumbency in all of these positions continued for many years and he rendered signal service to each. He also gave valuable aid to his city in the management and control of municipal affairs. In 1879 he entered upon a year's term as street commissioner and beginning in 1880 served for many years as park commissioner. In 1887 he was made a member of the board of school visitors and long held that office, while from 1881 he served as a director of the Retreat for the Insane, and from 1886 until 1890 was first vice president, then president of the Wadsworth Athenaeum of Hartford. He was also president of the board of trustees of Keney Park and thus the aid which he rendered in municipal affairs was of incalculable worth and benefit to his native city.

When the trials and perplexities of the ministry, of business life or of humanitarian service pressed hard upon the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, he ever found peace and happiness in his home in the companionship of wife and children. He was married June 3, 1863, to Miss Mary Alsop Jackson, who was born in Middletown, Connecticut, July 14, 1842, and was the second daughter of Commodore Charles Hunter Jackson of the United States Navy and a descendant of Edward Jackson, whose residence at Newton, Massachusetts, dated from 1643. Her mother was Martha Lawrence Willard prior to her marriage to Commodore Jackson. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Goodwin became the parents of eight children. James, born February 10, 1865, became prominently known as a clergyman and devoted citizen of Hartford, where he died January 3, 1917. William Brownell Goodwin was born October 7, 1866, and educated at St. Paul's School, Trinity College and Yale University. Sarah Morgan was born May 7, 1868, became the wife of Henry S. Robinson and is now deceased. Alice Fenwick, born March 30, 1871, married Benjamin Wister Morris. Lucy Morgan, born January 11, 1873, died May 9, 1884. Charles Archibald, born November 18, 1876, is mentioned on another page of this work. Francis Spencer, born October 19, 1878, was educated at St. Paul's School and in Yale University. Jeannette, born July 2, 1884, married, first, Commander Harold J. Davison, R. N. R., and second, Capt. Leslie W. Howarth, R. N. R. They reside on the Island of Bermuda.

From the interests of his own home Rev. Goodwin reached out in helpfulness to all mankind, seeking ever to ameliorate the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate, working ever along the lines of uplift and improvement. His memory is cherished by all who were associated with him and remains an inspiration and a benediction to those who came within the sphere of his broad usefulness.

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#### CHESTER RHOADES SEYMOUR

Chester Rhoades Seymour, who fought for his country in the World war, has advanced far on the highroad which leads to success and although young in years he is a forceful figure in business circles of Simsbury. He was born in Wollaston, Massachusetts, in 1894, and is a son of William A. and Ella (Rhoades) Seymour, the former a native of Simsbury, Connecticut, and the latter of New Marlboro, Massachusetts. They now reside on a farm near East Granby, Connecticut, and the father is one of the prosperous tobacco growers of that district. His public spirit has been

expressed by service on the board of selectmen and in religious faith he is a Congregationalist, while his fraternal connections are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour have two children: Dorothy, who is the wife of C. Edgar Blake, of Windsor, Connecticut; and Chester Rhoades Seymour.

The son was graduated from one of the high schools of Hartford in 1911 and completed his education in Trinity College, from which he won the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. While a college student he spent the summer vacations in Simsbury and in July, 1915, entered the employ of the Ensign-Bickford Company. His first work was in the bookkeeping department, with which he was connected for two years. In November, 1917, he responded to the call to arms, joining Company A, which was attached to the Twenty-eighth Engineers. He was commissioned a second lieutenant while overseas, remaining at the front for seventeen months. On July 9, 1919, he was honorably discharged and returned to the office of the Ensign-Bickford Company. Afterward he traveled for some time for the corporation, in connection with the introduction of a new detonating fuse, and in 1920 was made assistant treasurer. His next promotion was in 1924, when he became treasurer, and has since held that office. He is devoted to the interests of the firm and his advancement is the merited reward of hard work and proven ability. Mr. Seymour is one of the directors of the Ensign-Bickford Company and treasurer of the Simsbury Water Company, of which he is also a director.

On October 3, 1923, Mr. Seymour was married in Hartford to Miss Helen Roberts Tolles and they have two children, Jean Tolles, born October 3, 1925, and Chester Tolles, born September 25, 1928. The parents are affiliated with the First Church of Christ and Mrs. Seymour sings in its choir. She is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Mr. Seymour belongs to the American Legion, the University Club of Hartford, the Avon Country Club and the Community Club of Simsbury. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. A young man of marked strength of character and substantial worth, Mr. Seymour has accomplished much for one of his years, and a wide circle of loyal friends is indicative of his personal popularity.

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#### CHARLES D. RICE

An outstanding figure in the industrial and manufacturing circles of Connecticut is Charles D. Rice, manager at Hartford for the Underwood Typewriter Company, where he has completed twenty-six years of service with a corporation that ranks first among the business enterprises of the city in the point of labor employment and production. This association at once indicates the high development of his powers as an executive, nor have his efforts been confined alone to one line, for various other important business interests of Hartford are profiting by his cooperation. His life story is an interesting one, as it indicates what can be achieved through individual effort and ability. Born in Auburn, New York, April 15, 1859, Charles D. Rice is a son of Benjamin and Harriet (Bridges) Rice and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the public schools of his native city. Without collegiate training he began providing for his own support and was first employed in running a steam engine and boiler at Union, Pennsylvania, for a brief period. He then returned to Auburn, where he filled a position in a clothing store for about two years, afterward serving seven years in a local factory—makers of carriage hardware. Following this period he soon became identified with typewriter interests as an employe of the Calligraph Typewriter Company at Corry, Pennsylvania, in 1884 and was with this concern at the time its plant was established in Hartford in 1885. This was the beginning of the typewriter industry in Connecticut. Mr. Rice continued with the company as a tool maker until 1888, when he joined the Yost Writing Machine Company in Bridgeport and was with them while they were developing their machine, acting as foreman and continuing in their employ until 1890. In the latter year he joined the Pope Manufacturing Company in Hartford as engineer and his industry and capability won him promotion to the position of chief engineer, in which capacity he was serving when he left the company's employ in 1900. His association with the Underwood company dates from January, 1901, at which time he assumed the duties of superintendent in the factory, then located in Bayonne, New Jersey. The rapid growth of the business



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made it desirous that the plant should be established where there was a greater market for skilled labor, and after five months' connection with the Underwood company, at the suggestion of Mr. Rice, the plant was removed to Hartford. Six years later, or in 1907, he was promoted to manager of the local plant. On coming to this city the company secured the old Board of Trade building on Capitol avenue and Woodbine street, which had been vacant for a year, and they brought with them three hundred skilled mechanics from Bayonne, although four hundred and fifty operatives were needed to maintain the plant at capacity working. The additional one hundred and fifty men therefore were gathered from the ranks of Hartford's skilled labor and the continual growth of the business necessitated further employment of men until at the present writing the number on the pay roll is four thousand, five hundred and for many years the company has been the largest employer of labor in this city. Originally there were about ninety-two thousand, five hundred square feet of floor space, but after a short time an additional building was secured and in 1905 still other buildings were erected. By 1907 there were three hundred and nineteen thousand, five hundred square feet of floor space, while in 1910 other additions were made and again in 1911 and 1912, the floor space amounting in the latter year to six hundred and twelve thousand, five hundred square feet. In 1916 the company began the erection of four large buildings, adding more than a third to the space of the factory, at a cost of four hundred thousand dollars. In 1920 another large addition was built and in 1923 the company purchased the adjacent factory formerly occupied by the Johns-Pratt Company. Rated in terms of lineal measurement, a floor fifty feet in width and three and one-half miles in length indicates the space of the plant of the Underwood company. The output of this mammoth concern is not only shipped extensively to every part of the North American continent but also to every part of the world, and among the interesting machines sent out are those shipped to Russia with Russian characters upon the keys. Czar Nicholas II had a special machine built for him, finished in nickel and white enamel, while Franz Josef, then emperor of Austria-Hungary, ordered an Underwood of special size enameled in the national colors, and fifteen years ago King Alfonso of Spain placed his order with the company for a specially finished Underwood. Aside from the building of typewriters the company has promoted the industrial and commercial development of Hartford by the establishment of the Underwood Computing Machine Company. At the present time the combined production of the Underwood plant at Hartford and the Bridgeport plant, where the portable machines are made, is equal to one machine for every thirty seconds of the working day, production at the Hartford factory amounting to about one machine every thirty-eight seconds. The Underwood plant is the largest producer of typewriters in the world and since the establishment of the business in Hartford the company has paid out in wages more than one hundred and fifteen million dollars, while its total assets are now more than thirty million dollars. In a measure the story of the growth of this mammoth industry is the story of the developing powers and ability of Charles D. Rice, whose efforts have kept the plant at its maximum production. There is no phase of the manufacturing end of the business with which he is not familiar, owing to his long years of experience in typewriter manufacturing, and though multitudinous duties devolve upon him in his present connection, his habit of mental concentration enables him to find ready and accurate solution for every problem presented. He is also financially interested in various other large business concerns, being a director of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, Mechanics Savings Bank, Atlantic Screw Works, Colt's Patent Fire Arms Company, the Hartford City Gas Light Company, the Billings & Spencer Company, Lincoln Fire Insurance Company, Underwood Computing Machine Company, Standard Screw Company, the Hartford Machine Screw Company and the Hope and What Cheer Mutual Fire Insurance Companies of Providence. For many years Mr. Rice has been officially associated with community welfare work, being a member of the Board of Trustees of the American School for the Deaf, the Hartford Hospital, the Connecticut Children's Aid Society and the Young Women's Christian Association. Unofficially, he has been associated with many local charitable enterprises.

On the 25th of December, 1882, Mr. Rice was married to Miss Anna C. Hoagland, a daughter of Joshua and Harriet (Babcock) Hoagland, of Auburn, New York. They have one daughter, Edna, now Mrs. V. R. Leavitt, mentioned elsewhere in this work. The family home is in West Hartford and Mr. Rice is a valued member of the Hartford Club, of which he has served as president, the Farmington

Country Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club and the Hartford Golf Club. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic order. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. Along scientific lines having to do with his chosen field of labor he has association with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Weights and Measures and the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of the talents with which nature endowed him and also indicates the wise use of his time and opportunities. From a humble place in the business world he has climbed steadily upward through his own strength and initiative until today he is justly accounted one of America's captains of industry.

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#### JOHN MARSHALL HOLCOMBE

Quiet in manner, progressive in thought, firm in decision—these were the attributes of John Marshall Holcombe, a resident during the seventy-seven years of his life of Hartford, Connecticut, and born June 8, 1848, in the same house on Lord's Hill in which he died. He was the son of James Huggins and Emily Merrill (Johnson) Holcombe.

After attending the Hartford public schools and graduating from the Hartford public high school in 1865, he took his college course at Yale, where he was graduated with the class of 1869.

Returning to Hartford, he entered the employ of the Connecticut Mutual Life Company, where he remained two years, and then became the first actuary of the recently organized Connecticut Insurance Department.

In 1874 he began the business connection, which lasted throughout his life, by accepting the position of assistant secretary of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. In a year he was promoted to the secretaryship, which office he held until 1889. At this time the Phoenix Mutual went through the process, since become common but then rare, of changing from a stock to a mutual basis of operation. Mr. Holcombe took a leading part in this difficult adjustment and, as a result, became vice president of the company. In 1904, his administration as president began and continued until 1924, when, at the completion of fifty years service with the company, he resigned the presidency and was elected to the newly created office of chairman of the board of directors. The half century had seen his company increase its assets over ninefold, its policyholders from seventeen thousand to one hundred and fifty-seven thousand and its insurance in force from twenty-three million dollars to three hundred and forty million dollars. An officer of an essentially conservative type of business, he was nevertheless uniformly progressive in spirit and throughout his life continued to cultivate an attitude of mind ordinarily possessed only by much younger men.

In the business affairs of his city, he took a constantly broadening part with advancing years, and in the banking field he early took a place by being one of the founders of the Fidelity Trust Company and subsequently its president, as well as serving on the board of directors. His membership on the board continued after the Fidelity Company became amalgamated with two other banks under the name of the United States Security Trust Company.

His national bank connection was a place on the directorate of the Phoenix National Bank. As president and director of the Mechanics Savings Bank, he was identified with one of the strongest and most progressive institutions of its kind in the community. His relationship to insurance other than life insurance came through his membership on the board of directors of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company and the National Surety Company of New York. Allied in the field of finance to his banking connections was his position as treasurer of the Hartford Retreat for the Insane. Lastly, he served the manufacturing business through being a director of the Peck, Stow and Wilcox Company of Southington, Connecticut.

In civic affairs, he early took a prominent part, beginning with his election to the board of aldermen and later his election to the presidency of that board. He was one of the organizers of the city health department and served for many years as health commissioner, during which time he was largely instrumental in securing for the city its system of intercepting sewers. He was also on the board of finance, and for many years was a member of the city plan commission. When the project





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to reclaim a large tract of land from the flood waters of the Connecticut river was first discussed, Mr. Holcombe saw in it large possibilities of future value to the city and became chairman of the meadows development commission.

He was one of the first lecturers in the insurance course at Yale, itself one of the earliest efforts to teach insurance in an American university. His interest in Yale affairs continued throughout his life, and he was one of the presidents of the Yale Alumni Association in Hartford. He was twice the recipient of honorary degrees—the first, that of Master of Arts from Yale University in 1909; the second, that of Doctor of Laws from Trinity College in 1920. On the former occasion, the orator of the day, introduced him to President Hadley of Yale with these words, evidence of the place he had won as a life insurance executive:

"In the enormous activities of modern life insurance, one of the most complex and difficult subjects to master, Mr. Holcombe has achieved eminence; he possesses that optimism which is the philosophical basis of his vocation; he has added reputation to a city which with less than one hundred thousand inhabitants has never hesitated to insure the entire world. And lastly, in a field of work that has been peculiarly subject to attack from the moral reformers' standpoint, Mr. Holcombe has been true to the name he bears, the name of the greatest judge in American History—John Marshall."

Mr. Holcombe was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Society of the War of 1812. His clubs included the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Tourilli Fish and Game Club of Quebec, and the University Club of New York. He was a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, and had served as president of the Insurance Institute and the Municipal Art Society, both of Hartford.

Early in his business life he married, on January 29, 1873, Emily Seymour Goodwin of Brooklyn, New York, and fifty years later their golden wedding was observed in the house where Mr. Holcombe was born. Mrs. Holcombe's unusual capacity for organization placed her in the foremost ranks of numerous activities for many years. She was an organizer of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she later served as regent, and in which capacity she was instrumental in the widening of Gold street and the restoration of the Ancient Burying Ground, where lie buried the founders of Hartford. She was also a charter member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames, and later served as president. In that office she had much to do with the successful campaign to save the old State House from destruction.

Mrs. Holcombe represented her state on the National Board of Lady Managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904, and furthermore was a member of the State Commission at that fair and subsequently at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

But these opportunities for public service did not prevent her from being an active and vigorous partner of Mr. Holcombe in all his business and civic affairs.

A life of close companionship, happiness and helpfulness lasted throughout their fifty years together, and she was a constant inspiration to her family by her unusual force and vivid personality. Because of her work in restoring the Ancient Burying Ground, the board of aldermen passed a resolution permitting two burials there, and in consequence the bodies of both Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe lie among the many early settlers of the city. Mrs. Holcombe passed away March 28, 1923, and Mr. Holcombe followed on June 15, 1926.

To Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe, three children were born—Harold Goodwin of Hartford, Emily Marguerite, who died February 6, 1926, and John Marshall, Jr., of Hartford.

The monument which both Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe left is the life of service; lives which made their city and state richer by what each accomplished.

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#### EDWARD MANSFIELD DEXTER

Edward Mansfield Dexter, who was an outstanding figure in the commercial life of Hartford as a wholesale flour merchant, filling the offices of president and treasurer of E. G. Whittelsey & Company, Inc., died in Hartford on the 19th of March, 1923, when in the fifty-ninth year of his age. He was born at Orange, Massa-

chusetts, October 2, 1864, his parents being Samuel Stillman and Maria C. (Dewey) Dexter, and he was a descendant in the eighth generation of Thomas Dexter, who came to America from England in 1629.

At the usual age Edward M. Dexter entered the public schools and won the valedictorian honors of his class when graduated from the high school of Orange in 1882. For a time he assisted his father in his work as a civil engineer and then spent two and one-half years in the employ of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, after which he entered the dry goods store of M. E. Cowan, by whom he was employed as a carpet salesman for a year. In 1885 he removed to Black River, New York, and during the period of his residence there he filled the office of village clerk and took a most active part in politics as a loyal supporter of the republican party. At the time of William McKinley's first election to the presidency Mr. Dexter was president of the Republican Club. His business association there, covering a period of thirteen years, was that of manager and bookkeeper for the H. C. Dexter Chair Company. In 1897 he became a resident of Hartford, Connecticut, and took charge of the office of E. G. Whittelsey & Company, wholesale dealers in flour, butter, cheese, etc. He discharged the duties of bookkeeper for a time, but gradually his responsibilities were increased, and when the business was incorporated he was elected president and treasurer. Under his intelligent guidance the business of the house was constantly extended, the firm developing a trade that covered a wide territory. Mr. Dexter was also secretary of the Southern New England Grocers Association and was helpfully interested in the general activities of the wholesale provision trade. At one time he was president of the Hartford Business Men's Association and he was an active member of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. In fact he did everything in his power to promote commercial interests in this section of the country and his labors were far-reaching and resultant.

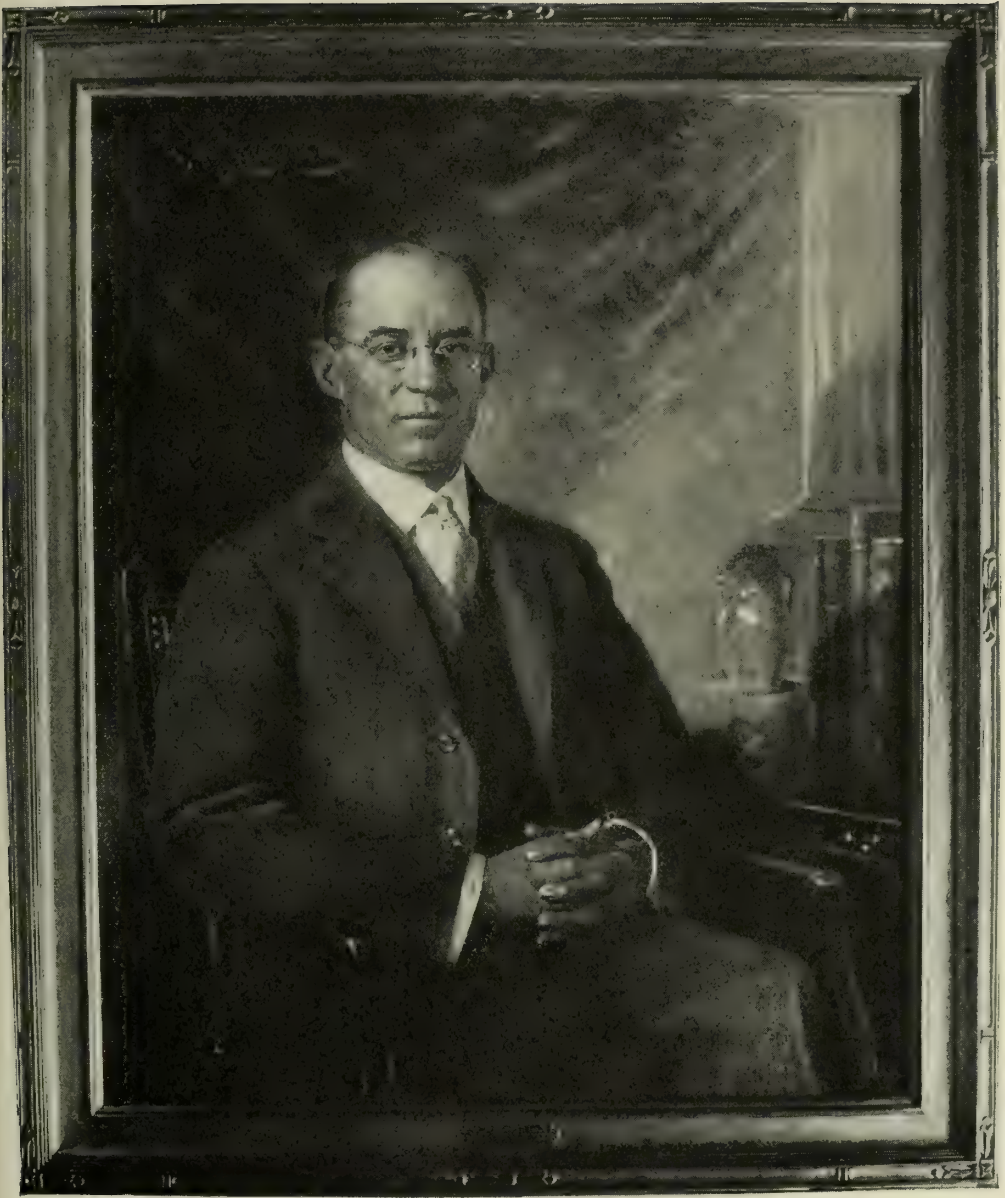
On the 18th of July, 1888, Mr. Dexter was married to Miss N. Gertrude Boyce, of Orange, Massachusetts, a daughter of Alaric and Armanda (Whitney) Boyce. They had one son, Raymond H. Dexter, now of the bonding department of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company. He married Margaret Hester Wyper and has four sons—Raymond H., Jr., William Brice, Richard Whitney and Edward Wright, who are twelve, nine, seven and five years of age, respectively. The family resides at Rockyhill, Connecticut. Mrs. N. Gertrude (Boyce) Dexter is prominent in the Eastern Star, in which she filled the office of Electa for two years and was chaplain for one year. Mr. Dexter was an active member of the Fourth Congregational church, in the work of which he took a prominent part, serving as deacon, as trustee and as vice president of its large choir. He was also chairman of the house committee of the Village Street Mission and he was a member of the Congregational Club of Connecticut. Throughout his entire life he was loyal to every responsibility and faithful to every obligation that devolved upon him. He had the entire confidence of his business associates and he enjoyed as well the warm regard of those with whom he was connected through membership relations. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Hartford Get Together Club and the Masonic fraternity, having membership in St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and the Hartford Chapter of the Eastern Star. Because of his upright life and his many sterling traits of character he enjoyed in unqualified measure the good will, confidence and high regard of all who knew him and his influence and his example remain as a force for good among those with whom he came in contact.

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#### JAMES LEE LOOMIS

For a period of nineteen years James Lee Loomis has been a representative of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford and his course has been marked by that steady advancement which has brought him eventually to the presidency of this strong corporation. His knowledge of the law, his executive power, his keen insight and broad vision have all featured in the growing success of the institution of which he is now the head. A native son of Connecticut, he was born in Granby, November 3, 1878, and is a son of Chester Peck and Eliza (Harger) Loomis, who were prominent residents of Granby. His father passed away in Florida, March 30,





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1914. The son enjoyed excellent educational opportunities, attending the New York Military Academy at Cornwall, New York, and continuing his studies in Yale University, where he gained the A. B. degree in 1901. He afterward devoted two years to study in the Yale Law School and while thus engaged was one of the editors of the Yale Law Journal. On leaving college he came to Hartford to take charge of the collection department of the Hartford Business Men's Association but continued his law reading and in 1905 was admitted to the bar, his knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence standing him in good stead throughout his entire business career. In 1905 he began practicing with the well known firm of Bill & Tuttle and was so engaged until 1906, after which he practiced independently until 1909. On the 1st of April of the latter year he came to the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company as assistant secretary and with the thoroughness which has ever characterized him in every undertaking he started to familiarize himself with all the different phases of the business and to master the basic principles upon which the company is founded and which constitute a strong element in its growth and success. On the 22nd of November, 1918, he was elected vice president and after eight years spent as second executive officer was chosen president at the annual election of the company on the 26th of March, 1926. He has thus reached the topmost pinnacle in connection with the management and direction of a mammoth corporation which constitutes a very strong feature in the business growth, stability and progress of the state. His constantly expanding powers have also been in demand in other connections and he is now a trustee and the vice president of the Loomis Institute at Windsor, Connecticut, is a director of the Phoenix Insurance Company, of the First National Bank, the Bankers Trust Company, the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Simsbury Bank & Trust Company. He is likewise a trustee of the Society for Savings and in all business affairs he shows keen discrimination, readily detecting that which is vital in business management and never faltering in carrying out his plans, which have as their basis broad experience and sound judgment.

In June, 1906, Mr. Loomis was married to Miss Helen Bruce, a daughter of Orlando and Jane (Dibble) Bruce, of Westfield, Massachusetts, and their children are: Jane Bruce, born July 24, 1908; James Lee, Jr., born May 23, 1911; Chester Harger, January 7, 1914; and Bruce, November 2, 1920.

Mr. Loomis belongs to the Hartford, Hartford Golf, Farmington Country, University and Republican clubs.

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#### ETHEL FRANCES DONAGHUE

Ethel Frances Donaghue, attorney at law with offices at 525 Main street in Hartford, bears the distinction of being one of two women who are members of the bar of this city. Already she has made gratifying progress in a profession in which advancement depends entirely upon individual effort and ability. She was born in Hartford, July 6, 1896, and is a daughter of Patrick and Catharine (Weldon) Donaghue, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Manchester, Connecticut. They became residents of Hartford about 1860 and the father was for many years a well known merchant here. He died in 1910 and is still survived by his widow. They were the parents of a son, T. Weldon Donaghue, who served in the navy during the World war and is now engaged in the real estate business in Hartford.

The daughter, Ethel Frances Donaghue, attended the high school, from which she was graduated with the class of 1913, and then entered Vassar College, completing her course in 1917, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon her. Determining to become a member of the bar, she matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania and won her LL. B. degree at graduation with the class of 1920. She was also awarded the Morris Pembroke prize. For a year thereafter she acted as special assistant to the attorney-general at Washington, D. C., and then went to New York city, where the J. S. D. degree was conferred upon her in 1922. The following year she was admitted to practice at the New York bar and there followed the profession for three years, gaining valuable experience as her practice increased in volume and importance. In 1926 she was admitted to the Connecticut bar and also in the same year was admitted to practice before the United States

supreme court. It was also in that year that she sailed around the world on board the *Carinthia*.

Miss Donaghue is now devoting the greater part of her time to that branch of law which has to do with real estate and wills, having offices in the Donaghue building, which was erected by her brother. A clear thinker and logical reasoner, she readily applies her comprehensive knowledge of law to the points which are featured in the legal interests entrusted to her care, and her ready understanding of the nature of a case enables her to make correct application of legal principles. She is a member of the New York County Lawyers Association and the American Bar Association. She now has a clientele of considerable proportions and is making rapid progress in her chosen life work.

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#### CARL F. STURHAHN

Carl F. Sturhahn, president of the *Rossia Insurance Company of America* and therefore well known in insurance circles not only in Hartford but in the country, was born in Hanover, Germany, January 25, 1871, and was in London, England, from 1889 to 1901. He dates his residence on this side of the Atlantic from the latter year, and from 1901 until 1903 was in New York. Since making his initial step in the business world his course has been marked by a steady progress that has brought him to a prominent place among the insurance officials of the east. Thoroughly acquainting himself with the various phases of the business, developing his ability through the exercise of effort, gaining knowledge and power through experience, he long since became competent to cope successfully with the intricate and complex problems which feature in insurance management and control. Step by step he has advanced until he is now at the head of large interests as president and director of the *Rossia Insurance Company of America*, as vice president and director of the *Fire Reassurance Company of New York*, as chairman of the board of directors of the *Lincoln Fire Insurance Company of New York*, as chairman of the board of directors of *The First Reinsurance Company of Hartford*, and as president and director of the *Globe Underwriters Exchange, Inc.*, of Hartford. He is likewise an outstanding figure in banking circles of the east, being a representative of the directorate of the *Bank of Manhattan Company of New York*, a director of the *Phoenix State Bank and Trust Company of Hartford*, and also as a director of the *British Colonial Fire Insurance Company of Montreal, Canada*.

Mr. Sturhahn was married September 3, 1902, to Maie Nunes Corvaldo, and they have two sons: Herbert Carl, a Yale graduate; and George Marshall, who is attending Colby University.

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#### HIRAM PERCY MAXIM

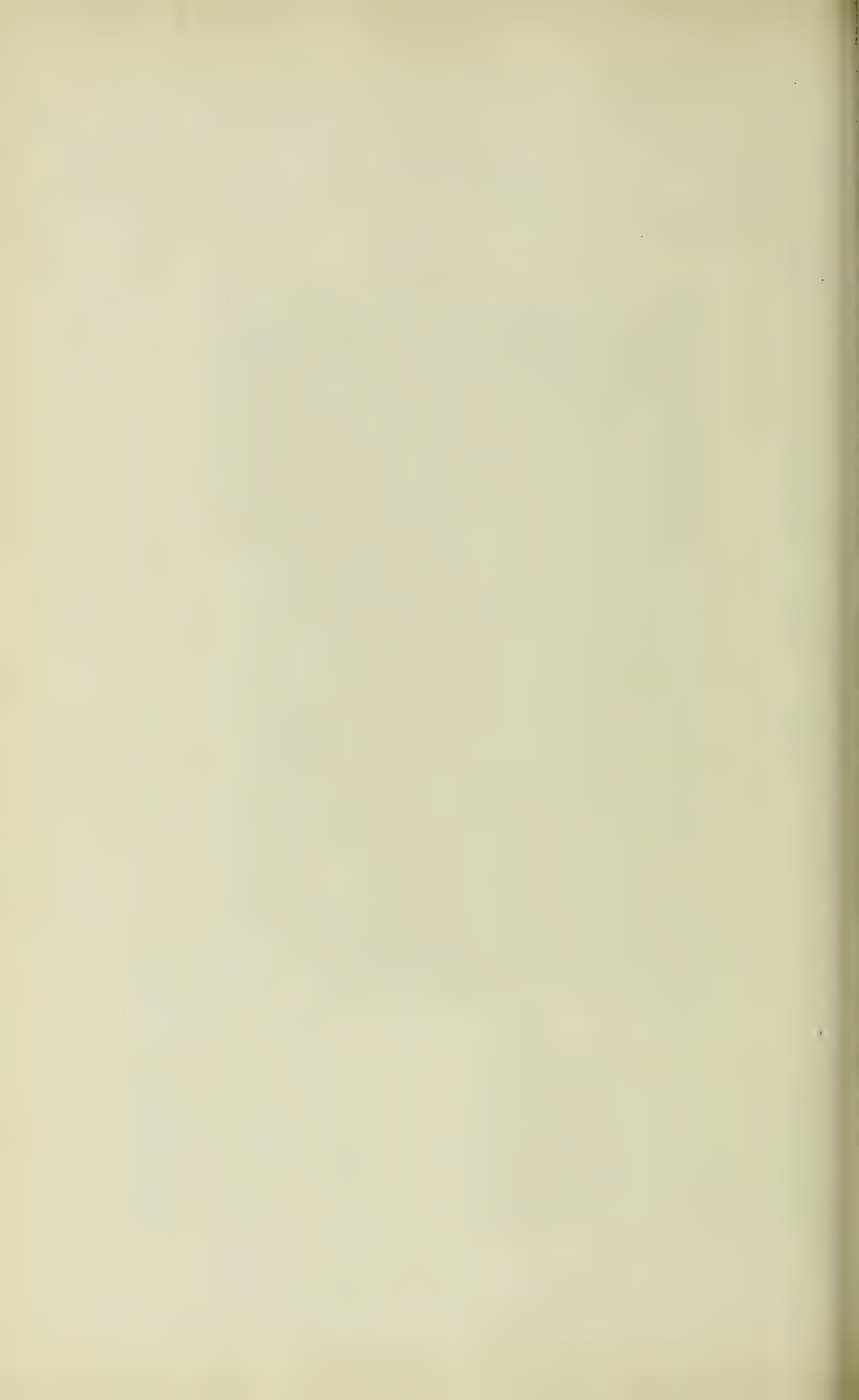
There are few inventions which have awakened as widespread interest as the Maxim silencer, resulting from the inventive genius, comprehensive study and experience of Hiram Percy Maxim, now president of the *Maxim Silencer Company*, which was organized in 1910. While the line of manufacture has changed somewhat since that time, the steady development and growth of the business has continued, owing to the efforts of its founder and promoter. Mr. Maxim was born in Brooklyn, New York, September 2, 1869, and is a son of Sir Hiram Stevens and Jane (Budden) Maxim, of that city. He pursued a public and high school education there and afterward entered the *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886 on the completion of the mechanical arts course. His accomplishments have brought to him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science, conferred by *Colgate University at Hamilton, New York*, in 1924. His initial experience in the business world came in 1886, when he entered the employ of the *Sun Electric Company of Woburn, Massachusetts*, as an engineer, remaining with that concern for one year. He then became engineer in the incandescent lighting department of the *Fort Wayne-Jennie Electric Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana*, where he also remained for a year. Later he was associated with the incandescent light



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department of the W. S. Hill Electric Company of Boston as an engineer for a period of two years and subsequently spent an equal period as engineer with the Thomson Electric Welding Company of Lynn, Massachusetts. Each change which he made brought him larger experience and wider opportunities which he quickly utilized, constantly adding to his knowledge and efficiency and developing his innate powers. On leaving the Lynn plant he became superintendent of the American Projectile Company, a subsidiary of the Thomson Electric Company, with which he remained until 1895, when he accepted the position of engineer of the motor vehicle department of the Pope Manufacturing Company of Hartford, remaining with that concern through its various changes, resulting eventually in the organization of the Electric Vehicle Company of Hartford, of which he became chief engineer. This corporation brought out the Columbia electric automobile and the Columbia gasoline automobile, and Mr. Maxim was continuously associated with the business until 1901, when he entered an enlarged field of service and usefulness by becoming chief engineer of the vehicle motor department of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company in Pittsburgh, being assigned to the vehicle motor department. There he continued until 1903, when he returned to the Electric Vehicle Company in Hartford as chief engineer, so remaining until 1907. In the meantime he was carrying on research work and experimentation that resulted in his invention of the Maxim silencer for firearms, which he patented and developed, organizing the Maxim Silencer Company in 1910, since which time he has continued as its president. The manufacture of the firearms silencer was discontinued in 1925, due to the large demand for industrial silencers, which are being used for gas and Diesel engines, air compressors and for the suppression of all sorts of industrial noise. These silencers, too, were perfected by Mr. Maxim and are coming into wide general use in the industrial world.

On the 21st of December, 1898, was observed the marriage of Hiram P. Maxim and Miss Josephine Hamilton, a daughter of William T. and Clara (Jeanness) Hamilton, of Hagerstown, Maryland, the former having recently served as governor of that state. Their children are two in number. The son, Hiram Hamilton, born May 16, 1900, was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a mechanical engineer with the class of 1922 and is now chief engineer for the Maxim Silencer Company. Percy, born July 4, 1906, is the wife of John G. Lee, of Amityville, New York, and they have one child, John Maxim Lee, born April 5, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Maxim are widely and favorably known in Hartford's leading social circles and his activity in public affairs has also brought him into prominence, so that aside from his inventions his name is widely known throughout the country. He is today serving as municipal aviation commissioner of the city of Hartford, is president of the American Radio Relay League, president of the Amateur Cinema League of New York and of the International Amateur Radio Union. Along professional lines he has connection with the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Institute of Radio Engineers, the American Chemical Society and the Engineers Club of Hartford, of which he is a past president. He is also connected with the Engineers Club of New York city and further participates in the social activities of his adopted city through his membership in the Hartford Club and the Hartford Yacht Club. His contribution to the world of invention has made him an outstanding figure among Connecticut's notable men.

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REMSEN BRINCKERHOFF OGILBY, B. D., LL. D., Litt. D.

Dr. Remsem Brinckerhoff Ogilby, president of Trinity College of Hartford since 1920, was born April 8, 1881, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, a son of Charles Fitz Randolph and Agnes (Brinckerhoff) Ogilby, of Briar Cliff, New York. Having mastered the elementary branches of learning, he continued his education in the Roxbury Latin School in Boston and then entered Harvard, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902 and the degree of Master of Arts in 1907. He spent two years at the General Theological Seminary in New York city and a third year at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, where he won his B. D. degree in 1907. Some years prior to this time he had taken up the profession of teaching and from 1902 until 1904 was master at Groton School in Groton, Massachusetts, while the period between 1904 and 1907 was given over to the study of

theology. In the latter year he became assistant at St. Stephen's church in Boston, where he continued until 1909, and from 1909 until 1918 was head master of Baguio School in the Philippine Islands, a boarding school for American boys. The latter year brought him appointment to the position of chaplain in the United States army. He served as chaplain at the military academy at West Point and later as chaplain at Debarkation Hospital No. 5 in New York city, for it was at this period that the World war soldiers were returning to America. In 1919-20 Dr. Ogilby was master at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, and in the latter year came to Trinity College, where he has since remained as president of this institution, maintaining its high rank and standards and in fact promoting its efficiency through the introduction of new and improved methods. Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, conferred upon him the LL. D. degree and in 1923 he received the degree of Doctor of Literature from Columbia University.

On the 26th of August, 1919, Dr. Ogilby was married to Miss Lois Cunningham, a daughter of Frederick and Leila (Manley) Cunningham, of New York city, and their children are: Peter Brinckerhoff, born March 13, 1921; Lyman Cunningham, January 25, 1922; and Alexander, born January 13, 1928. Dr. Ogilby's interest in social activities is manifest through his connection with the Harvard Club of New York, the Century Club of New York and the University Club of Boston, while he also has membership in the University Club of Hartford and the Harvard Club of Connecticut.

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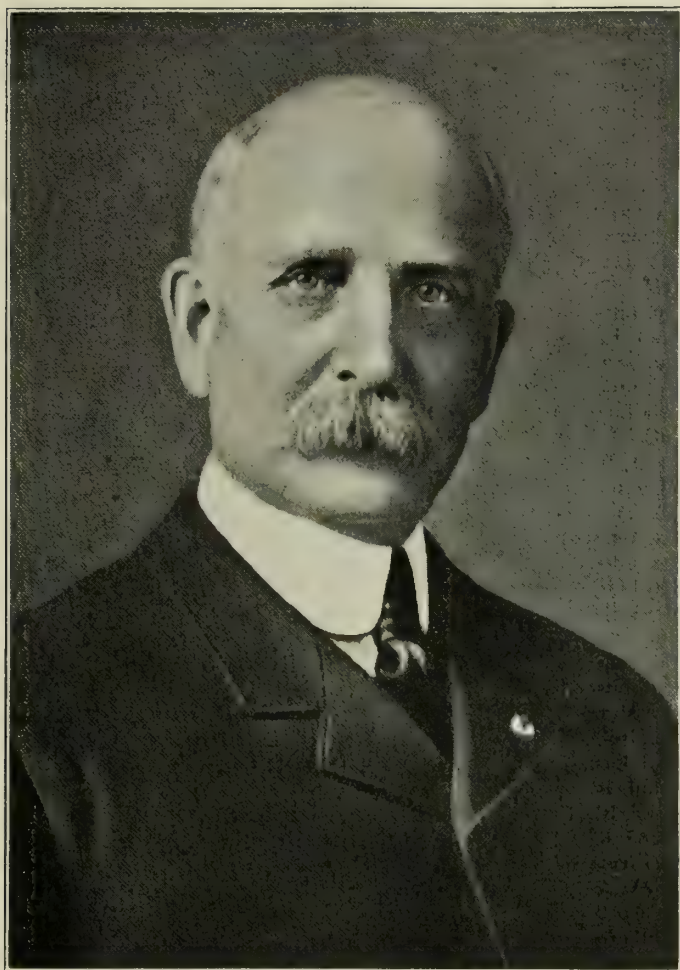
#### JACOB LYMAN GREENE

The life record of such a man as Jacob Lyman Greene cannot fail to have inspirational value to all who read this memoir. He was ever actuated by the highest sense of patriotic devotion to the country, while in business circles he made for himself a creditable and honorable place. His life was ever actuated by the highest principles of integrity and of public service. He was born in Waterford, Maine, August 9, 1837, his parents being Captain Jacob H. and Sarah W. (Frye) Greene, both of whom were representatives of old New England families, the mother tracing her ancestry back to Major General Joseph Frye, who served with distinction in the Revolutionary war.

Upon the old homestead farm Jacob L. Greene was reared, receiving the educational advantages afforded by the schools of the period, but actuated by a laudable ambition he made the best possible use of his school training and of home study, so that eventually he was qualified to pass the entrance examinations required in the law department of the University of Michigan. He had practiced for about two years when the country became involved in civil war and he put aside all professional and personal interests to respond to the country's call for service, joining Company G of the Seventh Michigan Infantry, of which he was commissioned first lieutenant on the 22d of August, 1861. Without even pausing to visit his parents in the old New England home he went to the front, serving until honorably discharged January 28, 1862. On the 14th of July, 1863, he again joined the army and was commissioned a captain of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry, while subsequently he was advanced to the rank of assistant adjutant general. He was taken prisoner in one of the many engagements in which he took part and was confined in Libby and other prisons until receiving his exchange in the latter part of 1864, while on the 13th of March, 1865, he was brevetted lieutenant colonel "for distinguished gallantry at the battle of Trevilian Station, and faithful and meritorious services during the war." He was afterward on duty under General George A. Custer in Virginia, with whom he subsequently served as chief of staff in Louisiana and Texas until honorably discharged March 20, 1866.

With his return to the north Colonel Greene located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where his brother, Dr. William Warren Greene, was actively associated with the Berkshire Life Insurance Company, with which the Colonel secured a position. His capability was soon manifest and he was made assistant secretary in the principal office of the company. He studied insurance with his characteristic thoroughness until he became a recognized authority on the subject. He wrote many articles on insurance and actuarial questions which appeared in the leading magazines of the





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country and attracted the attention of the officials of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, who offered him a position as assistant secretary in the home office. Accepting this, Colonel Greene became a resident of Hartford in 1870 and in 1871 was elected secretary, while the year 1878 saw him advanced to the presidency, in which position he thereafter continued until his life's labors were ended in death. He held to the highest standards of insurance service, writing many articles which were of inspirational value to those who labored in that field. Moreover, he kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress along many other lines and was the author of many articles of widespread interest upon such subjects as "Bimetallism, or the Double Standard," "The Silver Question," "Our Currency Problems" and "What is 'A Sound Currency?'" He mastered these subjects with such thoroughness and presented his views with such clearness and force that they were widely copied throughout the country and received the endorsement of many of the ablest financiers of America.

Colonel Greene was married three times. To him and his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Malvina Wood, was born a daughter who is now Mrs. H. S. Richards of Rochester, New York. By his second wife, Mrs. Annette (Humphrey) Greene, he had a son, Jacob Humphrey Greene, who is secretary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. The third wife of Colonel Greene was in her maidenhood Caroline S. Barrows.

Colonel Greene died in Hartford, March 29, 1905, when he was in the sixty-eighth year of his age. He passed away in the Episcopal faith, of which he had long been an earnest and devout follower, attending many of the conventions of his church and otherwise contributing to its work and influence. He was a member of many industrial, financial, educational, scientific and benevolent organizations and was regarded as a valuable contributing factor to the success of each. He was particularly interested in Trinity College, serving as secretary of its board of trustees and furthering its welfare in many personal ways. Patriotism was ever one of his marked characteristics, manifest in his attitude toward public questions at all times as well as in his many public utterances. He was chosen as the speaker at the time of the Grant Memorial services in Hartford and delivered a most eloquent address on that occasion. He was the author of a work on "General William B. Franklin and the Battle of Fredericksburg," published in 1890, and of "In Memoriam of General Franklin," in 1903. He belonged to the Century, Hartford Country and Hartford Golf Clubs and to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Something of his high position is indicated in the fact that Yale University conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1897 and Trinity College the Doctor of Laws degree in 1904. When he passed from this life the highest tributes of honor and respect were spoken by those who had been his associates and knew of the honorable and efficient life he had led and of his valuable service in promoting the material development, the patriotic progress and the intellectual and moral advancement of the people of Connecticut.

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#### PHILIP H. LA FLEUR

Philip H. La Fleur, attorney at law, associated with the firm of Day, Berry & Reynolds at Hartford, was born in Middlebury, Vermont, May 1, 1894, and is a son of Ira H. and Josephine (Dudley) La Fleur, the father having been born at Prescott, Ontario, Canada, while the mother was born at East Middlebury, Vermont. The La Fleur family is of French lineage and the father is now well known as a lawyer of Middlebury, where he is also recognized as a prominent political leader, having represented his district in both houses of the general assembly. He has likewise filled the position of village attorney and for fifteen years has capably served as chairman of the school board. His own education was acquired in Middlebury College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894.

Philip H. La Fleur attended the Middlebury high school and is numbered among its alumni of 1913. He next entered Colgate University, in which he studied for two years. After leaving school he studied law in the office and under the direction of his father for two years, but his studies were interrupted by his enlistment for service in the World war in December, 1917, at which time he joined the aviation section of the



Signal Corps and went to Kelly Field in Texas. He was afterward assigned to the bureau of aircraft production in Washington, D. C., and was discharged as a sergeant, first-class, in June, 1919. Shortly after his return at the close of the war Mr. La Fleur came to Hartford in December, 1919, and was employed in the Hartford Rubber Works. This gave him a start and when opportunity permitted he entered the law office of Day & Berry, there continuing his law studies from July, 1921. He also attended the Hartford College of Law and was graduated in June, 1923. This was followed by his admission to the bar on the 15th of January, 1924, since which time he has engaged in active practice, meeting with satisfactory success, having attained a creditable position among the younger representatives of the Hartford bar.

On the 29th of June, 1925, Mr. La Fleur was united in marriage to Miss Anastasie Stella Goulet, of Webster, Massachusetts, and of French origin. She is a graduate of Hartford Hospital, is a registered nurse and has been very active in the Nurses' Alumni Association.

Mr. La Fleur is editor of the Associated French-American Republican Clubs, of Connecticut, and is vice president of the French-American Republican Club of Hartford. In June, 1928, he was elected governor of the State of Vermont Club in Hartford. He belongs also to the Hartford County Bar Association, and his interest centers in his profession, in which his labors, actuated by a laudable ambition, are bringing desired results.

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#### FRANCIS A. PALLOTTI

As a member of the County, State and American Bar Associations Francis A. Pallotti has long enjoyed the unqualified respect and confidence of his brethren in the legal fraternity, while in the field of citizenship he has won an honored name and place for himself, as indicated in the fact that he is now serving for the third term as Connecticut's secretary of state. He is thus leaving the impress of his individuality and ability in large measure upon the history of the commonwealth and has done much to shape public thought and action. He was born in Hartford, August 21, 1886, his parents being Nicola and Marie Antonia (Demma) Pallotti, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work.

Francis A. Pallotti was educated in Hartford through attendance at the Brown school and the high school, with later a course in the Holy Cross Preparatory School at Worcester. He next entered the Holy Cross College and won his Bachelor of Arts degree on his graduation with the class of 1908. Attracted to the law, he became a law student at Yale and was graduated cum laude with the Bachelor of Laws degree in the class of 1911. He was elected president of his class, which was the largest ever graduated from Yale. The same year he was admitted to the bar of Hartford county and throughout the intervening period has continued in the active practice of the profession, although dividing his time with other important and far-reaching interests. In 1916 he acted as associate judge in the police court of Hartford and in February, 1917, was appointed to the office. He also served as vice president of the board of street commissioners and filled that office from 1913 until 1917, when he became judge of the city police court and served on the bench for four years, his decisions being characterized by strict fairness and impartiality. In January, 1923, he assumed the duties of secretary of state, to which office he was elected on the republican ticket, and is now serving for the third successive term in that important position. He has ever been an earnest follower of the republican party and has exerted wide influence in this connection. His activities, too, extend into the field of finance, for he is a director of the Riverside Trust Company and a trustee of the Dime Savings Bank.

On the 12th of April, 1915, Mr. Pallotti was united in marriage to Miss Mary Agnes Verdi, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Domenico and Rose (Rugiero) Verdi, of that city. They have become parents of two children: Nicholas, born December 11, 1916; and Rosemary, born March 23, 1918. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Pallotti belongs to Green Cross Council, No. 11, of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Young Italian American Association, Court Garibaldi of the Foresters of Amer-



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ica, the City Club and the Ki Tau Kappa of the Yale Law School. His career is an illustration of the adaptability of the Italian race. Thoroughly American in the second generation, the family has largely furthered the welfare of Hartford and Francis A. Pallotti has made valuable contribution to the state in his advocacy of plans and measures that have directly benefitted the commonwealth. The value of his service finds acknowledgment at the polls and in the endorsement of many of the leading residents of the state, while his fellow members of the bar bear testimony to his superior ability in the profession which he chose as his life work.

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#### COLONEL FRANCIS PARSONS

Colonel Francis Parsons, a lifelong resident of Hartford, has been throughout his business career closely associated with its legal, banking and cultural interests. He was born January 13, 1871, a son of John C. and Mary (McClellan) Parsons. The father, who was born in Hartford, June 3, 1832, was of English lineage and traced his ancestry in America back to "Cornet" Joseph Parsons, who settled in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1635, later moving to Northampton. The ancestral lines comes down through his son, Joseph Parsons (II), of Northampton, David Parsons, who was pastor of the churches at Malden and Leicester, Massachusetts, and his son, David Parsons (II), of Amherst, Massachusetts, who likewise devoted his life to the work of the ministry. He in turn was the father of the Rev. David Parsons (III), likewise of Amherst, who became the father of the Hon. Francis Parsons, of Hartford, judge of the county court of Hartford county and grandfather of Francis Parsons of this review. John C. Parsons, the son of Francis Parsons, Sr., married Mary McClellan, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born May 31, 1844. She was of English and Scotch lineage and a daughter of Dr. Samuel McClellan, of Philadelphia, who was one of the founders and a member of the faculty of Jefferson Medical College. Dr. McClellan was a grandson of General Samuel McClellan, of Woodstock, Connecticut, who served in the Revolutionary war with the rank successively of major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel; following the victorious outcome of the Revolutionary war he served as brigadier-general in command of the Fifth Brigade of Connecticut militia. His wife was a descendant of Governor William Bradford, of Plymouth, Massachusetts. The McClellans were a Scotch family, the clan having its castle at Kirkcudbright.

Francis Parsons acquired his early education in the district schools of Hartford and was graduated from the Hartford Public High School with the class of 1889. At Yale University he won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1893. After two years spent in newspaper work on the staff of the Hartford Courant, he began preparation for the bar as a student in the Yale School of Law, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree in 1897. He received the Master of Arts degree in 1925 upon becoming a member of the Yale Corporation or Board of Trustees. Following his admission to the bar he practiced in Hartford until 1904, when he left the general practice of the law to become identified with the banking interests of the city as secretary of the Security Company, of which he was afterward made vice president. His legal work, however, was continued in connection with the trust department of that corporation and has never been given up. In 1923 this institution was consolidated with others under the name of the United States Security Trust Company, of which Mr. Parsons was successively vice president and vice chairman of the board of trustees. In 1927 the United States Security Trust Company was merged with the Hartford-Aetna National Bank, becoming the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company. He is now vice chairman of the board of directors of this corporation and one of the directors of the institution. He is likewise a trustee of the Society for Savings and a director of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company and of the Phoenix Insurance Company.

On June 22, 1897, at Brandon, Vermont, Mr. Parsons married Miss Elizabeth Alden Hutchins, a daughter of the late Major Robert A. Hutchins, of Concord, New Hampshire, and Georgiana Alden Hutchins. Her father was a son of Ephraim Hutchins, who was a son of Abel Hutchins, both of Concord, New Hampshire, and the latter was a son of Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Hutchins, who was born in 1733 and served in the Revolutionary war, also, as member from Concord, in the Pro-

vincial Congress. He was a son of William Hutchins, of Harvard, Massachusetts. The mother of Mrs. Parsons, Georgiana Alden (Jackson) Hutchins, was a direct descendant of John Alden, of Plymouth. Major Hutchins, the father of Mrs. Parsons, who also was descended from John Alden, entered the Civil war as a member of the Seventh New York Regiment. Through successive promotions he became assistant adjutant-general on the staff of General O. B. Willcox. In the battle of the Wilderness he was severely wounded and never recovered from the effects of that injury. He died in Los Angeles, California, October 15, 1883. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are Mary, John C. and Elizabeth H., all living in Hartford.

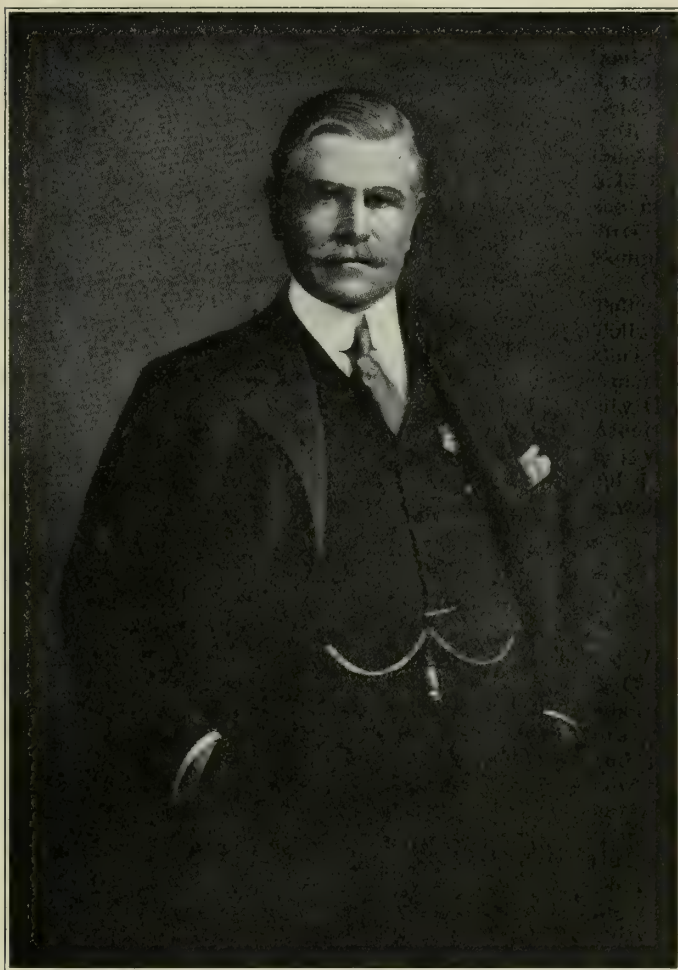
Mr. Parsons has long been actively associated with many institutions of a public or semi-public character. His membership on the Board of Trustees, or Corporation, of Yale University has already been noted. He is also a trustee of the Wadsworth Athenaeum and a trustee and the vice president of the Watkinson Library. He is likewise vice president and a director of the Hartford Public Library, of the American School for the Deaf and of other philanthropic institutions. He is identified with various Yale societies, including Psi Upsilon, Chi Delta Theta, or the Yale Literary Magazine, and Skull and Bones. For many years he has been a member of the Connecticut Commission on Sculpture. In 1907-8 he served on the board of education of the city of Hartford and again from 1921 until 1924. From 1908 until 1918 he was a member of the board of park commissioners. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and his military record covers service as assistant quartermaster-general of Connecticut from 1899 until 1901 with the rank of colonel. In 1911 he was one of the organizers of Troop B of the Fifth Militia Cavalry of Connecticut, in which he served until 1914. In the World war period, he was captain of Company B, First Regiment, Connecticut State Guard, in 1917-18; and served overseas with the American Red Cross with the rank of captain in 1918, in the position of director of the Bureau of Home Service for Great Britain. His religious connections are with the Congregational church, his membership being in the First Church of Christ in Hartford. He is a member of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club of Hartford, the University Club of New York, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Acorn Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven and the Elizabethan Club of New Haven. Mr. Parsons has always been interested in local history and in 1922 published a book of essays entitled "The Friendly Club and Other Portraits," dealing with the group of post-Revolutionary literati known as the "Hartford Wits" and with other well known residents of his city in the past. Some pamphlets and magazine articles have appeared under his name. His library, by inheritance and by personal acquirement, is of exceptional value.

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#### LOUIS RICHMOND CHENEY

No career illustrates more clearly the possibility for effective and far-reaching achievement than that of Louis Richmond Cheney. His interests are most varied in character and comprehensive in scope and in all of his activities the public has largely been the beneficiary, although his interests have likewise promoted his private fortunes and made him one of the notable figures in business and financial circles in Hartford. A native son of Connecticut, he was born at South Manchester, April 27, 1859, his parents being George Wells and Harriet Kingsbury (Richmond) Cheney. The name Cheney was one of the earliest surnames used in England and from that country came John Cheney, the founder of the family in America, in 1636. Successive generations have been active in the business and public life of New England and the father, George Wells Cheney, has long been known as a member of the firm of Cheney Brothers, silk manufacturers of South Manchester.

When he had passed through consecutive grades to the completion of his high school work in Hartford, Louis R. Cheney entered upon his business career in 1879 with the silk manufacturing concern at Manchester in which his father was interested and later was employed at Cheney Brothers mills in Hartford. He also spent four years in the sales department of the firm in New York city and constantly his activities and interests have broadened in scope and importance until, aside from his association with Cheney Brothers, he is now a director of the Connecticut River Banking Company, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Hartford Elec-



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LOUIS R. CHENEY





tric Light Company, Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company and the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, vice president and director of the Automatic Refrigerating Company and a director of the Industrial Finance Corporation (New York). He is also a director of the National Surety Company (New York) and the Connecticut Fair Association, while he is serving as a trustee of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company and as president and director of the Hartford Morris Plan Bank. So important and extensive are his interests that his name is inseparably associated with the history of growth and progress in the state along industrial, manufacturing and financial lines.

In early manhood Mr. Cheney established his own home through his marriage on the 16th of April, 1890, to Miss Mary Alice Robinson, a daughter of Lucius F. and Eliza (Trumbull) Robinson, the former now deceased. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney is now Mrs. John T. Roberts, of Hartford.

From the period of early manhood Mr. Cheney has also been deeply interested in questions of public welfare and his influence has ever been on the side of progress, reform and improvement. He served both as councilman and alderman in Hartford for a period of five years and from 1905 until 1907 was colonel and quartermaster-general of Connecticut, while for seven years he was major commandant of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, his service covering the periods from 1898 to 1903 and from 1907 until 1909. Three years later he was again called to political office in his election to the mayoralty of Hartford and from 1915 until 1917 he participated in the deliberations of the state senate, where his record showed an absolute loyalty to the best interests of the commonwealth. In 1915-16 he occupied the presidency of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and he has been officially identified with various state institutions, serving as a director of the Connecticut Reformatory, of the American School at Hartford for the Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind and the Hartford Retreat for the Insane and also as a trustee of the Loomis Institute. Moreover, he is a director of the Connecticut River Bridge and Highway District. He is the president, a director and a member of the executive committee of the Hartford Hospital and also president of the Hartford Council, Boy Scouts of America. Patriotism has ever featured as an element in the activities of Mr. Cheney and he has membership in the Society of the Cincinnati and the Sons of the American Revolution as well as the Society of Colonial Wars, of which he was formerly governor, and the Military Order of Foreign Wars, which he has served as commander. He belongs to the Mayflower Society and the work of these different organizations has long been a matter of deep interest to him. In hours of relaxation he is seen at the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Republican clubs of Hartford, at the Country Club of Farmington, the Union League Club of New York and at various sportsmen's clubs in which he holds membership in Connecticut and beyond the boundaries of the state. Since 1917 he has served for several years as chairman of the Red Cross campaigns. The foregoing indicates most definitely that business has been but one phase in the life of Louis R. Cheney. Few men have so fully recognized the duties and responsibilities of citizenship or the obligations of man to his fellows. His labors have ameliorated the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate, have promoted the welfare and the interests of municipality and commonwealth, and in all things and at all times he has builded wisely and well.

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#### ARTHUR ADAMS

For twenty-one years Trinity College has benefitted by the high standards and efficient service of Arthur Adams, distinguished educator and author, who is college librarian and at the same time holds the chair of professor of English. Born in Pleasantville, New Jersey, May 12, 1881, he is a son of James Reading and Marietta (English) Adams, also of Pleasantville. There in the public schools he pursued his education for a time and then entered the high school at Ocean City, New Jersey, while later he matriculated in Rutgers College of New Brunswick, New Jersey, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1902. The following year Yale University conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree and within its classic walls he won his Ph. D. degree in 1905. He completed a course in the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Connecticut, in 1910, when the Bachelor

of Divinity degree was conferred upon him, and from the Philadelphia Divinity School obtained the S. T. M. degree. Throughout his entire life, when not attending school, Professor Adams has been engaged in educational work. In 1905-6 he was instructor in English at the University of Colorado and in the latter year came to Hartford as assistant professor of English at Trinity College. In 1908 he was made associate professor and in 1911 was advanced to the full professorship and still holds that chair, while in 1915 he was also made librarian. He has taken active part in advancing the moral as well as the intellectual development of the communities in which he has lived. In 1908 he was ordained a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal church by C. B. Brewster and ordained a priest on the 13th of May, 1909, since which time he has been assistant pastor of Christ Cathedral church in Hartford. He was examining chaplain of the diocese of Connecticut, was made chaplain of the Officers Reserve Corps in the United States Army and has been untiring in his efforts to make the truths of the gospel a vital force in the lives of his fellowmen.

On the 22d of June, 1910, Professor Adams was married to Miss Emma Steelman, a daughter of Hiram and Mary (Jackaway) Steelman, of Ocean City, New Jersey, and they now have two children: Esther Steelman, born December 30, 1912; and Richard Hancock, November 16, 1916.

Mr. Adams is closely and prominently associated with many educational and scientific societies and patriotic organizations. He holds membership in the Modern Language Association of America, the American Philological Association, the American Historical Association, the Medieval Academy of America, the American Society of Church History, the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Society of Colonial Wars, Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Sons of the American Revolution, the St. Nicholas Society, New England Historical and Genealogical Society, the New York Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, the Huguenot Society of America and the Connecticut and the New Jersey Historical Societies. Fraternally he is a Mason and his social nature finds expression in his connection with the Twentieth Century Club and the Get Together Club. During his college days he became identified with the Delta Phi fraternity and the Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of the Authors Club, having written many books, and articles for periodicals dealing with historical, philological, and genealogical subjects, and he is the editor of the Index of Ancestors and Honor Roll of the Society of Colonial Wars, published in 1922. His authorship also includes: *The Syntax of the Temporal Clause in Old English Prose*, 1907; *A Genealogy of the Lake Family of Great Egg Harbor, New Jersey* (with Sarah A. Risley), 1915; and he was collaborator in the preparation of the Concordance to the English Poems of Thomas Gray in 1908 and the Wordsworth Concordance in 1911.

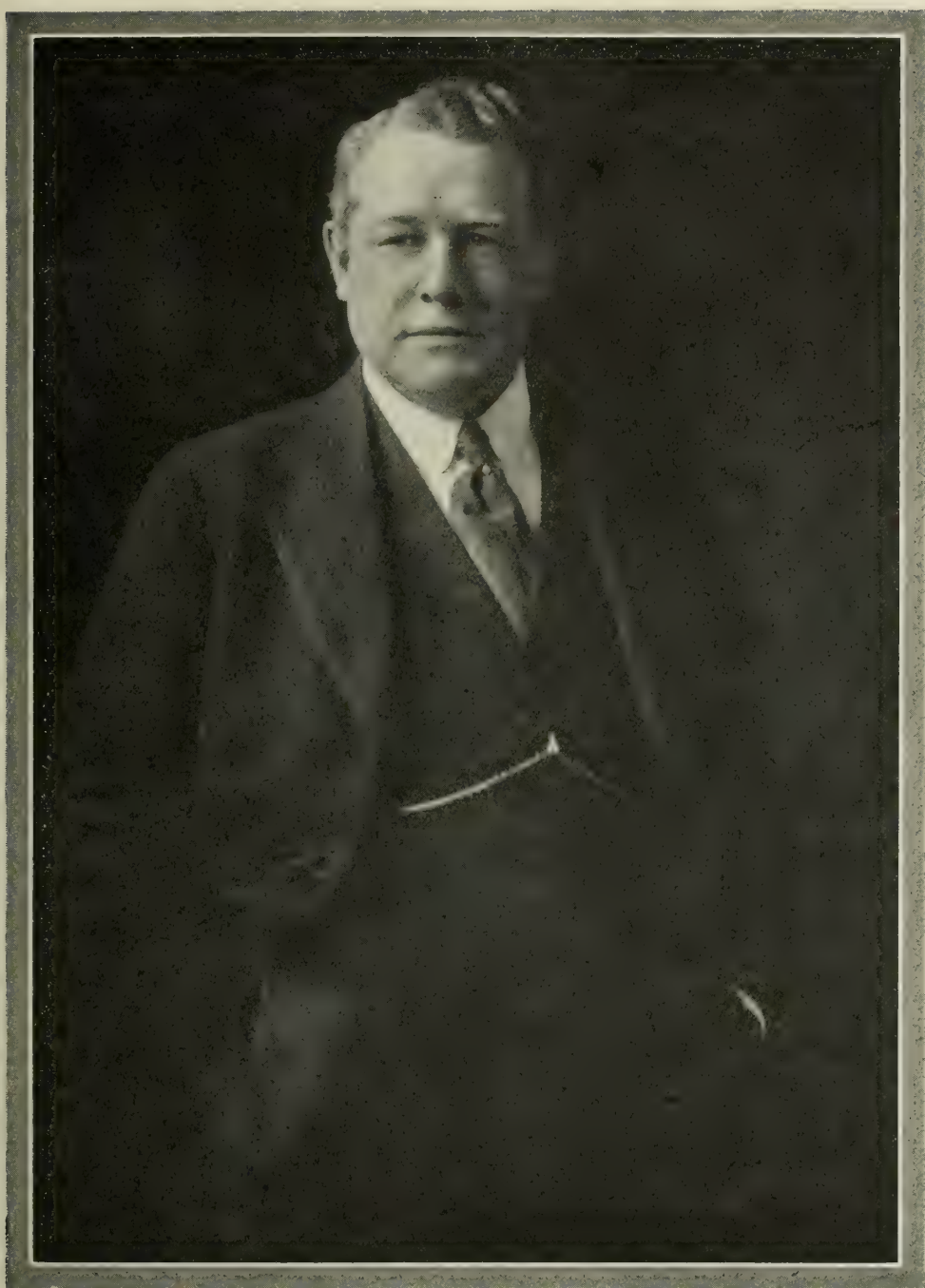
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#### EVERETT JOHN LAKE

The interests and activities of Everett John Lake have touched life at many points. His contribution to the upbuilding and development of Hartford through the commercial field has been most valuable, while in public office he has done much to uphold the standards of the state and the value of his service is widely acknowledged. He has ever carried his plans and purposes to successful conclusion and the city and commonwealth have been a direct beneficiary of his labors. He was born February 8, 1871, in Woodstock, Windham county, Connecticut, where his maternal ancestors were among the first settlers. In the paternal line he traces his ancestry from Thomas Lake, who left his native England in 1748, he having probably been born in Portsmouth in 1734, to become a resident of America. After remaining for a time in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, he removed to Rye, that state, and in 1785 took up his abode on a farm near Chichester, New Hampshire. He married Mrs. Eunice (Seavey) Davis, and they became the parents of five sons and three daughters, the youngest child being William Lake, from whom the line of descent comes down through John Lake, his son, Thomas Alexander Lake, to Everett John Lake of this review.

Thomas Alexander Lake was a youth of but fourteen years when, fired by a patriotic spirit, he ran away from home to join the Union army. He was not accepted for regular service but became a waiter with Company G, Eighteenth Regi-





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Everett J. Lake



ment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, of which his cousin, Captain Warner, was the commander. He acted as orderly for the captain, later enlisted in the same company and was captured at Winchester on the 15th of June, 1863, but escaped and made his way home. Later he re-enlisted, serving until the close of the war; nor was that the extent of his service to his country, for in 1885 he became a member of the Connecticut legislature and in 1897 was elected to the state senate. He held various other public positions and ever manifested his loyalty and his progressiveness in citizenship, while in business he gained success and prominence, becoming the head of the Hartford Lumber Company, then as now one of the foremost enterprises of this character in the city. In Woodstock, Connecticut, he married Martha A. Cockings, and they became the parents of two daughters, Sarah M. and Margaret B., and a son, Everett J.

The last named acquired his early education in the public schools of Woodstock and in 1885 entered the high school of Stromsburg, Nebraska, following the removal of his parents to that place. He completed his high school course by graduation with the class of 1887 and continued his education in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1890. He then became a junior at Harvard and won his Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1892. For a year thereafter he was a student in the Harvard Law School but put aside his textbooks to enter the broad field of business in 1893. During his college days he was active in athletics and contributed to the success of the football team of which he was a member. In later years he has coached the team at various times and never has he ceased to feel the keenest interest in football and other athletic sports. In 1921 the honorary LL. D. degree was conferred upon him by Wesleyan College, and in 1922 by Trinity College. He has never ceased to feel the deepest interest in educational progress and has served as a trustee of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and on the advisory council to the department of government of Harvard College.

It was in 1893 that Mr. Lake made his initial step in business by becoming a clerk in the employ of the Hartford Lumber Company, of which his father was the head. Parental authority, however, was not exercised to give him an easy berth. He mastered the various phases of the business through close application, persistent purpose and untiring industry. In 1894 he was made secretary of the company and in 1896 also became its treasurer, while in 1901 he was elected to the presidency and still continues at the head of this business, which is now one of large extent and importance, wisely directing its affairs and promoting its expansion in harmony with the growth and development of the city. The thoroughness which has ever characterized him has been one of the strong elements in the steady growth of the business. In 1903 he was elected to the presidency of the Tunnel Coal Company, retaining the office until 1908. He is also a director of the Hartford-Aetna National Bank and his sound judgment is regarded as a valuable asset to any business undertaking.

Political activity has divided his time with his business interests. From early manhood he has been an earnest and consistent supporter of the republican party and in 1900 was elected a member of the school visitors board of Hartford, while in 1902 he was chosen to represent his district in the lower house of the state legislature, being made chairman of the appropriations committee and serving also on other committees of importance. Still further political honors were accorded him in his election to the state senate in 1904 and there he was made chairman of the committee on incorporations and was an effective worker on the floor of the senate, giving careful and earnest study to all vital problems that came up for settlement, his course at all times being characterized by a spirit of progressive citizenship. In 1906, in the republican state convention in New Haven, he was nominated for lieutenant-governor, and the following election gave him a plurality of nineteen thousand, seven hundred and eighty-one. In 1921 the highest political gift of the state came to him and for two years he served as governor of Connecticut, giving to the commonwealth an administration that upheld its stability and brought about various reforms and improvements.

On the 5th of September, 1895, Mr. Lake was married in Rockville, Connecticut, to Miss Eva Louise Sykes, daughter of George Sykes, and they have become parents of two children. The elder, Harold Sykes, born September 5, 1896, is associated in business with his father as manager of their manufacturing operations. He married Mary Parker, of Chicago, and they have two children, Barbara and Madeline. The



daughter, Marjorie Sykes Lake, is now the wife of Julian T. Leonard, of Boston, and they have one child, Julian T., Jr.

In club circles Mr. Lake is widely known and his club activities date from his college days, for at Harvard he was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, the Institute of 1770 and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He now has membership in the Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, Country Club of Farmington, Sequin Golf Club, the New York Club of New York, the Harvard Club of New York, and the Thames Club of New London, Connecticut. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, and fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree, and he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to Lincoln Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and to Charter Oak Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. One who knows Governor Lake well said of him: "He is a big man, physically, mentally, morally." He has ever been actuated by a progressive spirit and high ideals, and at all times he has recognized the rights and privileges of others. Opportunity has ever been to him a call to action and it has led to his success in business, his prominence in the arena of politics, and over his public career there has never fallen a shadow of wrong or to it there has never been attached a suspicion of evil. His entire life has been constructive and in the improvement of his individual interests and in the advancement of city and state he has builded wisely and well.

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#### MINNIE S. DAVIS

The superior intellectuality of Miss Minnie Skinner Davis found expression in prose and poetic writings and in notable service to mankind. She was prominent in New Thought circles and was widely known as a metaphysician. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, she had attained the notable age of ninety-two years when she passed away at her home in Hartford on the 19th of April, 1927. Her natal day was March 25, 1835, and she was the eldest of the ten daughters of the Rev. Samuel A. and Mary (Partridge) Davis. Her father was a Universalist minister of rare power and missionary zeal. In 1862 he removed with his family to Hartford and for many years continued his residence here, becoming prominent in state missionary work. He was also actively identified with the establishment of a number of churches in the state and was a man of broad influence, his life being of inspirational value to many. The family to which he belonged numbered various distinguished members who made notable contribution to Christian work and service.

Reared in an atmosphere of broad culture and refinement, Miss Davis made excellent use of her educational opportunities and was only eighteen years of age when she wrote her first book, called "Marion Lester." It was a story of liberal young people amid militant evangelism and had a wide circulation. In young womanhood she suffered an accident which brought about twenty-three years of invalidism, and though in seclusion and oftentimes in pain, she gave to the world messages of intellectual power, interpreting the divine love that compasses the world. It was in 1886 that deliverance came to her through her restoration to health as the result of her investigation and utilization of the principles that are basic elements of "New Thought" and psychic healing. She became a practitioner, lecturer and author and won national prominence in those fields. The Christian Leader, commenting upon her life, said: "Her published works reveal marvelous grasp of scientific information coupled with spiritual insight." She was ever greatly interested in literary matters and numbered many prominent writers among her acquaintances and friends. In her later years she lived quietly in her Hartford home and she continued her literary labors almost to the last, writing many poems that were published, including a beautiful little one which she called "Good-Night and Good-Morning":

"Good-night, dear world, the twilight shadows fall.  
All wrongs and griefs fade with the day,  
And I look back upon a sunlit way  
With God's love over all.  
Good-by, home friends, so dear, so true,

I'll take you with me in my heart,  
And friends with whom I would not part,  
Tried friends, yes, you and you and you.  
Good-night and good-morning,  
With a little rest between.  
Such a sweet rest, and now what world is this?  
Familiar voices greet my list'ning ear,  
Glad voices of welcome and good cheer.  
I feel upon my brow my mother's kiss,  
And know the clasping of my father's hand.  
A new world greets my opening eyes,  
As I in joy and wonder rise,  
To say 'Good-morning' in the Heavenly Land."

It would be impossible to measure the influence of the life of Miss Davis. For many years she took an active part in developing the New Thought movement and was recognized as an interesting and forceful lecturer. Who can tell to what extent her words influenced the lives of her hearers or how widely her written expressions were embodied in the activities of her readers? It was written of her: "Miss Minnie S. Davis was remarkable for intellectual keenness, for spiritual exaltation and for her power of convincing and persuasive expression. Among leaders of thought in a city of unusual literary reputation she was regarded as a gifted seer and a beloved saint."

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#### THOMAS FRANCIS EGAN

If one were asked to characterize in a single phrase the record of Thomas Francis Egan, having to do with both his business career and his public service, it might best be done in the words "fidelity to duty." He long held the position of superintendent of state police and filled other positions whereby he promoted and safeguarded the public welfare. In business, too, he showed equal loyalty and thus it was that all who were associated with him in his varied relations of life felt a sense of personal loss when he passed away March 27, 1927.

Mr. Egan was born in Southington, Connecticut, January 10, 1854, while his parents, William E. and Catherine (Gorry) Egan, were natives of Kings county, Ireland. In 1849 the father arrived in the new world, settling in southeastern Southington, where he secured work on a farm. The following year his parents, Thomas F. and Catherine (Tracy) Egan, joined their son in the United States and established their home in Southington, where Thomas F. Egan, Sr., began farming in the southeastern part of the town. His family numbered the following, named: Michael; Ann, wife of Thomas Mahon; William E.; Thomas; James; Patrick; and John. The maternal grandparents of Thomas F. Egan, whose name introduces this review, were Daniel and Mary (Kelly) Gorry, of Kings county, Ireland. During the Civil war William E. Egan responded to the country's call for aid, joining the boys in blue of Company G, Ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in as a private in October, 1861, and disease contracted in the army caused his demise at New Orleans, Louisiana, in August, 1862.

His son, Thomas F. Egan, was the eldest of five sons, the others being Daniel D., Joseph A., James C., and William E. A common school education was acquired by Thomas F. Egan during his early youth, spent at Southington, and on attaining his majority he became an apprentice to the cutler's trade, serving three years. He was afterward employed as a journeyman along that line for four years, and in 1881 he secured a situation in the box department of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company, with which he remained for many years, working diligently and persistently and thus winning promotion. He was regarded as one of the most trusted representatives of that firm.

Mr. Egan became even more widely known through his public service, for he held various positions of honor and trust. In 1884 he was elected constable of Southington and served continuously until June, 1895, when he was appointed deputy sheriff, occupying that office until 1904, when he tendered his resignation, for in the meantime, on the 13th of July, 1903, on the establishment of the department, he had



been appointed superintendent of state police. He was in that position subject to call by the governor, any state's attorney, coroner or any regularly appointed prosecuting officer in all criminal matters throughout the state, but the activity of the department is confined to criminal matters. Mr. Egan at once resolutely set to the task of organizing and building up the department and made it notably efficient, his work receiving the high endorsement of all law-abiding citizens. In July, 1905, following the abolishment of the state fire department, he became state fire marshal by legislative enactment, and still other official duties were accorded him when in 1911 the legislature assigned to the superintendent of state police the work of the office, in that year established, of state superintendent of weights and measures. Again in this connection Mr. Egan displayed the marked thoroughness, skill and capability which characterized his duties in other positions.

On the 18th of February, 1878, Mr. Egan was married to Miss Ellen M. White, a daughter of John and Mary (Fox) White, of Ireland, and to them were born six children: William Edward, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Catherine, who was born in 1881 and is the wife of Michael J. Sullivan, of New London, Connecticut; Thomas F., who was born September 1, 1882, and married Annie Sullivan, of Hartford; Anna T., who was born September 22, 1884; John B., April 20, 1889; and Joseph P., June 13, 1893.

Mr. Egan and his family were members of the Cathedral Roman Catholic church and he belonged to the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He also held membership in Trumbull Camp of the Sons of Veterans and with the Southington Fire Department, Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, of which he was foreman from 1897 until October, 1899. Over the record of his public career there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and to the state he rendered a service that greatly furthered public welfare.

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#### HON. EDWARD WILLIAMS HOOKER

The life record of Hon. Edward Williams Hooker is inseparably interwoven with the history of Hartford and of the state inasmuch as he directed the affairs of the municipality as its mayor and safeguarded the interests of his district as representative and senator in the general assembly. As a business man, too, he contributed to the material development of city and state and his capability in the field of commerce was widely known.

Mr. Hooker was born in Hartford, October 19, 1865, and death came to him at his summer home at Eastern Point, in New London, September 3, 1915. In the intervening period he had accomplished much, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the public records. He traced his ancestry back through seven generations to the Rev. Thomas Hooker, Hartford's first settler, who came to this section with a party of emigrants from what is now Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the year 1636. Through the maternal line, his mother having been Martha Huntington (Williams) Hooker, he was descended from the Williams family that settled in Lebanon, Connecticut, early in the seventeenth century, and one of the family, William Williams, affixed his signature to the Declaration of Independence.

Edward W. Hooker is numbered among the alumni of the Hartford Public High School of the class of 1885 and during his four years' attendance he not only won popularity among his schoolmates but also distinguished himself as a scholar. He was twenty years of age when he started out in the business world as an employe of the Broad Brook Company, manufacturers of woolen goods, of which his father, Bryan E. Hooker, was treasurer and general manager for forty years. The son gained broad experience in the mills, acquainting himself with every phase of the business as he filled various positions in the different departments. After ten years' association with the enterprise it was taken over by the firm of Ogden & Brook in 1895, and following its sale Mr. Hooker became the secretary and treasurer of the Perkins Electric Switch Manufacturing Company, the predecessor of the present Franklin Electric Company. He contributed in notable measure to the successful management of the business until 1900, when there was a change in ownership and Mr. Hooker turned his attention to the brokerage business as a partner of Hiram Nickerson, organizing the Hooker & Nickerson Company. He entered the field of







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EDWARD W. HOOKER



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MRS. MARY M. HOOKER





fire insurance as senior partner of the firm of Hooker & Penrose, his partner in this undertaking being William R. Penrose. With that business Mr. Hooker was continuously associated until ill health forced his retirement, and in the meantime the firm had won a large clientele that made theirs one of the strong and prosperous agencies of the city.

In 1889 Mr. Hooker was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mather Turner, a daughter of Dr. Charles P. Turner and a granddaughter of Roland Mather of Hartford. They became the parents of a daughter and a son. Rosalie Hooker, by a former marriage, had one son, Francis Stilwell Dixon, Jr. On the 6th of April, 1926, she became the wife of Prince Levan Melikovde Somhetie, of Georgia, Russia, who was a colonel in the World war and won distinction by his service. He possessed those social and magnetic qualities that made him liked by all and won him many admirers. He died of acute appendicitis January 26, 1928, when but thirty-four years of age. The son, Roland Mather Hooker, born September 10, 1900, is a graduate of Yale and for one year studied at Oxford, England, while his Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him at Princeton. He is now with Hutton & Company, brokers of New York. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Cincinnati. He married Miss Winifred Cartwright Holhan, and they have two children, Edward Gordon and Margaret Carmichael.

In young manhood Mr. Hooker was actively interested in military affairs, becoming a member of Company F, First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, and also serving as a member of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard. In Masonry he attained the thirty-second degree. He was always interested in benevolent and moral projects and was associated with the Hartford Hospital, the Hartford Theological Seminary, and with other educational and benevolent institutions. He was chairman of the business committee of the Center church, Congregational. He ever recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and was called to various public offices. In 1906 he was elected to the house of representatives, and on the 7th of April, 1908, popular suffrage placed him in the office of mayor of Hartford. In 1910 he was elected to the state senate and endorsement of his first term's service came to him in his reelection in 1912. To the problems which came before the upper house of the general assembly he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration and his opinions carried weight in party councils. He was exceedingly fond of outdoor life, especially yachting, and he was noted for his social qualities, which won him many friends who pay high tribute to his memory. He passed away September 3, 1915, when not quite fifty years of age, and the flag on the city hall was placed at halfmast in recognition of the death of one of Hartford's most valued citizens and one who had served as the chief municipal executive. In every sphere of life his loss has been felt. He numbered his friends among the rich and the poor, the humble and the great, and all appreciated the strong qualities of his manhood.

Mrs. Mary Hooker is a descendant of Governor Haines, who was the first governor of Connecticut. His wife was a Horlakenden and her ancestry could be traced back to Alfred the Great. Mrs. Hooker has the distinction of being the first woman ever elected to the Connecticut general Assembly and she has served for two terms, being first chosen for the office in 1921 and reelected in 1925. For ten years she has been a member of the Hartford board of education and has done effective work to promote progressive measures for the benefit of the city schools. For a number of years she has figured prominently in connection with civic affairs and the general development of Hartford, as well as in its social circles, and her influence has been far-reaching and resultant.

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#### ARCHER A. MacLEOD

Success in life depends largely upon the choice of a congenial field of labor, and that Archer A. MacLeod has made a wise selection is indicated by his standing in financial circles of Plainville, which for nearly twenty years has been the scene of his activities. He was born June 18, 1884, at Lake Butler, Bradford county, Florida, and is a son of George F. and Missouri MacLeod. His public school education was supplemented by a preparatory course in the University of Georgia, and he began his financial career in the Bank of Shellman, Georgia. Six months later he accepted

a position in the Bank of Meigs, Georgia, which he left at the end of three months and returned to Florida, becoming assistant cashier of the Peoples Bank of Sanford, with which he remained for two years. He next went to New Jersey, where for two years he was cashier of the First National Bank of Milford and afterward was an auditor in banking houses of New York. In 1908 he came to Plainville as cashier of the First National Bank and acted in that capacity for seven years. In 1915 the Plainville Trust Company was organized and merged with the First National Bank and Mr. MacLeod has since been its treasurer. He is regarded as one of its most capable officers and through efficient, conscientious work has contributed materially toward the success and prestige of the corporation.

In Rockville, Connecticut, Mr. MacLeod was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Wilson and they have become the parents of three children: Priscilla, Douglas and Jean. Mr. MacLeod belongs to Plainville Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council in Masonry. He is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and lends his support to every movement for the growth and betterment of the community.

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#### EDWARD J. HICKEY

Edward J. Hickey, who is filling the position of deputy sheriff and county detective, makes his home in Hartford, in which city he was born January 6, 1891, a son of Edward and Mary (Fitzgerald) Hickey, both of whom were natives of County Waterford, Ireland. They took up their abode in Hartford county about 1886, and the father, who was a foundryman, was employed here along that line for more than forty years, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

Edward J. Hickey pursued a parochial school education and, starting out in business life, obtained employment in the Pratt & Whitney foundry, where he remained for about six years. He was next employed in the post office department as a letter carrier and in 1916 he became special agent in the United States department of justice, there remaining until 1918, when he entered the United States intelligence bureau at Brooklyn, New York, for World war service, being mustered out in the spring of 1919. He then returned to the department of justice, with which he was associated until 1921, and he next became identified with the Connecticut state police department, so continuing until October 21, 1922, at which time he entered his present position as deputy sheriff and county detective. He has since served in this office and is under the direction of the states attorney, being always busily employed in locating and aiding in the prosecution of criminals.

On the 17th of January, 1921, Mr. Hickey was united in marriage to Miss Agnes J. Collins, of Middletown, Connecticut. They reside at No. 21 Allyn place in Hartford. Mr. Hickey is a member of the Elks lodge of New London, Connecticut, but has never been active as a lodge or club man, his business and official duties making steady demands upon his time and energies, while his loyalty in office is one of his marked characteristics.

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#### KENNETH S. ADAMS

An active factor in the field of investment in Hartford is Kenneth S. Adams, the senior partner of the firm of Adams, Merrill & Company, which was organized in 1919 and which through the intervening period has made steady progress until a large clientele today makes its business one of very substantial and gratifying proportions. The scene of his present activity is far removed from the place of his birth, for he is a native of Honolulu, born December 27, 1880. His parents, however, were Edward Payson and Ellen G. (Fisher) Adams, of Boston, but the father owned large sugar plantation interests in Honolulu, where the parents were temporarily residing at the time of the birth of the son, although their home was in Cambridge, where Mr. Adams passed away in 1896.

The son obtained his preliminary education in the Cambridge Latin School and then entered Harvard University. When his college days were over he turned his



attention to newspaper work on the Boston Herald and while thus employed studied business conditions and opportunities until he was satisfied that his preference was for investments, and in 1908 he began business along that line as an associate of the firm of Merrill, Oldham & Company of Boston. He applied himself closely to mastering the business, which he found to be congenial, and gradually his powers and capability increased as he gained a more and more intimate knowledge of the investment business. For a time he was in the employ of Perry, Coffin & Burr, of Boston, and subsequently opened an office in Hartford for the firm of Hornblower & Weeks of New York, continuing in charge here until 1914, when he went to the metropolis and took charge of the bond department for the same firm—one of the largest operating in this field, so that his experience in that connection was very broad and valuable. Desiring, however, that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he returned to Hartford in 1915 and became a member of the firm of Merwin, Gray & Company, with which he was associated until 1919, when he became one of the organizers and the senior partner of the firm of Adams, Merrill & Company, his associates in this undertaking being Arthur H. Merrill, Russell C. Northam and I. Kent Fulton.

Mr. Adams has a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and is also a member of the Hartford Stock Exchange and the Connecticut Investment & Bankers Association. His long activity in the field of finance and investments has made him thoroughly familiar therewith and his comprehensive knowledge, progressive methods and fidelity to the interests of his clients have brought to him a large and growing business. In the hours of leisure he turns for recreation to the Hartford Club and Hartford Golf Club and also has membership in the Harvard Club of New York. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party.

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#### CHARLES E. SMITH

In financial circles of Hartford county the name of Charles E. Smith is well known, for he is now treasurer and vice president of the Southington Trust Company, which he assisted in organizing. He owes his success to close application, thoroughness and a laudable ambition, and not only is he identified with the financial activities of Southington but also with some of its important commercial and manufacturing interests.

Mr. Smith was born in Chester, Connecticut, April 11, 1871, and is a son of Edwin and Harriett (Griswold) Smith. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Chester and later he attended the Middletown high school, which constituted his equipment for the duties and responsibilities of later life. Starting out to provide for his own support, he entered the employ of the New Haven Railroad Company, with which he remained for seven years, and then left that service to become a representative of the Chester Savings Bank, with which he occupied a clerkship for a year, while for fifteen years he was the treasurer of that institution. He also became the treasurer of the Chester Trust Company, which he organized, and in these two connections he gained thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the banking business. In 1916 he removed to Southington, where for three months he was cashier of the Southington National Bank, and on the expiration of that period he assisted in organizing the Southington Bank & Trust Company, of which he became treasurer, while today he fills the dual office of vice president and treasurer. He is a strong and capable executive and has been active in instituting a policy which strongly safeguards the interests of depositors and at the same time does not check the progressive methods of an institution that in every way meets modern-day business conditions. His sound business judgment is moreover manifest in other connections, for he is a director of the Southington Hardware Corporation and of the Beaton & Corbin Manufacturing Company, of the Southington Building & Loan Association and of the Southington Hospital Corporation.

On the 7th of January, 1896, Mr. Smith was united in marriage at New Haven, Connecticut to Miss Leona M. Griswold, who died February 1, 1911, leaving two children: Graydon, who died in 1916; and Thornton, who married Josephine Hackzela. On the 15th of October, 1912, Mr. Smith married Ruth Ostling, and they have two children, Lois and Lee.

A lifelong resident of Connecticut, holding to its traditions and to its ideals, Mr. Smith has ever stood for those things which are best in community life and his aid can always be counted upon to further measures for general progress.

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#### FRANZ J. CARLSON

Franz J. Carlson, attorney at law with offices at 36 Pearl street and now serving for the second term as prosecuting attorney in Hartford police court, was born November 14, 1896, in the city which is still his home, his parents being John A. and Anna H. (Hochsieder) Carlson. He pursued his preliminary education in the West Middle school and afterward attended the Hartford high school and Trinity College. When he had completed his more specifically literary course he entered the Boston University School of Law and was graduated therefrom in June, 1922, being admitted to practice at the Hartford bar in the same year. He was appointed prosecuting attorney in the Hartford police court in June, 1925, for a term of two years, being reappointed in June, 1927.

He was elected alderman from the tenth ward in the spring of 1925 for a two-year period. Fraternally he is connected with John Erickson Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

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#### MITCHELL STUART LITTLE

As president of the M. S. Little Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of brass heating and plumbing goods, Mitchell Stuart Little has gained recognition as a forceful factor in the business life of Hartford. He has turned his activities to good account and made wise use of his time and opportunities. Born in Hartford on the 5th of January, 1885, he attended the public schools while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, George H. and Mary Belle (Little) Little. When he had mastered the branches taught in the high school he entered Yale and won the Bachelor of Arts degree at graduation with the class of 1907. The broad field of business opened before him and he sought his opportunities along mechanical lines, having natural inclination in that direction. From 1907 until 1912 he was employed by the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company of Hartford and manifested thoroughness, industry and diligence in performing his tasks and mastering the duties assigned him. As his knowledge and efficiency increased he determined to engage in business for himself and in 1912 established a plant for the manufacture of brass plumbing and heating goods under the name of the M. S. Little Manufacturing Company. This was conducted under individual ownership until 1922, when the business was incorporated with Mr. Little as president, an office which he has since filled. The years have brought him prominence as the direct result of highly developed powers, of unabating energy and of wise direction of the interests under his control. Today his business connections are extensive and important, for he is the president and director of the Smyth Manufacturing Company, president and director of the Sigourney Tool Company, vice president and director of the E. C. Fuller Company of New York, a director of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, and a director of three of the corporations of the Aetna group—the Aetna Life Insurance Company, Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, and the Automobile Insurance Company. He is likewise a trustee of the Society for Savings and a director of the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company, with which corporation he made his initial step in business, and a director of the Terry Steam Turbine Company, the Hartford Gas Company, and the Billings & Spencer Company. He is thus closely associated with the management and control of some of the most important productive industries of the city and is ranked with the leading manufacturers of Connecticut.

On the 8th of February, 1919, Mr. Little was married to Miss Elizabeth Hill Hapgood, a daughter of Edward H. and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Hapgood, of Hartford. They have three children: Virginia, born February 14, 1920; Stuart West, born November 17, 1921; and Edward Hapgood, born June 10, 1927. The social





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position of Mr. Little is an enviable one, as indicated in his various club connections, his membership extending to the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, University Club, Wampanoag Country Club, the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford County, and the Twentieth Century Club. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a republican but not active as a political worker, owing to the demands made upon his time and energies by his individual affairs. Throughout his entire life what he has undertaken he has accomplished. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and determined purpose has enabled him to overcome obstacles and difficulties and work his way steadily upward until he now occupies a commanding position among Connecticut manufacturers.

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#### JOSEPH F. BERRY

One of the leading law firms of Connecticut is that of Day, Berry & Reynolds in Hartford, of which Joseph F. Berry is a partner, his connection therewith dating from 1919. His practice has long been of an important character, indicative of his comprehensive knowledge of the law and his ability to apply its principles to points in litigation, while as legal counselor he is known as a man of keen insight and acumen. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 13, 1880, he is a son of Charles F. and Emily C. (Morgan) Berry, residents of that city. At the usual age he became a public school pupil and when he had completed his high school course in Boston became a student in Tufts College, from which he was graduated in 1901, the Bachelor of Arts degree being at that time conferred upon him. His review of the broad field of business, with its opportunities along industrial, agricultural, commercial and professional lines, led him to the determination to make the practice of law his life work, and with this end in view he enrolled as a student in the Harvard Law School, winning his LL. B. degree in 1904, in which year he was also admitted to the bar. His initial experience in the work of the profession came to him in the office of Choate, Hall & Stewart of Boston, with which he was associated from 1904 until 1907. In the latter year he became assistant attorney for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, with offices in the city of New Haven, and in 1914 he severed connection with the railroad and became attorney for a Connecticut company, so remaining until 1919, when he came to Hartford with the purpose of engaging in the private practice of law and entered into partnership with Edward M. Day, a prominent member of the Hartford bar, forming the present firm of Day, Berry & Reynolds, which is justly classed with the leading law firms of the state. Mr. Berry contributes in no small measure to its success and his practice here is of a very important character, connecting him with the solution of many of the notable legal problems which have been heard in the civil law courts.

On the 5th of December, 1908, Mr. Berry was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Endicott Fowle, a daughter of Horace S. and Mary E. Fowle, of Boston. Their only son, Richard F., was born January 14, 1913.

Mr. Berry is a well known figure in the clubrooms of the Hartford, Hartford Golf and University clubs, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the University Club of Bridgeport, and the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford. In politics he is a republican. He is cordial, genial and appreciative of the good qualities in others. Along strictly professional lines he has membership connection with the Hartford County, the Connecticut State and the American Bar Associations, and to an unusual degree he enjoys the confidence, good will and friendly regard of his professional colleagues and contemporaries.

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#### THEODORE B. DICKERSON

Possessing that masterful grasp of detail so essential to the successful conduct of the banking business, combined with a thorough knowledge of those broad basic principles upon which the strong banking institutions of the country rest, Theodore B. Dickerson was well known as a contributing factor to the success of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, which he was representing in the position of

assistant cashier at the time of his demise; he died in Hartford, January 17, 1928. He was still in the prime of life, having been born in Hartford, October 15, 1871, his parents being George N. and Priscilla (Cone) Dickerson. He pursued his education in the South school and started out in the business world as an employe in the hardware store of Tracy, Robinson & Company, there remaining for several years and gaining through his experience a sure foundation upon which to build progress in the business world. He was afterward associated with various banks, including the Dime Savings Bank and the First National Bank, and for a time he occupied the position of cashier with the Hartford Electric Light Company but found in banking a more congenial field and returned to it as a representative of the United States Bank. He was associated with that organization when it was merged with the Security Trust Company and of the new organization—the United Security Trust Company—he became assistant treasurer. When in keeping with the trend of the times to combine lesser banks in the development of larger and stronger institutions the United Security Trust Company merged with the Hartford-Aetna National Bank under the name of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, Mr. Dickerson again was retained as assistant cashier and remained in that official connection until his demise. He made close study of the banking business, was thoroughly conversant with every phase thereof and was a strong factor in the growth and success of the institutions with which he was associated.

In young manhood Mr. Dickerson was united in marriage to Mrs. Minnie (Burton) Bolles, who had two children by her former marriage; Mrs. James M. Strong and Burton W. Bolles, of the firm of Bolles & Company, brokers of Hartford.

Mr. Dickerson was well known socially, being a member of the South School Gang of the Eighties, of which he was president, and also a member of the Hartford Wheel Club. Fraternally he was a Mason, identified with Wyllys Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of West Hartford, while in the Scottish Rite he attained the thirty-second degree and later became a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He was an Episcopalian, having membership in the Church of the Good Shepherd. His banking experience and his fraternal connections brought him a wide acquaintance and everywhere men spoke of him in terms of high regard, recognizing his sterling worth and his loyalty to creditable standards. His social qualities made him popular and the circle of his friends was almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### ROBERT ORVILLE EATON

Robert Orville Eaton, a recognized leader in republican ranks in Connecticut, is one whose influence is based upon the confidence which his fellowmen repose in him—a confidence that he has well earned and never abused. Moreover, his trustworthy qualities have been supplemented by a progressiveness that has led to the recognition and improvement of opportunities and thus in the field of business his labors have been crowned with gratifying success. On the list of citizens whose names are written with pride into the annals of the state appears that of Robert O. Eaton and thus he reflects credit upon an ancestral line that has been identified with the development and upbuilding of the state from the earliest period in its colonization. Theophilus Eaton, a native of England, came to the new world and for two decades served as governor of the New Haven colony, which he aided in founding. His descendants have borne active and prominent part in the progress of New Haven and the old family homestead which was built by Colonel Eaton's ancestors, has been passed down through inheritance to successive generations of the family to the present day. Jesse Orville Eaton, father of Robert O. Eaton, devoted his life to farming and also rendered valuable service in public affairs of his community as assessor, member of the board of relief and selectman. He married Mary Ann Bradley, to whom the son Robert pays this tribute: "She covered every phase of life and conduct—moral, spiritual and intellectual—with her good and strong influence."

While the son's character was being molded by the teachings and the example of a wise mother, the father was contributing to his physical development and business training by tasks which he assigned him in connection with various phases of the farm work. He also accorded him the opportunity to attend the schools of North Haven





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ROBERT O. EATON



until the work of the grades was completed and later the Hillhouse high school in New Haven. He next attended French's Collegiate Academy in New Haven and when his textbooks were put aside joined his brother Theophilus in the management of the farm which is still known as the Eaton Brothers' Farm and which they have since capably supervised. They have specialized in the cultivation of garden products and hay raising, and the practical and progressive methods which they follow have brought excellent results.

On the 19th of May, 1881, Mr. Eaton was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Almira Granniss, of East Haven, who passed away leaving two daughters, Cora Almira and Mary Margeritta. Mr. Eaton also has two granddaughters, Miss Catherine Almira Potter and Miss Winifred Ellen Nichols.

Mr. Eaton is a member of the Grange and has written many papers for the "meetings" having given careful and comprehensive study to agricultural problems, which he solves according to scientific methods supplemented by practical experience. For several terms he served as master of his Grange and also the County Grange. His leadership was directly beneficial to the farmers of the community. In fraternal circles Mr. Eaton is a Mason, Elk and Sojourner, belongs to the Farmers Club, the Union League Club of New Haven, "Heroes of '76," Congregational Club and is an honorary member of the State Police Association. He was president of the New Haven Congregational Club for one term. With the passing of the years his interests along recreational lines have centered in baseball, football and hockey, and he is a member of the Oakhill Fishing and Hunting Club of Nova Scotia. He also owns a camp on Bantam Lake, in Litchfield county.

With the attainment of his majority Mr. Eaton became an active worker in the republican party and has occupied positions of leadership both in local and state affairs. For many years he served as chairman of the republican town committee, of North Haven, and has done effective work in promoting the strength of the party organization. In 1891 he was appointed assistant dairy commissioner of Connecticut, and in 1896 was reappointed to that office, in which he served for fourteen years. He labored to good results in the prosecution of violators of the dairy and milk laws, thereby greatly safeguarding the interests of dairymen who at all times hold themselves amenable to those rules which have to do with the public good. In 1895 he was chosen to represent North Haven in the state legislature, and again from 1915 to 1921, and was chairman of the important appropriation committee during these four terms. In 1917 he was appointed to organize the State Agencies and Institutions, which included the widow's aid pension, in which he was deeply interested as chairman of the appropriations committee. He represented the town of North Haven at the Yale Centennial Anniversary. In 1908 Colonel Eaton was appointed collector of internal revenue and served until 1913. For twelve years he was a member of the state central committee from the twelfth district and was President of the McKinley Association for one term. He served as quartermaster general with the title of "Colonel" under Governors Lilley and Weeks. He has the distinction of being an honorary member of the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven, the other honorary member being Ex-President William H. Taft, and is an active member upon the staff. He has attended six national conventions and for over forty years has attended every state convention as a state delegate. In the discharge of all official duties he has brought to bear a conscientious sense of obligation, ever regarding a public office as a public trust—and no trust reposed in Robert O. Eaton has ever been betrayed. He has measured up to the highest standards of honor both in political service and in private business affairs, and to few men has been accorded the respect and esteem which is universally entertained for Mr. Eaton throughout Connecticut. In the office of collector of internal revenue to which he was again reappointed in 1921, and in which he is now serving, his record is deserving of the highest commendation.

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#### RICHARD T. STEELE

Richard T. Steele, one of the younger members of the Hartford bar, practicing in this city since 1925, was here born July 13, 1899, a son of Edward Lee and Julia G. (Simonds) Steele and therefore a representative of a prominent and honored family. His father, Judge Steele, was for many years a distinguished attorney and jurist and died November 25, 1926, honored and respected by all who knew him.



The excellent educational system of Hartford afforded Richard T. Steele his early educational privileges, and when he had completed his high school course he entered the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, where he completed his classical course in 1921, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was accorded him. He determined to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, and to this end entered the Yale Law School, where he won his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1925. In September of the same year he was admitted to the bar and at once began practice with his father, the association continuing until the latter's death, since which time Richard T. Steele has practiced independently. He has those qualities which make for success. His training was thorough and comprehensive, his interest in his calling is deep and sincere and a marked sense of honor makes him most loyal to the interests of his clients, and although he is still a young man, he has gained a gratifying place as an able lawyer.

Mr. Steele votes with the republican party and is now serving as alderman from the fourth ward, giving his support to all measures and projects which he deems of practical value in improving conditions in the city or promoting its upbuilding. He belongs to the Hartford Golf Club and in the line of his profession has connection with the Hartford County Bar Association. What he has already accomplished argues well for the future.

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#### BENEDICT MICHAEL HOLDEN

In the court records not only of Connecticut, but also of New York as well, the name of Benedict Michael Holden frequently appears in connection with cases that have attracted attention throughout the length and breadth of the land. He is one of the most forceful and able members of the Connecticut bar, his high standing being the logical result of the efficiency which he has displayed in a calling where diligence and mental alertness are the vital factors in winning advancement. Mr. Holden is a native son of Connecticut, having been born at Bristol, February 17, 1874, his parents being Felix and Jane (Farley) Holden, both of Irish lineage. The father lived a life of industry as a farmer and merchant.

In the boyhood days of B. M. Holden there were no particularly exciting or spectacular phases, his time being largely given to the acquirement of a common school education, while gradually there developed in him the determination that he would some day become a member of the bar. To receive the necessary training, however, meant that there must be an intermediate period in which he would provide for his own support and secure the funds that would enable him to pursue his law studies. Accordingly he obtained employment in a factory and the hours which are usually termed leisure were devoted to study, through which method he managed to master those branches of learning that constitute the usual high school course, school teachers and tutors aiding him at times in his work. He recognized the fact that a liberal general education must precede ascendancy in the law. His reading included Shakespeare, the Constitutional histories of England and other European countries and of the United States. He also took up the study of Blackstone and never did he deviate from the course which he marked out for himself in early manhood. When his industry and economy had brought him sufficient funds to enable him to pursue a college law course he entered the Yale Law School in New Haven and mastered the entire course in a single year as a member of the class of 1895, and when he attained his majority he was admitted to the Connecticut bar.

Mr. Holden entered upon his active professional work in the office of the Hon. Marcus H. Holcomb, afterward governor, with whom he was associated until 1898. His rise was rapid. The same qualities of thoroughness and determination which had marked his student days gave him understanding of the cases which came before him and in his presentation of a cause he manifested marked mental alertness, while his deductions were at all times sound and logical and legal principles were applied with accuracy to the points at issue. When the country became involved in war with Spain he immediately joined the army and was sent to the Philippines, holding the rank of sergeant-major in the Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh, U. S. A. He served for three years, being honorably discharged in 1901.

With his return Mr. Holden again took up his abode in Connecticut and resumed



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his interrupted law practice. Through the intervening years he has made steady advancement as a member of the Hartford bar and his prominence is indicated by the fact that he has been retained as counsel for the defense or prosecution in many of the most notable civil and criminal cases of the state, including the famous Tucker case, in which he secured an acquittal, the George La Febre case, the Radicco case and the Gilligan poison case. While he has thus handled various notable criminal cases, he has preferred to devote his attention to civil law and in this field has gained distinction. He was legal adviser to the first Yellow Taxicab Company in New York city and he has tried many prominent labor union cases and has also served on several arbitration boards. Since 1920 he has engaged in no court work, giving his time and attention to corporation and tax law, representing various organizations in this connection. He has been retained as counsel in connection with some of the most important interests of the Connecticut insurance companies and was active in the trial of the memorable arson cases in New York at the time that Governor Whitman was district attorney. Mr. Holden's labors have not only been a source of individual advancement and success but have also featured in promoting the welfare and safeguarding the interests of Connecticut. In 1911 he presented the question of weights and measures and of adulterated foods before the general assembly and his efforts resulted in the passage of a weights and measures law which was the first of the kind adopted in the United States and has served as a model for many other states of the Union. He likewise was instrumental in bringing about the adoption of a pure food law and a net weight package law, and in 1924 he was made foreman of the extraordinary grand jury which investigated the medical diploma mill frauds, resulting in driving about two hundred quack doctors out of the state. It was Mr. Holden who prepared the healing arts bill, and secured its passage before the state legislature, whereby there was established a board of laymen to supervise the examination in fundamentals of all candidates for certificates to practice any branch of the healing arts. That Mr. Holden is a man of marked public spirit is indicated in the fact that in all these connections he gave his services to the state without remuneration, being actuated by the utmost devotion to the public good. He has always been a republican in politics but has ever placed the welfare of the country before partisanship and the advancement of his state before the preferment of the office seeker.

In still another field Mr. Holden has rendered valuable aid to his country. With America's entrance into the World war the regiments of the Connecticut National Guard were sent to the federal camps and on behalf of the state's war emergency board Mr. Holden organized, uniformed and equipped the Connecticut State Guard, including five regiments of fifteen thousand men, representing the best manhood of Connecticut over the draft age, including a supreme court justice and distinguished lawyers, bankers, manufacturers and insurance men, who became privates in the ranks. During the war period he was called to Washington by General Goethals, who requested him to take charge of the principal army depot in Philadelphia, with instruction to cut the red tape that was hampering all activity and start supplies for France at once. A commission as colonel was offered him but he preferred to act as a civilian and at once set about the important task to which he was called, having supervision over the labors of fifteen thousand men and women in his department. This supendous work accomplished, he was also placed in charge of supply depots in Pittsburgh, in Columbus, Ohio, and in Toronto, Canada. In this connection a contemporary writer has said: "As depot quartermaster, Mr. Holden cut red tape in such a ruthless manner that he was brought to the 'carpet' in Washington, but in the passage of words with the secretary of war he won out, as has always been his custom with everything he has undertaken. He was the only civilian depot quartermaster in the United States."

In an attractive residence in Hartford, Grace Frances (Farrell) Holden presides over their home and there Mr. Holden finds his greatest happiness. His wife is a daughter of James and Ellen Farrell of New Britain, Connecticut. Their marriage has been blessed with two children: Mary Holden, who attended the Finch School in New York; and Benedict M., Jr., who was a student in the Taft School at Watertown, Connecticut. The daughter was born September 8, 1905, and the son October 22, 1908. His entire career has been characterized by determined purpose that has ever measured up to the highest standards of honor and integrity. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. Obstacles and difficulties have seemed to serve as

an impetus for renewed effort on his part, and never stopping short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose, he has risen to a place of distinction at the bar, being now one of the foremost corporation lawyers of Connecticut, and to a place of prominence in public life because of the intrinsic worth and value of the service that he has rendered to the state.

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#### HENRY TRUMBULL

A native of Connecticut, Henry Trumbull was born January 12, 1875, in East Hartford, a son of Hugh and Mary A. (Harper) Trumbull. He was educated in the public schools of Plainville, was associated with the Eddy Electric Company, and later went to Ampere, New Jersey, and for two years filled a position in the motor-building department of the Crocker-Wheeler Company. During the next four years he was identified with construction work with the New England Engineering Company of Waterbury, Connecticut, and later was in the service of the Reynolds Construction Company at Hartford. In 1899 he joined his brother, John H. Trumbull, the present governor of Connecticut, in forming the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company, a Plainville corporation. An expert electrician, Henry Trumbull took charge of the manufacturing end of the business, later becoming secretary of the firm, of which he has also been treasurer for a period of eighteen years. He is president of the Plainville Realty Company, a subsidiary of the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company, and vice president of the Plainville Trust Company. At his country estate, Pinnaclerox Farm, near the village of Plainville, he maintains a herd of registered Jersey and Ayrshire cattle, from which he has developed a good trade in certified milk in the surrounding cities. In recognition of his ability and progressive spirit he has been chosen vice president of the Hartford County Farm Bureau; president of the State Agricultural Society and the Connecticut Fair Association; and vice president of the National Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Trumbull was married October 21, 1903, to Miss Nettie P. Northrop, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and to this union has been born a daughter, Esther. In addition to his residence in Plainville, Mr. Trumbull has an attractive summer home in Guilford, Connecticut, where the family spends the summer months. He is a republican but not active in politics. In 1926 he was elected president of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce and is now vice president of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, also first secretary of the New England Council, which comprises twelve members from each state. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner and along social lines is connected with the Sachem Head Yacht Club, the Farmington Country Club and the Shuttle Meadow Country Club.

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#### HERBERT FIELD FISHER

A man of well balanced capacities and powers, Herbert Field Fisher has occupied a creditable place on the stage of action almost from the time when his initial effort was made in the field of business, and his labors have found culmination in the establishment and management of what is now an extensive real estate and insurance business, with offices at 64 Pearl street in Hartford. Moreover, his efforts in behalf of the city along lines of civic improvement and public welfare have been far-reaching and effective and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged. He was born here September 16, 1881, his parents being Charles G. and Eleanor J. (Field) Fisher, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Massachusetts. The father filled the office of commercial and freight agent with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for many years but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former activity.

Herbert F. Fisher, after completing a public school education by graduation from the Hartford Public High School, started out in the business world in 1900 by becoming office boy with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. He worked diligently, performed his tasks acceptably to those whom he represented and won successive promotions until he was made inspector of agency accounts and subse-



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HENRY TRUMBULL





quently was advanced to the position of assistant superintendent of agencies. He was also gaining valuable knowledge and experience as the years passed by and winning for himself a well merited reputation for progressiveness and enterprise. In 1919, after almost two decades of association with the Connecticut Mutual, he withdrew to establish business on his own account as an insurance broker and later took over the real estate business which he now conducts. As a realtor he displays the qualities of alertness and adaptability so necessary to success in that field and he has informed himself thoroughly concerning property values, while at all times he is a close student of the conditions of the realty market, therefore being able to foretell a possible diminution or rise in values, so that he has ably and wisely directed investors.

On the 14th of July, 1915, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Louise Morrow Hennion, of Paterson, New Jersey, and they have become parents of five children: Herbert Field Jr., John Hennion, Richmond Griswold, Eleanor Morrow and William Wood, all yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Fisher is a member of Trinity church and his wife of the Catholic church. He is well known socially owing to the fact that he has been a lifelong resident of Hartford and is identified with many of her leading organizations, including the Hartford Golf Club, the Automobile Club, the City Club, the Get Together Club, and the Republican Club. The last named is indicative of his political belief and in matters of citizenship he has demonstrated his marked devotion to the public welfare in effective support of many valuable civic measures. He is now efficiently serving as president of the commission on the city plan, organized for better planning of the city's improvements in her highways, boulevards and civic centers, to advise in matters relating to civic development and to create public sympathy for the good of the city. He also served as president of the zoning commission, whereby Hartford was divided into various zones set aside for business, apartment and residential districts. Whatever concerns the welfare of the city is of deep interest to him. His breadth of view has readily recognized possibilities for Hartford's development which his patriotism has prompted him to quickly utilize.

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#### JAMES BUEL HENRY

James Buel Henry, recognized as the peer of the ablest members of the Hartford bar, his entire course reflecting honor and credit upon the profession with which he is identified, is now accorded a most extensive practice and his clientele is notable in character. Mr. Henry was born in Enfield, Connecticut, December 21, 1878, a son of Parsons M. and Sophronia M. (Abbe) Henry, people of sterling worth identified with the farming interests of that locality and representatives of an honored pioneer ancestry. A course in the Nash school at Amherst, Massachusetts, covering a period of two years, supplemented the early instruction which he received in private schools. He was graduated in 1901 from the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst with the Bachelor of Science degree, and then having made choice of the law as his life work, he began preparation therefor as a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and received his LL. B. degree by his graduation with the class of 1904. On the 11th of January, 1905, he was admitted to the Connecticut bar and at once began professional work, becoming an assistant to Edward M. Day, with whom he remained until 1906, when he formed a partnership with Terry J. Chapin under the firm style of Chapin & Henry. The firm soon gained recognition as one of the leading firms of the city and the partnership was maintained until 1912, since which time Mr. Henry has practiced alone, his course being marked by continuous progress and notable achievement in handling important litigated interests. He is a strong advocate in the trial of cases before the court and a safe counselor whose opinions on legal questions are seldom, if ever, at fault. He formerly served as prosecuting attorney of the town of West Hartford and with the establishment of the town court there in 1923 was chosen judge and has since presided over the sessions of that court, in which connection he renders decisions that are strictly fair and impartial, while his rulings also indicate his comprehensive familiarity with the principles of law.

On the 16th of October, 1907, Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Georgianna Parker, a daughter of William R. and Sarah (Wolf) Parker, of

Warehouse Point, Connecticut. In his fraternal relations Mr. Henry fully exemplifies the spirit of Masonry, having membership in Dorick Lodge No. 94, F. & A. M., at Thompsonville. He has always voted with the republican party and keeps in touch with those vital questions and problems which have to do with civic interests and welfare. In a word, he is never too busy to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship notwithstanding the fact that his practice has constantly increased in volume and importance and that he ranks today with the leading members of the Connecticut bar.

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JAMES NOEL HOWARD CAMPBELL

The career of James Noel Howard Campbell as a member of the bar was one of steady progress, but the broader opportunities offered in the field of investment and securities led him to turn his attention to the brokerage business. He is now head of the firm of Campbell & Company, with offices at 49 Pearl street in Hartford. He has also extended his efforts into other lines of business and finance until a laudable ambition and intelligently directed effort have brought him notable success. A native of Hartford, Mr. Campbell was born on Christmas day of 1881, his parents being James and Mary (Pettibone) Campbell, the former one of the distinguished physicians of this city for a quarter of a century. He was a representative of the family in the fourth generation to bear the name of James and of the sixth generation in the new world, the ancestral line being traced back to William Campbell, who about 1718 came from the north of Ireland with the Scotch-Irish colony that settled in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The records of 1719 mention William Campbell, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, who also lived in Boston. The line of descent comes down through James Campbell, the pioneer ancestor, James (II), Benjamin, James (III) and James (IV) to James Noel Howard Campbell. Dr. Campbell was born in Manchester, Connecticut, March 14, 1848, and after acquiring a public school education he became a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city and also in the University of Vermont. He entered upon the active practice of his profession in Minnesota, when twenty-three years of age, but returned east for further study and his later preparation included eighteen months spent in the hospitals and clinics of Berlin, Prague and Vienna. With his return he opened an office in Hartford in 1874 and remained a successful and honored medical practitioner here until his death October 17, 1899. In addition to a large private practice he was for fifteen years at the head of the city board of health as president, and during thirteen years of this period, from 1886 until 1899, was also a professor in the Yale Medical School. For many years he was a member of the medical staff of Hartford Hospital. As above stated, his professorship at Yale covered the period from 1886 until 1899, and in 1891 Yale University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. When he retired the Yale Corporation awarded him an official vote of thanks for his long and excellent service, also expressing regret at his withdrawal. They did not accept his resignation, so that until his death he remained a member of the faculty of the Medical School. His service on the city board of health was one of great public benefit, for he studied closely the subjects of sanitation and other important problems and instituted many measures of relief and improvement. He held membership in the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and was frequently called upon to prepare papers to be read before those organizations. He was medical director of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and belonged to the Association of Medical Directors of Life Insurance Companies of the United States and Canada and to the New York Academy of Medicine. Fraternally he was a Mason of high rank in both the York and Scottish Rites and also belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, to the Hartford Club, to the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution and to the Church Club of the Episcopal Diocese. Dr. Campbell was married October 15, 1874, to Mary Cornelia Pettibone, who was born at Hartford, February 18, 1846, and she passed away in September, 1907. Their first born, James Malcolm, died in infancy, and their youngest child, Grace, who was born in October, 1884, died in July, 1906.

The surviving member of the family is James Noel Howard Campbell, who in 1899 was graduated from the Hartford high school, after which he pursued his classical





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JAMES N. H. CAMPBELL



course in Yale University, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1903. Thinking to make law practice his life work, he then entered the Yale Law School and the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him in 1906. In June of the same year he was admitted to the Hartford county bar and began practice but in 1909 turned his attention to the brokerage business by becoming a member of the firm of H. K. Taylor & Company of Hartford, with which he remained until 1913. For a period thereafter he continued in the security business under his own name and then organized the firm of Campbell & Company with H. J. Zweigartt as the junior partner. In July, 1926, the firm merged with that of Buell & Company under the style of Buell, Campbell & Company, and in 1928 this organization was dissolved and he is now operating as Campbell & Company. Mr. Campbell's long experience has made him thoroughly familiar with the value of commercial paper and a safe counselor for those who seek investments. His efforts, too, have extended into other fields and his sound business judgment and enterprise have constituted a potent force in the success of the Capitol National Bank, of which he is a vice president and director, in the Amiesite Asphalt Company of Philadelphia, of which he is treasurer and director, in the Interstate Amiesite Company of Wilmington, Delaware, of which he is a director, and in the First Bond & Mortgage Company of Hartford, of which he is director and assistant treasurer.

On the 1st of May, 1907, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Marion Judith Moulton, of Hartford, a daughter of Frank P. and Rachel (White) Moulton, and their children are: James Howard Moulton, born February 6, 1908; Judith, born in October, 1910; Malcolm Griswold, born in March, 1912; and Esther, in October, 1914. Mrs. Campbell is descended from Revolutionary war ancestry and is now filling the office of regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R. Mr. Campbell is well known in Masonic circles, having membership in Saint John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; the Scottish Rite consistory and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In his college days he became identified with the Phi Gamma Delta. Along strictly social lines he has connection with the Hartford, Farmington Country, Hartford Golf, University, Yacht, Automobile, Rotary and City Clubs. His religious belief is that of the Congregational church and his political faith is evidenced in the fact that he is a member of the Republican Club. He has always been keenly interested in politics and has done effective work for the city during four terms' service in the common council. He was formerly a member of the street commission and chairman of the republican town committee as well as a member of the state central committee. He was a corporal in the State Guard and during the World war period he was most active in promoting the Liberty loans and in performing other war-time service. He has always endorsed and upheld the highest ideals of citizenship, while his financial career has been the expression of business integrity and honor as well as of enterprise. He is strong, forceful and resourceful and he has accomplished much not only in the upbuilding of his own fortunes but also for the benefit of city and state.

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#### FRANK SHUBEL MERRILL

Well known through his activities in legislative and civic affairs, Frank Shubel Merrill is doing equally good work as postmaster of Bristol, and also has to his credit a fine military record. A son of John L. and Ellen L. (Belden) Merrill, he was born April 12, 1879, and is a native of this city. His education was acquired in its public schools and his first money was earned in the Ingraham clock factory at Bristol. There he worked for six years and during four years of that time was foreman.

On May 18, 1900, Mr. Merrill joined the national guard, becoming a private of Company D, First Connecticut Infantry, and on May 16, 1902, was made a corporal. Rapidly advancing he became a sergeant on April 21, 1903, a second lieutenant on May 23, 1904, and on September 30 of the latter year won a captain's commission. His name was placed on the retired list October 17, 1910, and on May 20, 1912, he was again detailed as captain of the same outfit. On August 2, 1912, he reverted to the rank of first lieutenant and was retired October 27 of the same year. As captain he took charge of his original command January 2, 1914, and on June 16, 1914, was mustered into the federal service. At the time of the border uprising he was sent



to Mexico and soon after the United States entered the World war he was detailed to the railroad guard at Ansonia, Derby, Shelton and Waterbury, Connecticut. In November, 1917, he was ordered to Camp Greene at Charlotte, North Carolina, and in February, 1918, was transferred to Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. He was honorably discharged from the federal service in January, 1919, and on February 4, 1919, was retired as a captain of the Connecticut National Guard.

In March, 1905, Mr. Merrill had become connected with the Singer Sewing Machine Company, with which he remained for nine months, and spent the following year with the Hartman-Cooley Company. For two years thereafter he was associated with the New Departure Corporation and in May, 1908, accepted a position with the Clayton Brothers Manufacturing Company. In June, 1916, he severed his relations with the firm and after the termination of his military service returned to Bristol. On December 10, 1924, he reentered the employ of the New Departure Corporation and left their service in January, 1925, to become postmaster of Bristol. He meets every requirement of the office and his work has been highly satisfactory.

Mr. Merrill was married November 23, 1906, to Miss Florence Hosford, and they have become the parents of a son, Lewis, who was born May 17, 1907. Mr. Merrill's fraternal affiliations are with the Royal Arcanum, the Franklyn Lodge of Masons, Stephen Terry Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the American Legion, of which he is a past commander. In politics he is a strong republican and in 1920 became one of the councilmen of Bristol, acting in that capacity until 1923. In 1920 he was made committeeman of school district No. 2, and has been chairman of the playground commission. During 1922-23 he represented his district in the state legislature, rendering public service of value in each of these connections. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and his connection with the volunteer fire department covers twenty years. He belongs to the New Departure Club of Good Fellows and the Bristol Club. The principles of truth and honor have constituted Mr. Merrill's guide throughout life and his worth as a man and a citizen is uniformly acknowledged.

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#### WILLIAM BROSMITH

There are few men who can speak with such absolute authority upon insurance matters as can William Brosmith, who is the general counsel and vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford. He has occupied the former position for twenty-seven years and on the 16th of February, 1924, was called to the office of second chief executive. He came to Hartford in 1895, previous to which time he had made his home in New York city, where he was born in 1854. He was a young man of only twenty-one years when after thorough preparation he was admitted to the bar in the Empire state. He at once entered upon the general practice of law but soon concentrated his efforts and attention upon corporation and insurance law, which constituted the initial step in his climb to the high position which he now occupies as an insurance executive. With his removal to Hartford a third of a century ago he became legal representative of the Travelers Insurance Company and about that time was admitted to the Hartford county bar. His ability won him promotion after six years to the position of general counsel of the corporation as the successor of Sylvester C. Dunham, who was elected vice president and ultimately became president of the company. There are few phases of insurance with which Mr. Brosmith is not thoroughly familiar and his opinions concerning legal status or processes are widely accepted as authority. Moreover, he has been largely instrumental in securing wise legislation affecting insurance and in standardizing its statutory regulations. He has been chosen to the presidency of the Association of Life Insurance Counsel and is manager of the Bureau of Publicity, Casualty Insurance. In 1906 he filled the office of president of the International Association of Accident Underwriters and subsequently was president of the International Association of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. He has served on the executive committees of these organizations and also on the Board of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. His name is a familiar one in insurance circles throughout the country and the utmost attention is paid to his opinions concerning vital questions, for these opinions are always based upon a comprehensive understanding arising from close



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and discriminating study of every insurance problem. He has continued his association with his brethren of the legal fraternity through his membership in the Hartford Bar Association, the State Bar Association of Connecticut and the New York and American Bar Associations. He is a member of the board of The Travelers Indemnity Company and The Travelers Fire Insurance Company, and in banking circles his name is known through his connection with the directorate of the Travelers Bank & Trust Company and the Dime Savings Bank.

In 1879 Mr. Brosmith was united in marriage to Miss Hannah A. McBride, who passed away March 13, 1913. Their eldest son, Allan E., is attorney for the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford. The others of the family are: Amy M.; Arthur W., inspector of the board of water commissioners of Hartford; Mary, an Ursuline Sister, teaching in the College of New Rochelle; and Dorothy E., the wife of William J. McEvoy, associate manager in New York city in the Liability Department.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Brosmith has rendered valuable service as a trustee and counsel of St. Francis' Hospital and St. Joseph's Cathedral and also for various other diocese corporations. He has also given valuable aid to his city through nine years' service on the board of charity commissioners and during six years of that period was president of the board. He likewise served on the municipal building commission which had charge of the erection of the Municipal building, of which Hartford has every reason to be proud. His public service also has covered membership on the commission of public welfare of the state of Connecticut and on the state civil service commission. In his hours of leisure he turns for recreation to the Hartford, the Hartford Golf and the Country Clubs and his associates entertain for him a warm personal regard that has its root in his genial, social nature and kindly qualities, while his ability in the fields of law and insurance has gained for him the admiration and high respect of his professional colleagues and contemporaries.

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#### HARRISON B. FREEMAN

Harrison B. Freeman, attorney at law with offices at 50 State street and residence at 176 North Beacon street, Hartford, has been an officer in various corporations, as follows: President of the Northern Connecticut Light & Power Company, 1913-1926; treasurer of the Thompsonville Water Company, July, 1914-1926; receiver of the Hartford & Springfield Street Railway Company since October 1, 1918; secretary of the Connecticut River Company, January 1, 1912-1926; president of the Northern Connecticut Securities Company, 1909-1926.

Mr. Freeman was first married on September 9, 1901, to Alma N. Crowell, who died August 22, 1910. Miss Marguerite Gibson, of Farmington, Connecticut, became his wife on June 26, 1919. He has two sons: Harrison Crowell Freeman, born August 3, 1903; and Horace Hoyt Freeman, born August 12, 1908.

Mr. Freeman is a member of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Farmington Country Club, the University Club of Hartford, the Yale Club of New York city, the Twentieth Century Club, and is chairman of the Connecticut Dry Alliance. He is a director of the City Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, a director of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, president and director of the Northern Connecticut Light & Power Company, treasurer and director of the Thompsonville Water Company, receiver and director of the Hartford & Springfield Street Railway Company, president and director of the Northern Connecticut Securities Company, and secretary and director of the Connecticut River Company.

From 1895 to 1906, Mr. Freeman served as prosecuting attorney of the city of Hartford, while from 1889 until 1891 he was representative from Hartford in the Connecticut legislature. He is a republican in politics and was a member of the republican state central committee from 1901 to 1903. He was director of the Division of War Rallies and head of the Speakers' Bureau for the Connecticut State Council of Defense during the World war. The Division of War Rallies organized and conducted over twelve hundred patriotic meetings in Connecticut during the years 1917 and 1918 and organized a Speakers' Bureau with over four hundred men and over one hundred women speakers. Mr. Freeman was also chairman of the committee

on law enforcement of the Connecticut State Council of Defense during the war. He said: "During the war my time was entirely given up to working for the Connecticut State Council of Defense; was director of the Division of War Rallies for the Council during the war and had charge of organizing and conducting public meetings all over the state of Connecticut and organized and directed the Speakers' Bureau for the Connecticut State Council of Defense during the war, the bureau having over five hundred men and women speakers assisting in its work. In the fall of 1918, I was appointed receiver of the Hartford & Springfield Street Railway Company, an interurban system operating forty-nine miles of electric railway in Connecticut, and I have given most of my time to that and executive work in other corporations in which I am interested since the armistice was declared."

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#### AUSTIN DUNHAM BARNEY

Austin Dunham Barney, enrolled among the members of the Hartford bar since 1922, was born in this city, in the old home of Mark Twain, November 7, 1896, his parents being Danford Newton and Laura (Dunham) Barney, the former a native of Berlin, Connecticut, while the latter was born in the capital city. For a number of years the father resided in the town of Farmington and served as senator from his district, taking an active part in public affairs and exerting a widely felt influence over public thought and action. He still retains his residence at Farmington.

Austin D. Barney pursued his early education in the public schools, afterward attended a preparatory school and then entered Yale University, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1918. Upon the broad foundation of literary learning he then builded the superstructure of professional knowledge, continuing at Yale as a law student until he completed his course with the class of 1922. The same year he was admitted to practice at the Hartford bar, where he has since remained, and is now associated with the firm of Day, Berry & Reynolds. Since 1924 he has been attorney for the Hartford Electric Light Company. He is likewise a director of the West Hartford Trust Company and of the Travelers Aid Society.

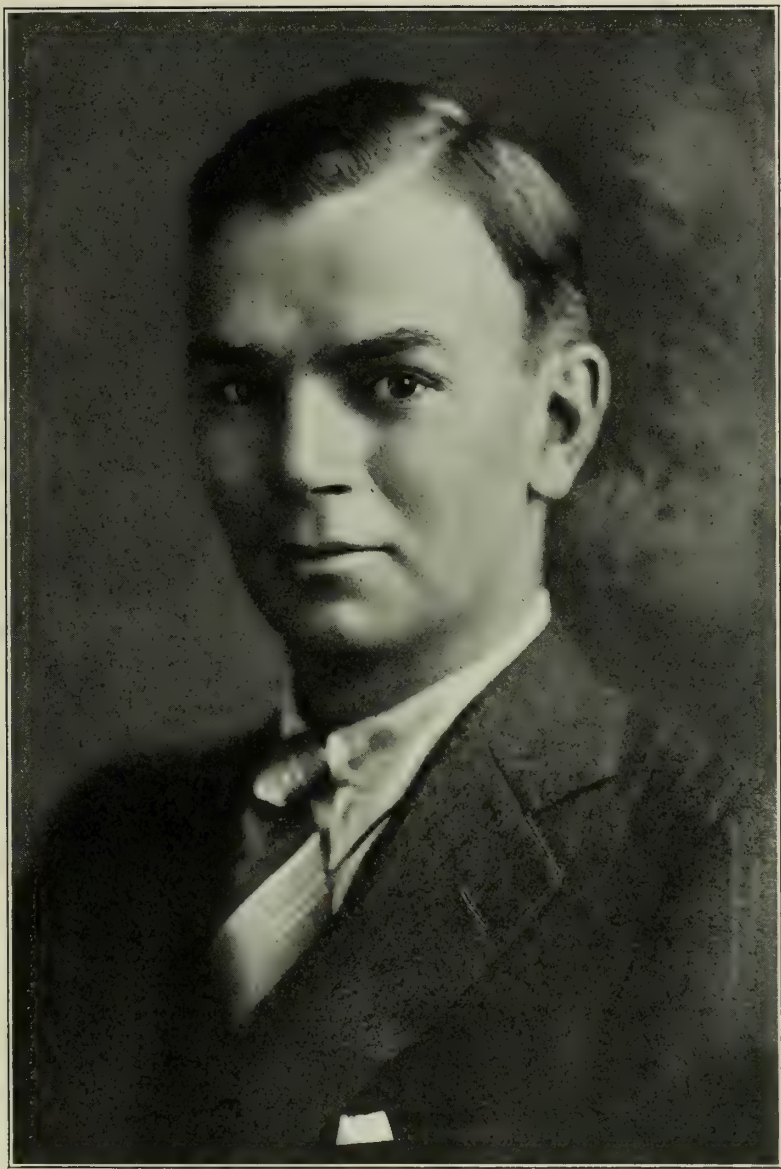
On the 14th of June, 1924, Mr. Barney was married to Miss Katherine Derr, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters, Harriet and Laura Dunham.

Fraternally Mr. Barney is connected with the Masonic order. There is an interesting military chapter in his life record, as he served as a first lieutenant of the Three Hundred and Third Field Artillery, One Hundred and Fifty-first Brigade, with which he went overseas. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he served as judge of the police court of Farmington for three years, while for four years he filled the office of first selectman.

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#### GEORGE STANLEY STEVENSON

Various important corporate interests profit by the cooperation of George Stanley Stevenson, whose keen insight and undaunted enterprise have ever made for success. He is now a partner in the firm of Thomson, Fenn & Company, investment brokers, and his name is also found on the directorate roll of various corporations which contribute to the business activity and financial standing of Hartford. His entire life has been passed in New England, his birth having occurred in Clinton, Maine, July 9, 1881. He is a son of George Stanley and Eunice Elizabeth (Whitten) Stevenson, of Clinton, and when he had completed his elementary education he became a student in the Coburn Classical Institute at Waterville, Maine, while in 1903 he was graduated from Harvard College with the Bachelor of Arts degree and the following year the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He first became identified with educational interests as instructor in Greek and Latin at Milton Academy of Milton, Massachusetts, with which he was associated from 1903 until 1905. In the latter year he entered upon a seven-year connection with the Coburn Classical Institute as its principal, but opportunities in other fields proved irresistible to him and in 1913 he became connected with the bond department of Lee, Higginson & Company, of Boston. He represented the company in Boston until 1915, when he



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AUSTIN D. BARNEY





entered the Hartford office, there remaining until 1921. At that time he became treasurer of the Society for Savings in Hartford and filled the office until 1927, when he became a partner in the investment firm of Thomson, Fenn & Company. His long and comprehensive experience enables him to find ready solution for the intricate problems of finance and in those circles which handle the moneyed interests of the capital city his name is well known. Aside from his partnership connection he is a director of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and is a director of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company and of the Bankers Trust Company of Hartford, while of the Society for Savings he is a trustee. He is likewise serving on the directorate of the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston, and is a director of the Miller Company of Meriden and of Arrow-Hart & Hegeman, Inc.

Mr. Stevenson was married on the 24th of June, 1905, to Miss Marjorie Elder, a daughter of Professor William and Caroline (Scammon) Elder, of Colby College. Their only child, Sarah Elder, was born December 29, 1921. Mr. Stevenson has many important interests outside of business and is serving as a trustee of Smith College of Northampton, Massachusetts, and as president of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, in which connection he is doing much to stimulate activities of the greatest worth to the municipality. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and, appreciative of the social amenities of life, he holds membership in the Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, Farmington Country Club and in the Dauntless Club of Essex, Connecticut.

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#### ALVAN WALDO HYDE

In the history of the legal fraternity in Hartford mention should be made of Alvan Waldo Hyde, well known member of the bar, practicing as a partner in the firm of Gross, Hyde & Williams, and son of William Waldo Hyde, a distinguished attorney who passed away on the 30th of October, 1915. Alvan W. Hyde was born in Hartford, August 21, 1880, and in his youth he became a public school pupil, so continuing until he left high school and became a Yale student, the university conferring upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1918. On the 5th of April, 1911, Mr. Hyde married Teresa MacGillivray, of Alexandria, Ontario, and they have two children: Jeanette MacGillivray, born June 13, 1912; and William Waldo II, born February 21, 1914.

Mr. Hyde was admitted to the bar the same year and began practice in association with the firm of Gross, Hyde & Shipman, of which his father was a partner. In 1919 the firm became Gross, Gross & Hyde and six years later, in 1925, the name was changed to Gross, Hyde & Williams. The record of Alvan W. Hyde fully sustains the enviable reputation which has always been associated with the family name in its connection with the bar of the capital. It is characteristic of him that he prepares his cases with great thoroughness, presents his cause with earnestness and his logical deductions always carry weight in determining the ultimate judgment. He has ever held to the highest professional standards and is an honored member of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations and also of the Bar Association of New York. Outside of strict professional lines his business interests are represented by his service as a director of the Dime Savings Bank of Hartford.

On the 6th of December, 1905, Mr. Hyde was united in marriage to Miss Helen E. Howard, a daughter of Frank L. and Julia (Cutler) Howard, mentioned in connection with the sketch of Colonel James Leland Howard elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Hyde passed away November 9, 1906, survived by twin daughters, Helen Waldo and Elizabeth Howard, who were born October 22, 1906, but the latter died in November, 1918. On the 5th of April, 1911, Mr. Hyde married Teresa MacGillivray, of Alexandria, Ontario, and they have two children: Jeanette MacGillivray, born June 13, 1912; and William Waldo II, born February 21, 1914.

Mr. Hyde votes with the democratic party and has been somewhat active in public affairs, serving as police commissioner from 1908 until 1914 through appointment of Mayor Edward B. Hooker. In November, 1927, he became a major of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard. He is also a trustee of the Connecticut

State Hospital at Middletown and in his hours of leisure he finds recreation through his connection with the Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, Farmington Country Club, Yale Club of New York, University Club of New York and Graduates Club of New Haven.

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#### GEORGE HASKELL BURT

The life history of George Haskell Burt is written in terms of success and, moreover, he deserves the proud American title of self-made man. His progress and advancement are the direct outcome of his industry and perseverance, and with a willingness to do anything that his hand could find to do, he started out in the business world, in which he was destined to attain leadership, prosperity and honor. After long years of connection with banking interests he is the chairman of the board of directors of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company in Hartford and is serving as a director of various other important corporations.

His life story had its beginning at Amity, Maine, June 10, 1857, his parents being George and Sarah Foster (Haskell) Burt. He was only a year old at the time of his father's death, after which his mother removed to Hartford, so that his education was pursued in the public schools of this city, but he did not have the opportunity of completing a high school course, for at an early age necessity made it imperative that he provide for his own support. He scorned no honest employment and step by step advanced in positions that brought him broader opportunity as well as more desirable remuneration. He was a youth of twenty when in 1877 he entered into active connection with banking interests as an employe in the private bank of George P. Bissell & Company of Hartford, which in those days had the third largest deposits in this city. With the thoroughness that has ever characterized his work, Mr. Burt mastered the duties that devolved upon him and made it his business to acquaint himself as rapidly as possible with every phase of the banking business. In 1889 he left the private bank to become cashier in the old State Bank of Hartford, and by way of the vice presidency he reached the presidency in 1920 and remained the chief executive officer of the institution until 1926, when the State Bank consolidated with the Phoenix under the name of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, at which time Mr. Burt became chairman of the board of directors and so continues. He is likewise president of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is a trustee and vice president of the Society for Savings and a director of the Hart & Hegeman Manufacturing Company, the National Fire Insurance Company, the Rossia Insurance Company, the First Re-Insurance Company, and the Eagle Lock Company, being also vice president of the last named. Long since his judgment has come to be recognized as an invaluable factor in the successful management of business interests of importance and he is numbered among the most prominent men in financial and insurance circles in Hartford.

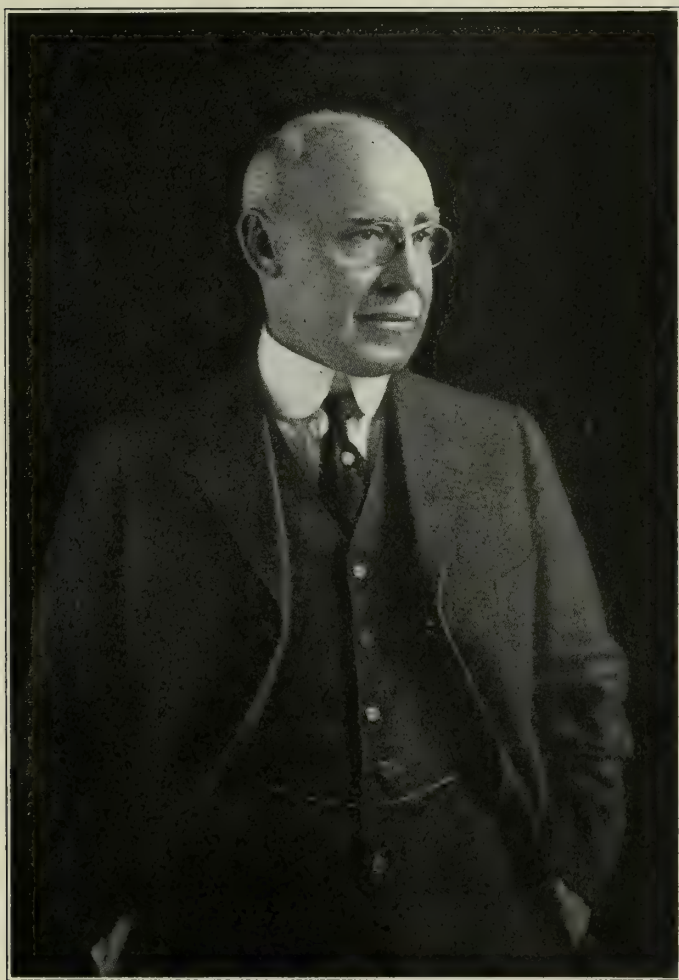
On the 14th of October, 1880, Mr. Burt was married to Miss Mary R. Murdoch, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Martin) Murdoch, of Middletown, Connecticut, and the other member of their household is a daughter, Bessie M. Mr. Burt has always voted with the republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason and he is a well known member of the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Wampanoag Country Clubs.

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#### HON. CHARLES WINTHROP CRAMER

Judge Charles Winthrop Cramer, a member of the law firm of Schutz, Cramer & Guthrie of Hartford, was born in Portland, Connecticut. He attended Yale University and won his LL. B. degree in 1904. At Yale he was president of the Wayland Club and treasurer of the Kent Club. In 1904 he was admitted to the bar and that year also brought him election to the office of judge of the probate court for the district of Chatham, which comprised Portland, Middle Haddam, Cobalt and East Hampton, in Middlesex county, Connecticut. He was president of the Business Men's Association of Portland, Connecticut, and chairman of the high school committee of that town, for several years. He was also town attorney for the towns of Portland





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and East Hampton for a period of about eight years. In addition to discharging his duties as probate judge he also practiced law, continuing in his professional work in Portland and in Middletown until 1912. He was a member of numerous civic associations in Middletown and Portland, and also a member of the Middlesex Historical Society, and a trustee of the Freestone Savings Bank, and the Methodist Episcopal Church of Portland. He was active in Masonic work and was a past master of Warren Lodge, No. 51, A. F. & A. M., of Portland, Connecticut.

In January of 1913, he was appointed tax attorney for the state of Connecticut, with offices at the state capitol, and removed to Hartford, where he also engaged in the private practice of law as the duties of his office gave him opportunity. He was retained in the position of tax attorney until 1918, when he resigned and entered into partnership with Arthur E. Howard, now associate judge of the court of common pleas, and the firm of Cramer & Howard was maintained until 1922, when it was merged with the firm of which Walter S. Schutz, former corporation counsel for the city of Hartford, and Ufa E. Guthrie were partners, the style of Schutz, Cramer, Howard & Guthrie being then assumed. In the following year Mr. Howard withdrew to go upon the bench and since that time the firm name of Schutz, Cramer & Guthrie has been maintained, although the senior partner passed away in 1925. Throughout the years of his connection with the legal profession Judge Cramer has enjoyed a substantial practice, growing in volume and importance as time has passed. He has long been accorded high rank among the eminent lawyers of the capital city and he is a valued member of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations, enjoying in full measure the respect, confidence and high regard of his professional colleagues and contemporaries.

On the 1st of June, 1909, Judge Cramer was married to Miss Flora Marshall, a daughter of William Henry and Ellen (Kern) Marshall, of Boston. Their children are Edith Winifred, John Marshall and Ruth Marion.

In his political views, Judge Cramer has always been a stalwart republican and a consistent worker for the party's success. He holds membership in the Hartford Golf Club and is widely known in Masonic circles, having taken all of the degrees in the various York and Scottish Rite bodies, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is a past grand master of the state of Connecticut and the esteem accorded him in Masonic ranks vies with that which is extended him as a representative member of the Connecticut bar.

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#### EPAPHRODITUS PECK

Epaphroditus Peck was born December 20, 1860, in Bristol, to which his great-great-grandfather removed in 1750. He is a descendant of Paul Peck, who came to Hartford in 1638, owned a farm near the present corner of Capitol avenue and Washington street, and was a deacon in Thomas Hooker's church.

Judge Peck received his elementary education at Bristol, and graduated from the Hartford Public High School in 1877, there being at that time no high school in Bristol. Soon after he began the study of law, and received the degree of LL. B. from the Yale Law School in 1881, being valedictorian of his class. He was admitted to the bar that year, and in 1882 opened an office in Bristol, where he has been located ever since.

From 1887 till 1912 he was Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at Hartford; and from 1903 to 1913 taught the law of domestic relations, evidence and procedure at the Yale Law School. In 1912 he resigned both of these positions, and since that time he has been engaged in law practice at Bristol.

Mr. Peck was married at Hartford, on August 21, 1886, to Miss Grace Brownell of Hartford, a daughter of Frank C. and Mary B. Brownell. To Mr. and Mrs. Peck were born five children, but three of them died in early childhood. They have two daughters living, Mrs. Thomas S. McEwan of Evanston, Illinois, and Miss Mildred A. Peck of Bristol. They have three grandchildren, children of Mrs. McEwan.

Mr. Peck is a director of the Bristol Savings Bank, secretary and director of the Bristol Public Library, secretary and director of the Bristol Hospital. He has taken a considerable part in the national affairs of the Congregational church, and is vice president of the Corporation for the National Council of Congregational Churches in



the United States, and has been for several years a director and member of the executive and finance committees of the Church Extension Boards of that denomination.

He was elected to the legislature as a republican from Bristol in 1925, and again in 1927, serving in the first session on the committee on banks, and in the second session on the judiciary committee.

Among his published articles and addresses are the History of Bristol in the Hartford County Memorial History, published in 1886, the historical address at the centennial celebration of the town of Bristol in 1885, the historical address at the centennial celebration of the town of Burlington in 1906, a monograph on "Thomas Hooker and his relation to American Constitutional History," published by the Congregational State Conference in 1904, a monograph on Moses Dunbar, loyalist, published in the Connecticut Magazine in 1904; and a text book for law students entitled "Peck on Persons and Domestic Relations," published by Callaghan & Co. of Chicago in 1913, and a second edition in 1920. His address on "The Pilgrims' Conception of Democracy" delivered at the International Congregational Council in Boston, in 1920, was printed in "Christian Work" in September of that year. He has also written a number of articles for legal periodicals and encyclopedias, and addresses on various occasions.

He is still actively engaged in practice at Bristol.

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#### ALFRED SPENCER, JR.

A banking executive of the broadest experience, having long occupied a position of leadership among the financiers of Connecticut, Alfred Spencer, Jr., is numbered with those who have given stability to the state and made its history a record of steady and substantial growth. The thoroughness which he has ever displayed has enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles, and as chairman of the executive committee of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company he is giving out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of his associates and of the strong institution which is the outcome of the merger of two of the largest banking interests of Hartford. He has reached the age of seventy-six, yet cares not to relegate to others the duties and responsibilities of business life, and no name is more honored in banking circles than is that of Alfred Spencer, Jr.

Born on the 29th of October, 1851, in Suffield, Connecticut, he is a son of Alfred and Caroline Frances (Reid) Spencer. One cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Connecticut without learning of the long and important association of the Spencer family with the history of this state, for through eleven generations the ancestral line is traced back to Michael and Elizabeth Spencer, who in the middle of the sixteenth century maintained their home at Stratford, in Bedfordshire, England, where on the 20th of May, 1576, their son, Jared Spencer, was baptized. Having reached manhood, he married and in 1632 came with his wife, Alice, and their five sons to the new world, settling at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The eldest son, Thomas Spencer, who became the progenitor of the Suffield branch of the family, was born in Stratford, England, March 27, 1607, was brought by his parents to this country and in 1635 he and his brother William came to Hartford with Rev. Thomas Hooker's company. As early as 1633 he resided at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in 1639 had become a resident of Hartford, where he owned land and was chosen a sergeant March 7, 1650. He was called upon for public service of a varied character, acting as chimney-viewer in 1650, as constable in 1657 and as highways surveyor in 1672. He served in the Pequot war in 1637 and in 1671 was granted sixty acres of land by the general court "for his good service in the country." He died September 11, 1687. His will dated September 9, 1686, shows an idealism as unexpected as it is beautiful in this rugged old Puritan's make up when he said "I \* \* \* finding the shadows of the evening are stretching over me cannot but judge the council of the prophet very seasonable 'set thy house in order' \* \* \* and finally I leave all my children with the Lord and desire his blessing may be their portion that they may love and serve him and live in love and peace one with another when I shall be gathered to my fathers." His son, Thomas Spencer, was born in Hartford and in 1684 voted at the



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first town meeting in Suffield, where he engaged in farming until his death, July 23, 1689. His widow, Mrs. Esther (Andrews) Spencer, daughter of William Andrews, survived until March 6, 1698.

Samuel Spencer, second son of Thomas and Esther Spencer, was born in Suffield, followed farming there and died November 23, 1743. On the 18th of March, 1700, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Mascroft, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and the elder of their two sons was Thomas Spencer, who was born in Suffield, January 13, 1702. He, too, was a farmer and served as a lieutenant in the French and Indian war. On the 15th of December, 1720, he married Mary Trumbull, a relative of Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut. She was born December 2, 1701, in Suffield, and died in 1755, having for more than a year survived her husband, who died February 4, 1754. Their youngest son, Hezekiah Spencer, born December 16, 1740, was a Suffield farmer who died August 3, 1797, while his wife, Olive Nott, died February 2, 1771. Hezekiah Spencer, their son, was born April 30, 1766, followed farming as a life work, was a leading member of the Congregational church and on June 5, 1793, married Jerusha Nelson, who was born in Suffield, December 17, 1771. He died October 1, 1820, and his wife August 17, 1854. Their second son, Alfred Spencer, was the grandfather of the Alfred Spencer whose name introduces this review and who now ranks as one of Connecticut's foremost financiers. He was born July 12, 1801, on the family homestead, was married October 16, 1823, to Harriet King, who was born September 30, 1802, in Suffield, and he died on October 17, 1838, his wife surviving until December 15, 1844.

Alfred Spencer, son of Alfred and Harriet Spencer, was born January 21, 1825, on the family homestead, supplemented his district school education by study in the Connecticut Literary Institute and became owner of large landed interests and an extensive dealer in tobacco. He was married March 26, 1846, to Caroline Frances Reid, of Colchester, who was born October 22, 1827. Both have now passed away, Mr. Spencer having died December 30, 1891, while his wife died August 31, 1898. Their children were James P., Harriet A., Alfred, Mary Reid, Clinton, Carrie E., Jennie and Samuel Reid.

Reared upon the home farm, in the old Spencer Homestead built in 1726 and still used by him as a summer residence, Alfred Spencer, Jr., attended the Connecticut Literary Institute after completing his public school course and later entered the Edwards Place School at Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was a young man of twenty-one years when he secured employment in the First National Bank of Suffield, there applying himself with such diligence and determination that he won various promotions and ultimately became cashier, remaining with that institution through two decades. In 1891 he resigned to become cashier of the Aetna National Bank of Hartford and again his forcefulness and resourcefulness brought him advancement until in 1899 he was elected president, remaining the executive head of the institution until it was merged with the Hartford Bank in 1915, becoming the Hartford-Aetna National Bank, with Mr. Spencer continuing in the presidency until February, 1926, when he was made chairman of the board of directors. His association therewith thus continued until May, 1927, when arrangements were completed resulting in the merger of the Hartford-Aetna and the United States Security banks under the name of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, with a capitalization of four million dollars, a surplus of equal amount and undivided profits of about one million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The combined resources of the new institution are approximately forty-four million dollars, the deposits about thirty-two million dollars and the total trust funds reach about sixty million dollars. On the merger Mr. Spencer was made chairman of the executive committee and thus he has a most important part in shaping the policy and directing the destiny of this institution, which today ranks with the foremost banks of the east. Starting out as a messenger boy, his rise has been continuous, his powers have been logically developed and his capability places him in the front rank among the prominent and honored bank executives of New England. Aside from his association with the newly organized Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, Mr. Spencer is president of Gray's Telephone Pay Station Company of Hartford, a trustee of the State Savings Bank of Hartford and of the Suffield School at Suffield.

In leisure hours Mr. Spencer has ever found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. He was married October 14, 1879, to Miss Ella Susan Nichols, a daughter of Francis and Mary (Pomeroy) Nichols, of Suffield, and the children of this marriage

are: Alfred Francis, who was born February 21, 1881; and Herbert, who was born January 13, 1883, and married Ruth Ensign, of East Hartford, by whom he has three sons—Richard Herbert, Louis Ensign and Alfred Nichols.

Mr. Spencer is prominently known in the City Club of Hartford and also has membership relations with the York and Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry, his connection being with Apollo Lodge, No. 59, F. & A. M., of Suffield; Washington Chapter, R. A. M.; Suffield Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T., of Hartford; and Hartford Consistory, S. P. R. S. He is also a member of Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Hartford and has held various offices in these organizations, embodying in his life the highest principles and spirit of the craft. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he has been a close student of the vital questions and issues of the day but never an aspirant for public office, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, in which he has been a notable record; but the most envious cannot grudge him his success, so worthily has it been won and so honorably used, his efforts being a vital force in the upbuilding of the banking interests of the state.

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#### SAMUEL REID SPENCER

While Samuel Reid Spencer ranks with the leading and representative business men of Suffield, he is also classed with its prominent and influential citizens, having for many years taken an active part in public affairs which have featured largely in the upbuilding and progress of this section of the state. Suffield numbers him among her native sons, having been born here on the 4th of November, 1871. At the usual age he entered the public schools and his collegiate training was received at Yale, which numbers him among its alumni of 1893. His graduation brought him the Bachelor of Arts degree, and thus equipped for life's practical and responsible duties, he started out in the business world as an employe of the J. R. Montgomery Company of Windsor Locks, Connecticut. His initial position was that of general utility man and in 1894 he went upon the road, selling goods for the firm until 1900. In that year he and his brother, Clinton Spencer, purchased the feed, coal and lumber business of W. W. Cooper, thus taking over a business that had been established in 1874. On the 31st of December, 1913, they reorganized under the name of Spencer Brothers, Incorporated, with Clinton Spencer as president and Samuel R. Spencer as treasurer. Upon the death of the former in 1917, Samuel R. Spencer became president and continues as the chief executive officer of the company, with Howard C. Cone as treasurer and H. L. Pomeroy as secretary. They conduct an extensive retail trade in feed, coal and lumber and their business is now one of substantial proportions, bringing to them a gratifying annual income. Mr. Spencer is also widely known in financial circles, having been a trustee of the Savings Bank since 1906, while the year 1914 brought him election to the presidency. He was likewise made a director of the First National Bank in 1917 and became its vice president in 1923, so that he shares in the executive control of two of the strong and stable banking institutions of this section.

On the 12th of December, 1899, Mr. Spencer was married to Helena E. Bailey, daughter of Ezra B. and Katie E. (Horton) Bailey, of Windsor Locks, her father having been president and treasurer of the Horton Chuck Company from about 1887 to the time of his retirement from active business. He was a member of the Connecticut state senate and for many years was collector of customs at the port of Hartford.

Mr. Spencer gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have frequently called upon him to render public service. He has continuously filled the office of trustee of the Suffield schools since 1906 and in 1913 was made chairman of the executive committee. Since 1903 he has served on the library board and has been chairman of the directorate since 1910. The office of town treasurer he has filled without interruption since 1900 and Suffield is among the few towns in Connecticut that is without indebtedness. In 1915 he was elected to the state legislature for a two years' term, was reelected in 1917 and served on the committee on finance in both sessions, while in 1917 he was chairman of the committee. The seventh district elected him state senator and his service covered the



session of 1927. Since June of that year, through appointment of Governor Trumbull, he has been a member of the state board of finance and control and his public activity has ever been actuated by the utmost loyalty to the public good. His service has received the highest endorsement of leading officials as well as of his fellow townsmen and he ranks with the valued residents of the state. Mr. Spencer is a member of the various Masonic bodies, having become a Knight Templar, a Consistory Mason and a Mystic Shriner. His wife is a member of the Second Baptist church of Suffield, which he attends, and she belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society.

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#### WILLIAM MUIR

Liberalily endowed with the qualities of energy and perseverance, William Muir overcame many obstacles and difficulties, never losing sight of his objective, and now controls the destiny of one of the industries of Bristol. A native of Scotland, he was born October 14, 1876, near the city of Glasgow, and when a child was brought to the United States by his parents, Henry and Mary S. Muir, who settled in Bristol, Connecticut. He attended the local schools and in 1897 entered the employ of the New Departure Company. Two years later he became connected with the Wallace-Barnes Company and his zeal and ability soon won him promotion. Eventually he was made assistant treasurer and subsequently was elected president. For seventeen years he remained with the Wallace-Barnes Corporation and in 1916 allied his interests with those of the Thompson Clock Company, of which he has since been president, treasurer and a director. Mr. Muir combines a capacity for detail with the broad vision and mature judgment of the true executive and under his able administration the industry has made notable strides. He is also a director of the C. J. Root Company and the Wallace-Barnes Company. Proficiency in accounting is one of his accomplishments and for twenty years he was auditor of the Bristol Savings Bank.

On June 14, 1905, Mr. Muir was united in marriage to Miss Eva G. Olcott, of Bristol, and both are prominent in social circles of the city. Mr. Muir gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for twenty years has been treasurer of school district No. 1. The cause of education finds in him an ardent champion and his influence is always on the side of projects of reform, progress and improvement. Through the steps of an orderly progression he has reached a field of broad usefulness and his life has been guided by those principles which constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity.

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#### ROSCOE N. CLARK

On the roster of public officials in Hartford appears the name of Roscoe N. Clark, city engineer. He was born at Auburn, Maine, August 8, 1870, and his parents, Warren and Mary Caroline (Doe) Clark, were likewise natives of the Pine Tree state. The father was long a railroad man, acting as agent for the Grand Trunk and Maine Central railroads at Danville Junction, Maine. He died in the year 1879, while his widow long survived him, passing away in 1900.

Roscoe N. Clark pursued his education at Worcester Academy, a preparatory school at Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he entered the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he studied civil engineering, graduating with the degree of B. S. in 1892. Immediately afterward he took up railroad survey work and was thus engaged until the winter of 1894-95, his activities covering the territory from the Maine Central up through Rumford Falls to Rangeley Lakes. He also spent a few months in the office of a surveyor at Worcester, and in 1896 came to Hartford to take charge of a party on the topographical survey of what is now Keney Park. In the spring of 1898 he became engineer for the park department of the city, and in 1901, while still active in that work, he entered the employ of E. D. Graves, the then chief engineer of the Connecticut River Bridge and Highway District, who was then



engaged in the preliminary work having to do with the construction of the Hartford bridge. In 1902 Mr. Clark became an employe in the city engineer's office, and when the incumbent of that position resigned in 1911 he was appointed city engineer, which position he has since filled. Under his supervision the East Side Intercepting Sewer was built, numerous bridges have been constructed, much street widening has been done and all public improvements have been carried forward in a manner that has given evidence not only of his professional ability and practical skill but of his loyalty to the interests entrusted to his care.

On the 5th of October, 1895, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Florence S. Hartwell, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and their two children are Alfreda C. and B. Hartwell.

Mr. Clark is a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., and Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M., while along strictly social lines he has connection with the City Club and with the University Club of Hartford, and through a professional avenue he is identified with the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers.

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#### CARLYLE FULLER BARNES

It is true that in his successful business career Carlyle Fuller Barnes entered upon an enterprise already established, but in further developing and promoting this many a man of less resolute spirit and with less courage and determination would have failed. However, he developed his interests to meet the growing demands of the times and thus gave demonstration of both his forcefulness and his resourcefulness. His life history had its beginning in the village of Bristol, where he was born December 11, 1852, and in tracing his family history it is found that both in the paternal and maternal lines he came of old and distinguished American families. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Barnes, who left his native England to establish his home in the new world, becoming a resident of Farmington, Connecticut, about 1660. He was also a descendant of Edward Fuller, who was one of the passengers on the famous Mayflower. His parents were Wallace and Eliza (Fuller) Barnes, the father a prominent manufacturer who founded and promoted the Wallace Barnes Company, engaged in the manufacture of clock springs. He was a business man of marked capability and worth and concentrated his attention largely upon his manufacturing interests, holding no public office save that of fire commissioner.

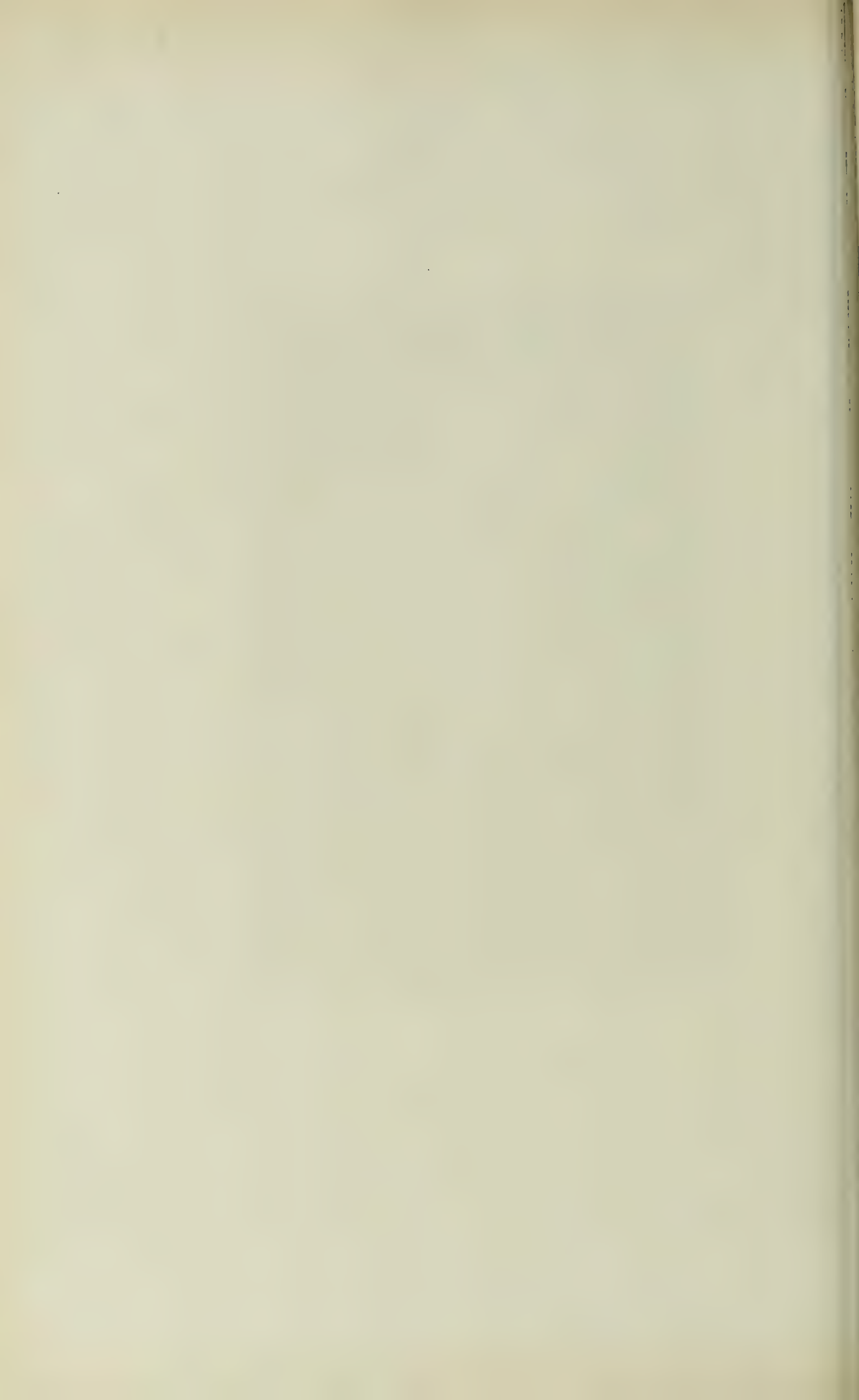
The youthful days of Carlyle F. Barnes were passed in his native village and in the acquirement of his education he supplemented his public school training by a course of study in the Williston Seminary, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870. He then turned to the business world and made his initial step by securing a clerkship in the store of R. F. Blodgett, of Hartford. Subsequently he devoted four years to office work in the Hartford office of the well known firm of Cheney Brothers and through these experiences gained wide knowledge of modern business methods and formed habits of thoroughness, industry and close application which constituted features in his later successful career. He left the firm of Cheney Brothers to become associated with the Wallace Barnes Company of Bristol, of which his father was manager. His thoroughness and energy gained him promotion until he became treasurer of the company and an active factor in its prosperity. Nor did he confine his efforts to a single field but broadened the scope of his labors by becoming associated with other interests of importance. He was elected to the presidency of the C. J. Root Company, engaged in the manufacture of brass hinges and counters, and he entered the field of finance by becoming vice president of the Bristol Savings Bank, his sound judgment and clear business vision being elements in the profitable control of these two enterprises. His labors were at all times fruitful of excellent results and were a source of the city's material growth and development as well as a source of individual income.

On the 1st of October, 1885, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Lena Forbes, a daughter of Samuel W. Forbes, of Forestville, and they became the parents of two sons, Fuller Forbes and Harry Clarke, who became connected with the business established by their grandfather, the former being now president and the latter



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CARLYLE F. BARNES





treasurer of the Wallace Barnes Corporation, which is today one of the chief productive industries of this section.

In his political views Mr. Barnes was always a republican from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and in 1907 he was elected burgess of the borough of Bristol for a two years' term. Matters of progressive citizenship ever found in him an earnest and effective champion, for his influence was ever on the side of advancement and improvement. He greatly enjoyed outdoor life, being particularly fond of salmon fishing. Fraternally he was a Mason and attained the Knight Templar degree in Washington Commandery. He belonged to the Society of Mayflower Descendants and he had membership in the First Congregational church, its teachings constituting a guiding force in his life, making him a man whom to know was to esteem and honor.

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#### CALEB MILLS SAVILLE

Caleb Mills Saville, a civil engineer of Hartford and recognized as a man of marked professional capability, was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, May 27, 1865, and is a son of George W. W. and Helen (Mills) Saville. His collegiate course was pursued in Harvard University, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1889, and later he did postgraduate work in the Lawrence Scientific School, so that liberal educational training well qualified him for important professional duties, while experience has constantly augmented his efficiency and gained him wider and wider recognition. In 1895 he became division engineer of the metropolitan water board of Boston and occupied that position for ten consecutive years, after which he became hydraulic specialist with the firm of French & Bryant of Brookline, Massachusetts, so continuing for two years. In 1907 he was made engineer in charge of the third division of the Isthmian canal and from 1907 until 1912 he conducted investigations on the foundations and other work of the Gatun dam, resulting in the construction of the dam at that locality. He likewise made investigations in hydrology and meteorology on the Panama canal and the triangulation survey of the canal zone. His work there was of a most important character, demanding ability of a high order, and that his service was most valuable is indicated in the fact that his ideas and his labors were embodied in canal construction and proven to be of most practical character. Mr. Saville is now filling the position of manager and chief engineer of the board of water commissioners of Hartford, having in charge the installation of a new water supply plant for Hartford at a cost of about fourteen million dollars and supervising all water department work. His activities involve intricate engineering problems and his labors have been of far-reaching and most beneficial effect. He was appointed a member of the Connecticut state industrial water board, was made a member of the commission on water supply for state institutions and served as a member of the Hartford City Meadows Development Commission. In 1914 he was awarded the Normal medal of the American Society of Civil Engineers and received the Dexter Bracket Memorial medals of the New England Water Works Association in 1917 and in 1927. He is a past president of the New England Water Works Association, is a fellow of the American Public Health Association, a member of the American Water Works Association, of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers and the Harvard Engineering Society, and he is well known as a writer on water supply subjects, his contributions to the literature of the profession being most valuable. He is now consulting editor of *Water Works Engineering*.

In October, 1891, Mr. Saville was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Thorndike, of West Newton, Massachusetts. It is an interesting coincidence that Mr. Saville is a descendant in the ninth generation of John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden and that Mrs. Saville is a descendant in the ninth generation of Miles Standish. Both the Saville and Thorndike families are of English ancestry, the branches in this country being established principally in Quincy and in Beverly, Massachusetts, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Saville have one son, Thorndike, who is now professor of sanitary and hydraulic engineering in the University of North Carolina and hydraulic engineer of the state geological survey. Mr. Saville is interested in patriotic organizations, including the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Society of Colonial

Wars, but the major part of his time and attention has been given to his professional activities, wherein he has risen to prominence. He has attempted important things and accomplished what he has attempted, and while success has rewarded his labors, his efforts have at all times been of the greatest value and benefit to his fellowmen.

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#### LUCIUS HANCOCK HOLT

The late Lucius Hancock Holt, son of Alva and Betsy (Kelsey) Holt, was born in Willington, October 1, 1827. The Holt family is of English origin, and Nicholas Holt, who was born in England about the year 1602, sailed from Southampton in April, 1635, on the ship *James*, which reached Boston the following June. Nicholas Holt became one of the first settlers of Newberry, Massachusetts, and in 1644 aided in founding Andover, Massachusetts, where he died in 1665. Nicholas Holt, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Holt, was born in Andover in 1647, and in 1679 married Mary Russell. He died in Andover in 1715. Their son, Abiel Holt, who was born in 1698, married Hannah Abbott, and in 1718 they became residents of Windham, Connecticut, and early members of the church there. Abiel Holt died in 1772. His son James, born in Windham in 1746, was married in 1769 to Esther Orven, and subsequently established his home in Willington, where he died in 1818. The next in the line of direct descent to Lucius H. Holt was Joseph Holt, born in Willington in 1770, while in 1794 he married Betsy Parker, who died in 1814, and he died in 1816. They were parents of Alva Holt, who was born in Willington, August 14, 1801, and died March 30, 1876. Betsy Kelsey, who was born March 19, 1794, and was a daughter of Levi and Sally (Fowler) Kelsey, became his wife February 5, 1823, and died June 2, 1869. After devoting his early manhood to farming, Alva Holt established a trucking business in Hartford. He was an earnest worker in the temperance cause and frequently lectured on that subject.

At the age of fifteen Lucius Hancock Holt was obliged to leave school in order to aid in the support of his father's family. After selling newspapers three years he began learning the jeweler's trade in Hartford, and followed it until thirty years of age, when he turned his attention to the grain business, in which he was successful from the beginning. To be at the center of the grain trade of the country, he removed to Chicago, but following the great fire there in 1871 he returned to Hartford and for forty years was treasurer of the Billings & Spencer Company, long maintaining a position of distinction in business circles here. He had membership in St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; Connecticut Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and in politics was a lifelong democrat, serving as both councilman and alderman of Hartford.

Mr. Holt was married September 9, 1849, to Sarah Gwinnell, who was born January 10, 1829, and their daughter, Evelina C., born May 26, 1855, became the wife of Charles E. Billings. Their only son is Fred Park Holt, whose life history is found on another page of this work.

Mr. Holt died in Hartford on the 4th of February, 1911, and though sixteen years have since come and gone, his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him. He deserved much credit for what he accomplished, as he started out in the business world empty-handed when very young and by force of character and persistent purpose, coupled with diligence and a laudable ambition, he steadily advanced until prosperity was his—a prosperity that was synonymous with an honored name.

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#### FRED PARK HOLT

Fred Park Holt, chairman of the board of directors of the City Bank and Trust Company, his name occupying a high place on the roll of Hartford's distinguished financiers, has been a lifelong resident of this city, having been born here November 8, 1860. Extended mention of his parents, Lucius Hancock and Sarah (Gwinnell) Holt, of Hartford, may be found on another page of this work. The annals of New England make frequent mention of his ancestors, who made valuable contribution to the development and progress of the country.



FRED P. HOLT





Having attended the public and high schools of his native city, Fred P. Holt went to Kansas in 1878, then a youth of eighteen years, and was connected with the title and abstract business in McPherson until 1893, when he returned to Hartford and entered its business circles with the Hartford Trust Company. His association with that corporation continued until 1902, when he established a real estate business on his own account and engaged in the purchase and sale of property until 1912. In that year he was appointed by Governor Simeon E. Baldwin to the position of building and loan commissioner, but resigned later in the year to accept a proffered appointment as bank commissioner for Connecticut. He continued to serve acceptably in that capacity until February, 1915, when he accepted the broader opportunity offered him in election to the presidency of the City Bank and Trust Company. For seven years he remained the executive head of that institution, wisely and successfully directing its affairs, and was then elected chairman of the board of directors on the 29th of March, 1922, and so continues to the present time, giving out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of those who are associated with him in the ownership and conduct of this bank. Something of the breadth and scope of his interests is indicated in the fact that he is also the vice president of the Park Street Trust Company and a director of the East Hartford Trust Company.

On the 18th of February, 1880, Mr. Holt was married to Miss Regina Miller Hudson, a daughter of Dr. William Miller and Ellen (Bryan) Hudson, of Hartford. Her father, a distinguished physician of this city, was a Yale graduate of the famous class of 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Holt have a son, Colonel Lucius Hudson Holt, who was born January 16, 1881, and is dean of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He married Katherine Beers, daughter of Professor Henry A. Beers, of Yale, and their two sons are Guy Bryan and Roger Clerc.

Mr. Holt has part in the social life of Hartford as a member of the Hartford Club, and he is furthermore identified with all the Masonic bodies and the Mystic Shrine. His political endorsement since age conferred upon him the right of franchise has been given to the democratic party, and since 1911 he has been treasurer of the democratic state central committee. He has served as alderman and is now a member of the zoning board of Hartford, and when his aid is needed in any field of public service his response is prompt and his labor effective and beneficial. No matter how great the business demands are upon his energies, he always finds time to aid in advancing the public welfare.

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#### THOMAS J. O'BRIEN

Thomas J. O'Brien, widely and favorably known in the business circles of Hartford, is now president and treasurer of the Hartford Electric Supply Company at 234 Pearl street. He was born in this city March 24, 1881, his parents being Thomas S. and Mary A. (St. Lawrence) O'Brien, the former a native of Ireland, while the mother was born in Hartford. Thomas S. O'Brien came to Connecticut in his youth and was engaged in the hotel business in the capital city for a number of years but has now passed away.

In the acquirement of his education Thomas J. O'Brien attended St. Peter's school and the high school of Hartford. His initial step in the business world was made as an employe of the Electric Vehicle Company of Hartford, with which he remained for three years, and on the expiration of that period he became associated with the New England Engineering Company, continuing with that concern for fifteen years. He was next with the Electric Supply and Equipment Company and afterward spent three years with the Lewis Electrical Supply Company of Boston, while in January, 1918, he formed his present business organization under the name of the Hartford Electric Supply Company, of which he is president and treasurer. This company has been incorporated and does a wholesale business in electrical appliances and radio apparatus. Its trade is steadily growing and back of its success is the broad business experience and the progressive methods of Mr. O'Brien, who forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution.

On the 9th of November, 1917, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Ethel May West, of Melrose, Massachusetts, and they have three children: Thomas J., nine years of age; Louise P., who is in her eighth year; and Donald S., a lad of six.

Mr. O'Brien has found little opportunity for active participation in the public life of his community but for three years acceptably filled the office of police commissioner. He belongs to the Hartford Lodge of Elks, to the Wethersfield Country Club and the Reciprocity Club and is widely and favorably known through these and other connections, gaining many friends by reason of the worth of his character and the sound qualities he has displayed in his business life.

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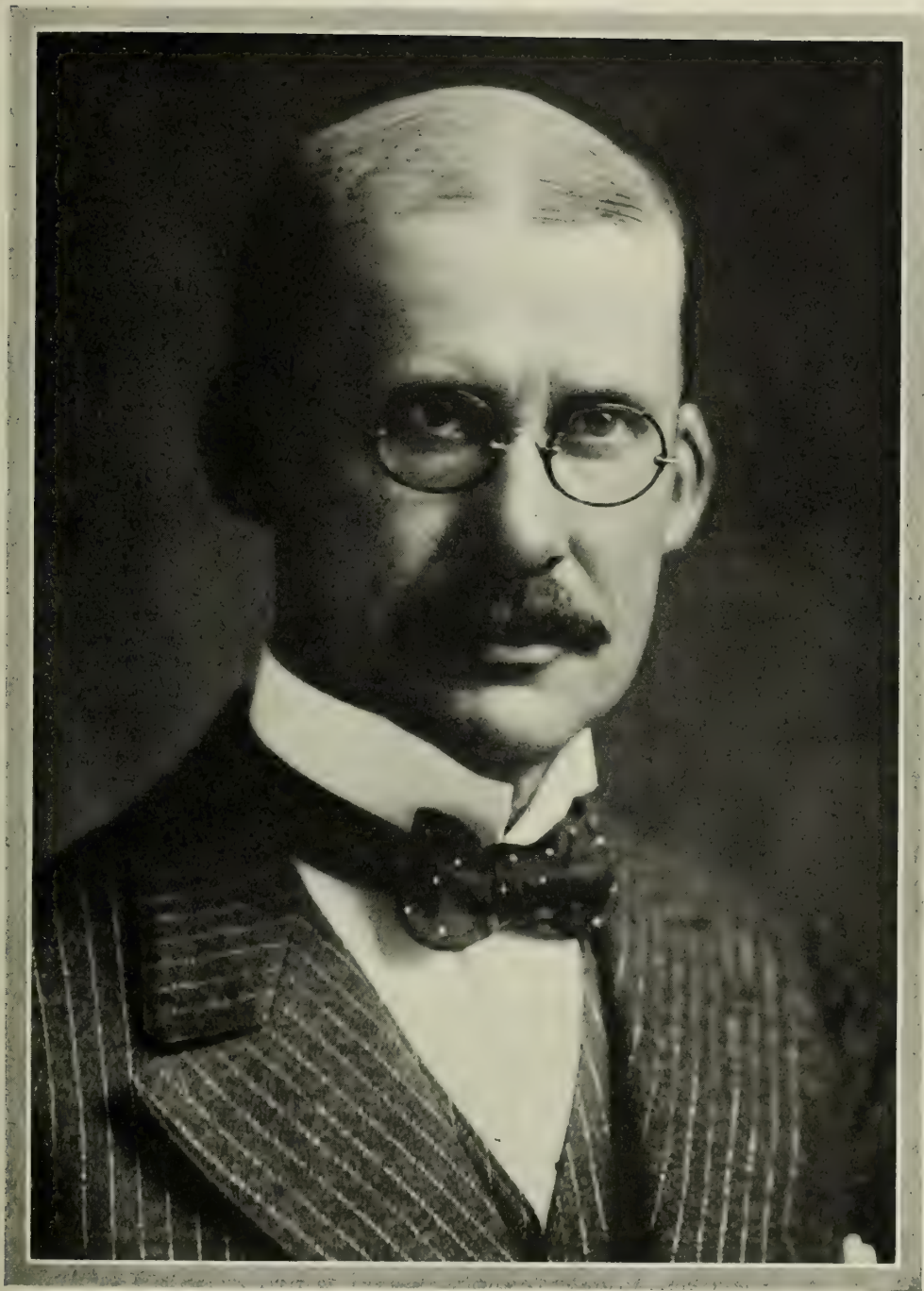
#### EDWARD BUCKINGHAM HATCH

In the progressive development of Hartford, Edward Buckingham Hatch played a prominent part by reason of the importance of the manufacturing interests with which he was long closely associated. With the organization of the Johns-Pratt Company he became associated with the enterprise as a clerk and was called to official position in 1893. From that time until his demise he contributed in notable measure to the continued growth and success of the business, but it was not alone in the field of commerce that his fellowmen knew and honored him, for he held closely to all those standards which feature in progressive citizenship and upright manhood.

He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, December 20, 1861, being a direct descendant of Nathaniel Hatch, of English birth, who settled at Falmouth, Massachusetts, in 1635. His son, Zephaniah Hatch, who was a sea captain, became the founder of the Connecticut branch of the family, making his home at Guilford. He was the father of Major Timothy Hatch, who while in his teens enlisted for service with the American forces in the Revolutionary war and was taken prisoner at White Plains. He won his military title by service in the Connecticut state militia after American independence was won and in 1804 he established his home in Hartford. The line comes down through Timothy Linus Hatch, Walter S. Hatch and George E. Hatch, a well known merchant of Hartford, who on the 4th of June, 1855, married Laura Stanley Stiles, who passed away March 14, 1870. The ancestral record of the Stiles family is one of equal distinction. John Stiles was born in England and with his wife, Rachel, came to America in 1634, settling in Windsor, Connecticut, when he was forty years of age. The line comes down through John Stiles, who was born in England about 1633 and spent most of his life at Windsor, Connecticut. He married Dorcas Beers and their son, John Stiles, who was born December 10, 1665, died May 20, 1753. His first wife was Ruth Bancroft, who died in 1714. Their son, Rev. Isaac Stiles, born at East Windsor, Connecticut, July 30, 1697, became a distinguished divine. He married Keziah Taylor and following her death was married in October, 1728, to Esther Hooker. He died May 14, 1760, and his widow on the 2d of January, 1779. Their son, Ashbel Stiles, was born at North Haven, Connecticut, September 11, 1735, and served in the Revolutionary war. In February, 1759, he married his cousin, Hannah Stiles, and both died in 1810. Their son, Samuel Stiles, who was born December 3, 1762, and spent his entire life in Connecticut, passed away at Windsor, October 15, 1826. He saw military service in the War of 1812. In 1787 he married Hannah Ellsworth and their son, Benjamin Stiles, was born at Chester, Massachusetts, August 3, 1799. He married Mehitable Booth and they were the parents of Laura Stanley Stiles, who became the wife of George E. Hatch and the mother of Edward Buckingham Hatch.

The last named, after leaving high school, continued his education in Trinity College, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1886. It was in that year that the Johns-Pratt Company was organized by Henry W. Johns of New York and Rufus N. Pratt of Hartford, and Mr. Hatch joined the new organization as a clerk. The business was capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and began the manufacture of "Vulcabeston" packings and electrical insulating materials. Mr. Hatch steadily advanced and in 1893 was elected secretary and manager of the company, which steadily expanded its business connection and in 1898 began the manufacture of "Noark" fuses and electric protective devices. It was in that year that Mr. Hatch was elected to the presidency of the company and from that time forward he was the chief factor in the steady growth, development and prosperity of the company. In 1905 the capital stock was increased to three hundred thousand dollars. Its output was placed upon the market with the H. W. Johns-Manville Company of New Jersey as selling agents. Mr. Hatch closely studied every





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phase of the trade in the matter of production as well as in the standardization of the articles manufactured. His capability and resourcefulness in business were widely recognized and his cooperation was sought in various other fields. For many years he was a director of the Hartford National Bank and the Dime Savings Bank of Hartford, of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, the Holyoke Water Power Company, the Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hartford and the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Moreover, he was made a trustee of the Colt bequest and became a trustee of Trinity College. His activities and interests were thus broad and varied and the value of his labors was manifest in the splendid results achieved by the companies in which his policies were a directing factor.

On the 12th of September, 1889, Mr. Hatch was married to Miss Georgiana Watson, daughter of George W. Watson, of Hartford, and to them were born a daughter and two sons: Helen, James Watson and Edward Watson.

Mr. Hatch was a member of Company K of the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard through a period of five years in his early manhood. His political endorsement was always given to the republican party and he belonged to the Republican Club as well as to many other clubs and social organizations, including the Hartford, Hartford Golf, Farmington Country, Twentieth Century and University clubs. He was likewise a member of the Church of Connecticut Club and belonged to the Alpha Delta Phi of New York. Fraternally he was well known in Masonic circles, for he had membership in St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. A member of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church, he served for many years as warden and in its teachings he found the guiding spirit of his life, developing thereby the qualities that make for character building—integrity, obedience to law, clean living and singleness of purpose or loyalty. In all of his activities there was no compromise with right and his fellow townsmen could put a one hundred per cent reliance in his word and in his activities. Because of these qualities Edward B. Hatch has been sorely missed since on the 18th day of February, 1921, he passed from life.

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#### CLIFTON I. STONE

Clifton I. Stone has not only been an active factor in business but also in civic affairs, filling many offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was born in Durham, Connecticut, March 12, 1871, and is a grandson of Russell and Laura (Halleck) Stone, who were natives of New Milford, Connecticut, and representatives of old families of this state. Their son, Charles O. Stone, was born in Washington, Connecticut, but spent the greater part of his life in Middletown. He was born on the 7th of February, 1840, and passed away on Thanksgiving day in November, 1914, having attained the age of seventy-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rose C. Nettleton, was born August 15, 1840, was a daughter of Harry and Cornelia (Camp) Nettleton and died in 1915.

Clifton I. Stone pursued his early education in the public schools of Middletown, while later he attended the Yale Business College at New Haven. In 1890 he came to Southington, where he entered the office of L. D. Frost & Sons, of Marion, in the town of Southington, where he remained for almost twenty-two years or until 1912, occupying various clerical positions and was trustee of the estate of L. D. Frost. He afterward took up the occupation of farming, which he carried on in Marion for two years or until 1914. He next became associated with the Hemingway-Lewis Insurance & Realty Company, with which he has since continued, and today he is occupying the important office of treasurer, wisely directing the financial activities of the corporation and thus making valuable contribution to its success. He is serving as a member of the board of directors and in business affairs his judgment is regarded as sound, while his vision is broad and his enterprise unflinching.

On the 6th of November, 1894, Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia G. Frost, a daughter of Levi D. Frost. They have become parents of four children: Marion C., Dorothy, Russell F. and Elizabeth.

Mr. Stone is active in politics as a supporter of the republican party and has



always taken a helpful interest in community affairs. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and he did effective work in behalf of the schools through six years' service on the school board. For seven years he was a tax collector and in the discharge of the duties of that office was strictly fair and impartial, serving from 1916 until 1922. In 1925 he was chosen to represent his district in the house of representatives for a two years' term and was made a member of the insurance committee. In 1927 he was chosen clerk of the Insurance Committee and in all public offices he has discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity, ever regarding a public office as a public trust—and no trust reposed in Mr. Stone has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. Fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in the lodge, in Triune Chapter, R. A. M., of which he is thrice illustrious master, St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. During the World war he served as food administrator in Southington by appointment of Herbert Hoover, and in matters of citizenship his aid and influence are ever given on the side of reform, progress and improvement, while the worth of his work is widely acknowledged, resulting beneficially in the material, intellectual, civic and moral progress of the county.

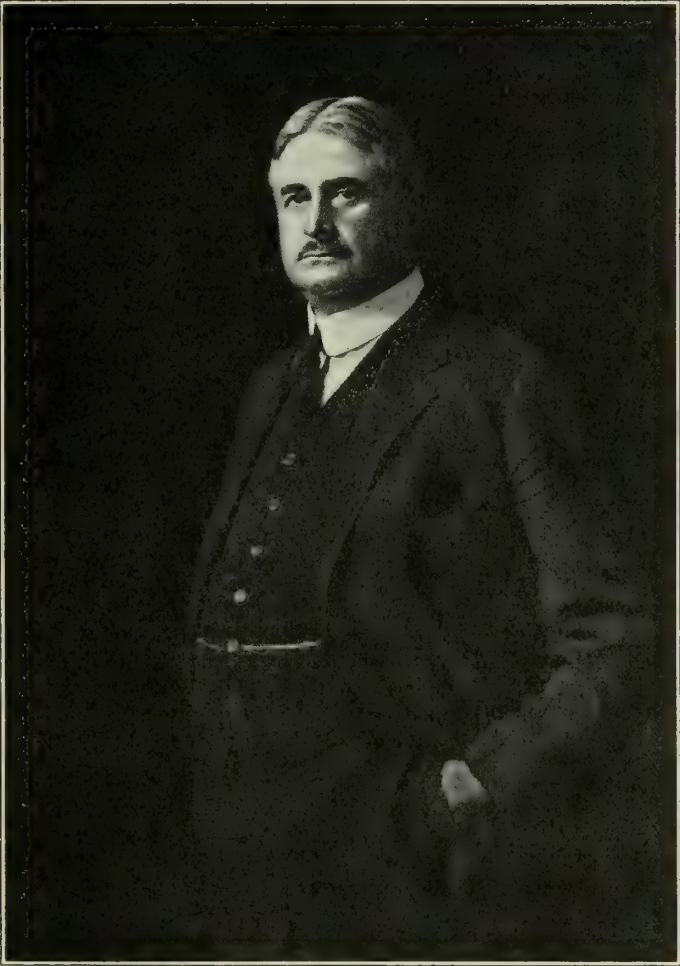
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#### JOHN HENRY RORABACK

Not until 1917 was the Connecticut Light and Power Company organized under its present name, although other companies which were merged to form the new corporation had been in existence for more than four decades. Today John Henry Roraback, as chief executive of the Connecticut Light and Power Company, is head of an eighty-one million dollar corporation that is constantly expanding in the growth of its business and of its investment until it is today one of the mammoth industrial interests of the state. His training for this responsible position was in the beginning that of the farm-bred boy. He was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, April 5, 1870, a son of John C. and Maria (Hoysradt) Roraback, who were natives of the state of New York, but in 1830 removed to Massachusetts, becoming prominent residents of Sheffield and that section of the state, where the father devoted his life to agricultural pursuits.

The training which the son received under the parental roof was such as made him realize that industry and integrity are qualities well worth cultivating, and he also further had practical experience in the work of the fields. Between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years he walked three miles to school in the winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked on the farm. In 1888 he completed a high school course at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and he never found study a hardship, delighting in his mental progress and using his leisure hours in considerable measure in familiarizing himself with classical writers. Following his graduation he began teaching in a district school and here he added the study of human nature to the study of books and cultivated a habit of insight into men and motives that stood him in good stead when he entered upon the practice of law. While still teaching he began reading law under the direction of his brother, Judge A. T. Roraback, a distinguished attorney of Canaan, in the fall of 1889, and in order to provide for his own support he worked in the office of the Connecticut Western News of Canaan and filled the position of principal of the Canaan high school. All this time he devoted the hours that are usually termed leisure to his law studies, and in January, 1892, was admitted to the Litchfield county bar and opened an office in Canaan. No dreary novitiate awaited him. He made constant progress in his work as a member of the legal profession and continued actively in law practice for fifteen years, still having membership in the Litchfield County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations.

In the meantime he was becoming more and more closely associated with business affairs in which were involved intricate and important financial problems. Something of the scope of his connection is shown in the fact that he is a director of the National Fire Insurance Company, Aetna Life Insurance Company, Automobile Fire Insurance Company, Automobile Casualty & Indemnity Company, and a trustee of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company. He is also a director of the Bristol & Plainville Electric Company, the Eastern Connecticut Power Company, the Putnam Light & Power Company, the Danielson & Plainfield Gas & Electric Company, the Lyme Electric Power



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Company, the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company, and of the Connecticut Light and Power Company and the Connecticut Electric Service Company he is both president and director. His association with the Connecticut Light and Power Company ranks him with the foremost representatives of electrical interests not only in Connecticut but in the east. The progress of the state along the line of electrical improvement has been rapid. The Connecticut Light and Power Company is an outstanding corporation among the three utilities whose stock is owned by the Connecticut Electric Service Company. The corporation, of which Mr. Roraback is the president, greatly expanded its interests and activities in 1926 by absorbing five utilities in Meriden, New Milford, Woodbury and Westport, and today the corporation represents a system of five generating plants with an aggregate installed capacity of 161,500 horsepower and an ultimate horsepower capacity of more than 280,000. Three of the four plants in active operation—Devon, Stevenson and Bull's Bridge—are on the Housatonic river in western Connecticut. The Housatonic Power Company, which was organized in 1893, afterward merged with the United Electric Light and Water Company of Waterbury and in 1917 was merged with the Rocky River Company and Seymour Electric Light Company to form the Connecticut Light and Power Company, thus constituting an outstanding event in the history of power interests in this state. An initial step made after the consolidation was the formulation of plans for a hydro-electric plant on the Housatonic at Stevenson. A great dam was built and the work carried forward in the establishment of what is now the largest hydro-electric plant in Connecticut. A necessary element in successful electric companies is building for the future, as it requires months and years of construction operations before a new station can be opened to meet an increased demand for power. In the building of the Stevenson plant the Connecticut Light and Power Company looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future. They saw that many of the great industries of New England are located in the company's territory and that more and more these mammoth industries were coming to supplant steam by electric power. Therefore, upon the completion of the Stevenson plant, the corporation began making plans for the building of another plant, this time steam-electric, at the mouth of the Housatonic. The Devon site, because of its accessibility to rail and water, was chosen, as here, too, coal in large quantities could be obtained and the projected Devon plant would require five hundred tons of coal per day and condensing water at the rate of twenty-eight thousand tons per second. Operations commenced and within five years a new eight-million-dollar steam-electric plant was completed and became a part of the system. The company is today engrossed with the subject of superpower, for some time since it became evident to all who have intimate knowledge of matters electrical that it was most unwise to have electrical plants in various small communities and that these interests should be combined for the transmission of power from central plants, with transmission towers and lines carrying the electric current into every community and bringing about an inter-connection that should power fail in any one plant, or in a number of plants, it can be supplied without loss of time from other units. More and more the industrial interests of the country are becoming electric power users and the business of the Connecticut Light and Power Company is growing by leaps and bounds. At the helm of this great enterprise, directing its activities, visioning its future, meeting every exigency and directing its steady development, stands J. Henry Roraback, justly accounted today one of the captains of industry of New England. His knowledge of corporation law stands him in good stead, enabling him to know the powers as well as the limitations put upon the company, and he is not only building wisely and well, but is building an industrial and financial superstructure that is of great and essential value to the commonwealth.

On the 29th of April, 1896, Mr. Roraback was married to Miss Mary Louise Parsons, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Parsons, of Canaan, Connecticut. They have one son, Lewis Parsons, born June 28, 1899. Mr. Roraback is well known in the club circles not only of Connecticut but of New York. He belongs to the Hartford Club, to the Farmington Country Club, the Union League of New Haven, to several sportsmen's clubs, to the Union League Club of New York, and to the National Republican Club of New York. For many years he has been a prominent figure in republican circles in the east, and since 1912 has served continuously as chairman of the republican state central committee, and since 1920 as a member of the republican national committee from Connecticut, exercising a notably strong influence over the

political situation in his state, his interest in the vital questions and issues of the day dating from early manhood. He has ever kept in touch with the trend of thought and progress and his labors in that connection are far-reaching. In a review of his career one is reminded of the saying of a New England statesman that "an institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man," and truly the great Connecticut Light and Power Company has become the visible expression of the mental endowment and the developed talents of J. Henry Roraback.

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#### GENERAL GEORGE MALPAS COLE

For fifty-three years General George Malpas Cole has rendered military service to his country and his name is widely known in this connection throughout the length and breadth of the land, and Hartford honors him because of the splendid record he has made. Although an adopted son of the nation, no one born on American soil has been more loyal to the interests of the country than he. He was born in Portsmouth, England, August 20, 1853, his parents being George and Jane A. (Malpas) Cole, who crossed the Atlantic to the new world during his childhood, the family home being established in Massachusetts, where his father followed the profession of civil engineering.

Educated in public and private schools and tutored by his father, General Cole pursued his education, and afterward became an assistant to his father, but later changed the line of his work by becoming associated with a wholesale flour and grain business in New London, Connecticut.

In 1875 he enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard. He became a member of the Indiana National Guard in 1882 and of the Connecticut National Guard on the 10th of November, 1884, after returning to Connecticut, where he has since resided, and throughout the intervening period he has been continuously associated with the military affairs of this state and the nation. The same year which witnessed his return to the state of Connecticut also chronicled his enlistment as a private in the Machine Gun Platoon of the Third Infantry, Connecticut National Guard. He became a sergeant on the 29th of April, 1885, and commissary sergeant of the Third Infantry on the 6th of August, 1886. He was made first lieutenant, paymaster, January 7, 1887, and was promoted to the rank of captain, in command of Company I, Third Infantry, Connecticut National Guard, May 8, 1888, resigning that commission January 20, 1891. Again he became identified with the Third Infantry when made Captain and Adjutant of the Third Infantry on the 15th of August, 1891, and on the 30th of May, 1892, he became Lieutenant Colonel and Brigade Adjutant. He was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Infantry, August 25, 1893, and placed on the retired list June 21, 1898, to enable him to continue his service in Connecticut during his absence in the Federal service, Spanish-American war. He became Adjutant General of the State of Connecticut on January 9, 1901, by appointment of Governor (now U. S. Senator from Connecticut) George P. McLean, which office he has continuously held to the present time, having done most efficient work in organizing and developing the military forces of the state. His military record in the Federal service covers his service with the Fourth United States Volunteer Infantry, of which he became Lieutenant Colonel in May, 1898, holding that rank until June 8, 1899 (muster out of regiment) during which time he served in Cuba. He again entered the Federal service for duty on the Mexican Border in 1916 and in the World war on the 24th of May, 1917, remaining until May 9, 1919, as Disbursing Officer and Agent of the United States, also doing duty in the selective service administration.

In early manhood General Cole was married to Miss Emily Judson Beckwith, a daughter of Ezra S. and Charlotte (Latimer) Beckwith of New London, Connecticut, and a representative of one of the old families of the state. The wedding was celebrated in November, 1877, and they have had born to them four children; Clara Belle Malpas; Lieutenant Colonel George Ezra of the Connecticut National Guard; Major Donald Malpas of the U. S. Army; and Emily Beckwith Cole.

Externally General Cole is a member of Brainard Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M., and also of The Sojourners' Club, Hartford Chapter, 356, and Hartford Chapter No. 256 of the Heroes of '76. These last two are Masonic Orders to which only those who have been army officers can belong. Naturally General Cole is identified with various

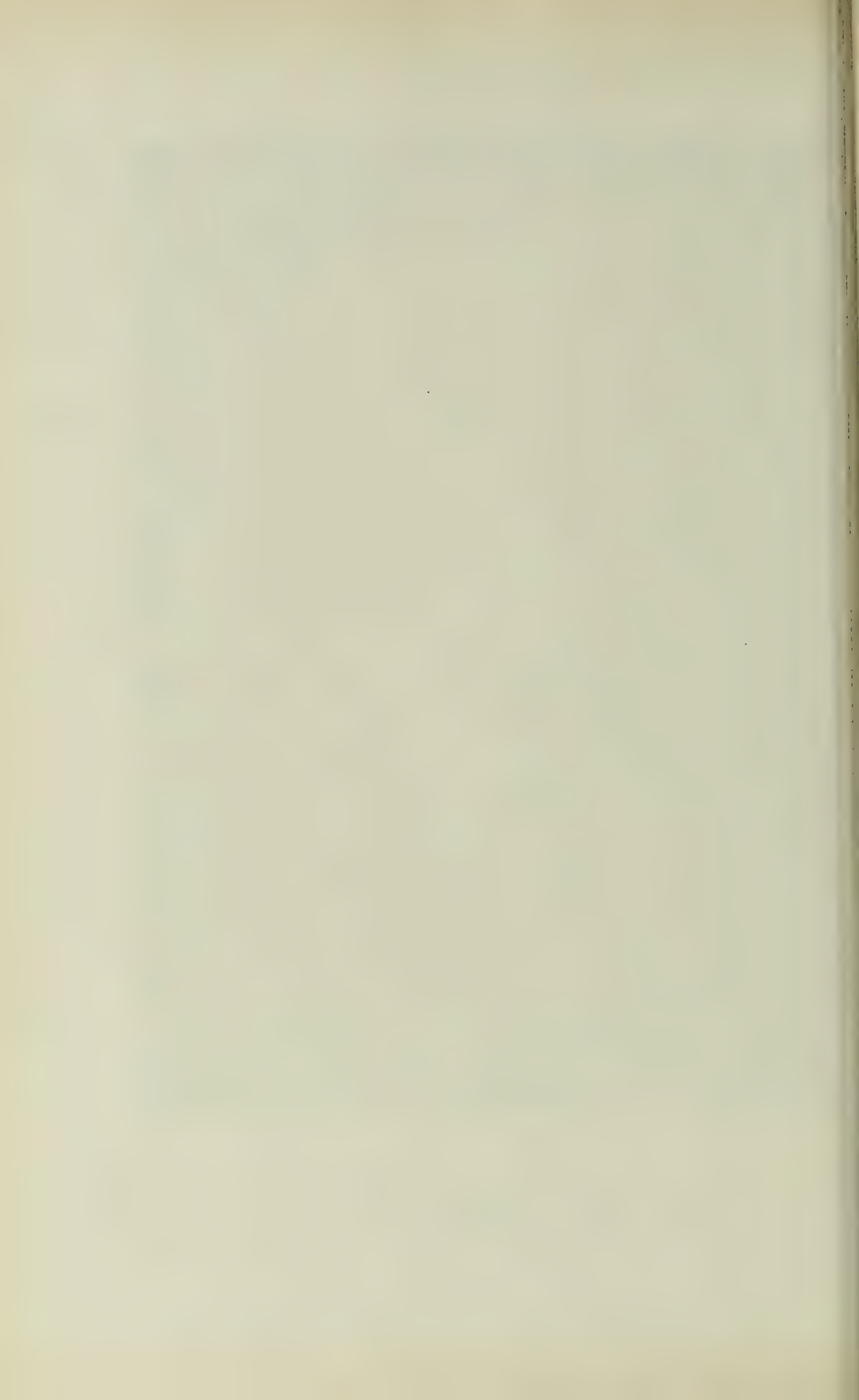




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*Gen. Lee*





military organizations of a social and fraternal nature. He is a companion and a former commander of the Connecticut Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. He is a companion, and for a number of years was Commander of the Connecticut Commandery of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War, and was the organizer and Commander of the first Camp of United Spanish War Veterans in Connecticut, also the first Department Commander U. S. W. V. in Connecticut. He is a companion of the Military Order of World War; a member of Lieutenant Caldwell Colt Robinson Post No. 254; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Rau-Locke Post No. 8, American Legion, and a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he always keeps in touch with those questions which have to do with the welfare and progress of the community, state and nation. His life work, however, has been the rendering of valuable service to his country along military lines and the splendid organization of the military forces of Connecticut reflects his ability; his discipline and the loyalty of the troops that serve under him.

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#### CHARLES LANCASTER CAMPBELL

Since 1917 Charles Lancaster Campbell has been secretary and treasurer of the Connecticut Light and Power Company. Almost throughout his entire career he has been identified with public utility interests and with activities in the field of street railway service, and his labors have thus closely touched the interests and development of the state. He has shown sound judgment and keen discrimination in formulating plans and carrying them forward to successful conclusion, and today his labors are a most vital element in the history of business progress in Connecticut. Born in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, July 11, 1877, he is a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Partelow) Campbell, and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof he pursued his education in the public schools of his native country and on leaving high school began working as an office boy in a mercantile establishment of his native city. Laudable ambition has prompted him at every point in his career and, moreover, he early realized the fact that there is no royal road to wealth but that industry and perseverance constitute the path of progress. Accordingly in all of his employment he applied himself diligently to the tasks assigned him and thus won his promotions. His second position was in the accounting department of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company at St. John and in 1901 he crossed the border to become a resident of the United States, settling at Putnam, Connecticut, where he acted as accountant for the New York firm of Sanderson & Porter, leading contractors, who at that time were building a trolley system in the eastern part of the state. Mr. Campbell remained with that company until 1904, when he accepted the position of auditor of The Consolidated Railway Company, which was a subsidiary of The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and in the discharge of his duties removed to New Haven, where he continued active in that service until 1911. In the latter year he went to Dayton, Ohio, as treasurer of the Dayton Power & Light Company and so continued until 1912, when in Waterbury, Connecticut, he became secretary and treasurer of The United Electric Light & Water Company, filling that office until 1917, when the company was consolidated with The Connecticut Light and Power Company and he was elected secretary and treasurer of the latter corporation. Those who know aught of the development of electrical interests in Connecticut are familiar with what has been accomplished by this corporation. The plant investment alone is well over forty-five million dollars, representing a system of five generating plants with an aggregate installed capacity of 161,500 horsepower and an ultimate horsepower capacity of over 280,000. Three of the four plants in active operation are situated on the Housatonic river in western Connecticut, between Litchfield county and Long Island Sound, these being the plants at Stevenson, Devon and Bull's Bridge. The Connecticut Light and Power Company is building a super-power system for Connecticut industry, building up a gigantic organization which is doing away with the little electric light and power plants formerly established at various points in the state and promoting the great central systems, whereby power is furnished through direct and connecting lines to all parts of a large territory that

serves some of the most important industrial and manufacturing interests of the state as well as furnishing electricity for lighting purposes. Mr. Campbell is not only secretary and treasurer of The Connecticut Light and Power Company but also of The Eastern Connecticut Power Company, which represents a plant investment of ten million, eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand, eight hundred and eighty-one dollars, and The Bristol and Plainville Electric Company with a plant investment of three million, five hundred and twenty-five thousand, eight hundred and seventy-three dollars. With the development of their gigantic system power can be transferred through interconnecting lines from one to the other and, moreover, The Connecticut Light and Power Company has a working agreement with The Hartford Electric Light Company whereby either utility may call upon the other for large blocks of power at short notice. In an article which appeared in The Financial Digest of January, 1927, concerning the superpower development of The Connecticut Light and Power Company and the other corporations whose stock is handled by the Connecticut Electric Service Company it was stated: "This matter of superpower is not one of convenience, it is one of urgent necessity to successful electric utility operation. Quite obviously it permits the generation of large quantities of power where it can be manufactured most cheaply and its transmission to other points, which may lie at a considerable distance, where it can find a market. Time was when manufacturers went to the sources of power for plant sites. Today electric utilities convey power to the manufacturers wherever they may be. And by no other means than superpower can the consumer be guaranteed a continuous supply with no possibility of interruption, unless a staggering amount of capital be sunk in equipment which must be idle three hundred and sixty days out of the year. \* \* \* Reliability of service has become something of a religion to the utility operator. Unless this were true it would be impossible to include large industrial consumers among a public service station's customers. An interruption in service might easily cost a manufacturer many thousands of dollars; his workmen could be forced to lay down their tools, expensive equipment would cease to function, production would cease. This must never occur and under such conditions as Connecticut Light and Power have brought about it cannot occur." Active in formulating the policy of this great corporation, Mr. Campbell has been a large contributing factor to the industrial development of Connecticut. Moreover he is a director of The City Bank and Trust Company of Hartford, Connecticut, of the State Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the New England Council.

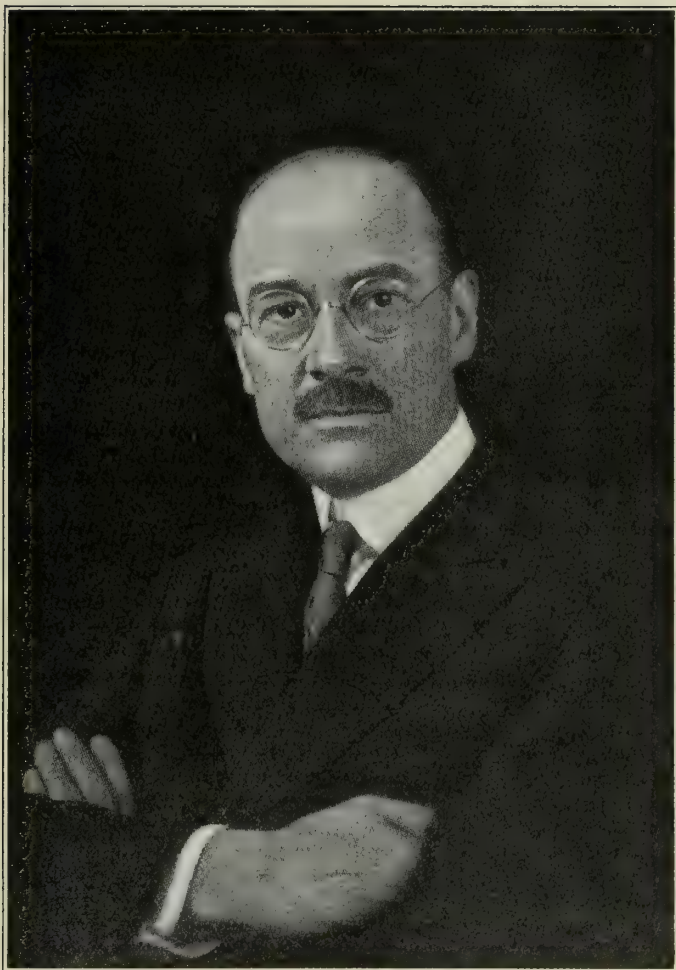
On the 24th of June, 1905, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Ruth Miller, a daughter of Mayhew and Elizabeth (Shumway) Miller, of Baltimore, Maryland, the mother being a sister of Judge Milton A. Shumway, who was a justice of the supreme court of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have made their home in Hartford since 1927 and are here most pleasantly situated with their two children: James Gardner, born November 2, 1908; and Ruth Elizabeth, born May 13, 1910. In the social circles of the city they are accorded prominent place and Mr. Campbell is also well known as a clubman, having membership in the Hartford Club, and the Hartford Golf Club, the Waterbury Club and Waterbury Country Club. His political endorsement is given the republican party but he has neither time nor inclination for office, his hours being filled with business cares and responsibilities of great volume. He is known throughout the state by reason of his important service in railway and public utility circles and the worth of his work cannot be overestimated.

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#### SAMUEL M. STONE

In the prime of life, Samuel M. Stone occupies a commanding position in manufacturing circles. He had filled only two positions previous to the time when in 1905 he became connected with Colt's Patent Fire Arms Company, but those two constituted "stepping-stones to higher things," being in the same line in which his later labors were cast. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible and his advancement has been the logical outcome of effort intelligently directed. Back of everything that he has undertaken there has been strong and consistent reason for his action, and thus victory after victory has been achieved, and as president of his corporation Mr. Stone is known as one of the foremost manufacturing executives of





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Connecticut. He was born in Urbana, Ohio, February 19, 1869, and is the eldest son of John H. P. and Sarah (MacDonald) Stone. He traces his ancestry back through several generations to Jacob Stone, who was a native of Pennsylvania and removed to what is now Clarke county, Virginia, where he followed farming and held extensive land interests. The stone house which he erected upon his farm was still in good condition when more than a hundred years old. He was an earnest member of the Lutheran church, gave liberally to its support and donated land on which a church edifice was erected. The original structure was replaced by a frame building and later a brick church, and all three were known as "Stone's Chapel." Jacob Stone married Mrs. Barbara Slagle, a widow, and both died at the age of seventy-five years and were buried at Stone's Chapel. Their son, Ferdinand Stone, born in Clarke county, Virginia, became a miller and in 1847 removed to Champaign county, Ohio, where he engaged in the milling business throughout his remaining days. He married Mary Pidgeon, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia. She was a Presbyterian, while Ferdinand Stone held to the Lutheran faith. Their youngest child, John Hammar Pidgeon Stone, was born in Clarke county, Virginia, March 30, 1829, and was educated in Benjamin Hallowell's Friends School at Alexandria, Virginia. When quite young he began clerking at Wadesville, Virginia, and later was employed by the Armstrong-Cator Company, wholesale milliners of Baltimore. About 1858 he became an employe in the store of Flavius Pidgeon, of Vincennes, Indiana, and was afterward employed by Henry Weaver, a dry goods merchant of Urbana, Ohio, and later by Rock, Colwell & Ellis of that place. In 1882 he became assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Urbana and was identified with that institution until he retired from active business in 1909. He died February 23, 1925. He was married February 10, 1864, in Urbana, to Sarah MacDonald, who was there born August 29, 1840, a daughter of Colin and Nancy (McCullough) MacDonald, the former a descendant of Archibald MacDonald, who was born at Glencoe, Scotland, October 11, 1759, and died near Urbana, Ohio, September 11, 1840. He came to America in 1773 and soon afterward enlisted in Captain Tibbot's company under Colonel William Irwin of the Sixth Pennsylvania Battalion. On the 9th of July, 1776, he married Margaret MacDonald, and their son, Colin MacDonald, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1808, became a dry goods merchant and farmer and died in 1882. A half century before he had married Nancy McCullough, who was born in Zanesfield, Logan county, Ohio, January 24, 1814, and died at Urbana in May, 1890. The second of their children was Sarah, who became Mrs. John H. P. Stone, and by her marriage had the following children: Mary Louise, born December 24, 1864; Nancy MacDonald, born October 13, 1866; Samuel M., of this review; and Joseph E., born December 20, 1874.

After attending the public schools Samuel M. Stone secured a situation in the retail hardware business conducted by his two uncles at Urbana, and was thus employed for three years. He was next associated with the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis for a period of fourteen years, and during the last decade was in charge of one division of the buying department of this store, which is the largest hardware establishment in the world. It brought him intimate knowledge concerning the value of metals and wide experience of a varied character, so that he was well qualified for further duties and responsibilities when in February, 1905, he accepted a situation as traveling representative with Colt's Patent Fire Arms Company, of Hartford, Connecticut. In 1907 he was advanced to the position of sales manager and continued to travel until 1916, when he was elected vice president of the company, and five years later succeeded the late Colonel William C. Skinner as president of the corporation. In this connection he controls a mammoth manufacturing concern, nor are his efforts confined alone to this line, for various business interests have profited by his sound judgment, his unflinching purpose and his well formulated plans. He is a director of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, the Hartford Electric Light Company, the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company, the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the American Reserve Insurance Company. He is also a trustee of the Dime Savings Bank, a director of the Atlantic Screw Works, and vice president and director of the Humason Manufacturing Company of Forestville, Connecticut.

On the 16th of November, 1898, Samuel M. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Alice Bailey, a daughter of Rufus and Ermina (Jones) Bailey, of St. Louis. Their children are: Henry Taylor, born November 4, 1903; and John MacDonald, born April 8, 1908.



In his political views Mr. Stone has always been a stalwart republican but without aspiration for political honors or office. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and Mystic Shriner and he belongs to the Hartford Club and the Country Club of Farmington. More strictly in the path of his life work he has connection with the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut and the Manufacturers Association of Hartford County and is a director of both. He has never withheld his support from projects for the public good and has rendered beneficial service to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and to the American School for the Deaf as a trustee. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and he has never stopped short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose, whether in the field of public service or of private achievement in the ranks of business. He has ever responded to the call of opportunity and has steadily climbed to eminence in the business world.

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#### DWIGHT NATHANIEL HEWES

With many of the public activities which have made for progress and improvement in Hartford, Dwight Nathaniel Hewes was closely and helpfully associated and thus it was that his death on the 15th of November, 1926, removed a valuable citizen. He was long prominently known as the secretary of the Mellen & Hewes Company. He was born in Suffield, Connecticut, August 5, 1853, his parents being Nathaniel and Emeline (Gambell) Hewes. His ancestral line is traced back to an early period in the settlement of New England. His great-grandfather, Nathaniel Hewes, was born in Brookfield, Massachusetts, February 24, 1747, and married Sarah Freeman, who was born at Mansfield, Connecticut, November 16, 1749. Both passed away at Lyme, New Hampshire, the former on December 16, 1808, while his wife died March 26, 1851, at the venerable age of one hundred and one years. They were the parents of ten children, the youngest being Moody Hewes, who was born May 31, 1795, in Lyme, New Hampshire, where he spent his entire life. He married Susan Hurlburt and their son, Nathaniel Hewes, was born in Lyme, New Hampshire, in 1823, but in early manhood became a resident of Suffield, Connecticut. His wife, Emeline Gambell, was a daughter of Hiram Gambell and died in 1888, while Nathaniel Hewes died in 1911.

Dwight Nathaniel Hewes, who was the second in order of birth of their three children, spent his boyhood days in Suffield, where he attended the public schools and then started out in the business world as a bookkeeper in the employ of David Woodruff at Thompsonville, Connecticut. Subsequently he removed to Mount Sterling, Ohio, but after spending a brief period there as clerk in a store he established his home in Hartford in 1878 and here entered the employ of James G. Welles & Company, crockery dealers, at No. 27 Asylum street. He represented that house as a traveling salesman for about two years and in 1880 became associated with the firm of C. F. Hurd & Company, who were in the same line of business on Main street. Afterward the firm became Hurd & Mellen, and when on the 1st of March, 1890, Mr. Hewes acquired an interest in the business, the firm style of Hurd, Mellen & Hewes was assumed. This was changed to the Mellen & Hewes Company in 1896, at which time Mr. Mellen became president and Mr. Hewes secretary. At two different periods Mr. Hewes traveled as representative of the house, but the major part of his attention was given to the development of the local trade and he contributed in substantial measure to the success of the company, with which he was associated until about seven years prior to his death, when he retired, resigning his position as secretary of the company.

On the 14th of November, 1882, in Hartford, Mr. Hewes was married to Miss Fannie A. Wilcox, a daughter of Captain William and Mary Wilcox, of East Hartford. She passed away in 1918, leaving a daughter, Marion, now the wife of Henry Ramm, of Avon. In 1920 Mr. Hewes wedded Miss Fannie Gabriel, of Hartford, who survives him.

Mr. Hewes was at one time an active member of the Hartford Board of Trade and was a prominent figure in the Hartford Business Men's Association, of which he became the first president and served for five years. He was also president of the State Business Men's Association for one term. He was also a member of the street board from 1901 until 1906. He held membership in the Royal Arcanum and in the Veteran Corps of Company K, Connecticut National Guard, the Hartford Yacht Club



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DWIGHT N. HEWES





and the Hartford Revolver Club. He was likewise a Mason, belonging to Hartford Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was especially interested in the Connecticut Children's Aid Society, of which he served as vice president and director for more than ten years, while in 1916 he was appointed managing director and was assistant secretary of the same until 1922. This indicates something of the broad humanitarian spirit which guided him through all the relations of life and was manifest in kindness and practical helpfulness to those who needed assistance. He met with substantial success in business, but he left to his family also that priceless heritage of an untarnished name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

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#### WILLIAM RUSSELL CONE CORSON

William Russell Cone Corson is now president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company, his identification with that corporation dating from 1907, when he entered its service in the capacity of engineer and soon demonstrated his skill in a way that has given rise to his steady advancement until he now occupies the place of executive power and direction with one of the foremost business interests of Hartford. His birth occurred in New York, February 18, 1870, his parents being Dr. Adam Clarke and Henrietta (Cone) Corson. The family, of French origin, was founded in America by Cornelius de Coursen, who following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, by Louis XIV, on October 18, 1685, was one of the great band of Huguenots who embarked on two vessels for South Carolina but through storm at sea or some other cause were landed on Staten Island and from there went to New Jersey. The will of Cornelius de Coursen, dated December 9, 1692, and probated December 7, 1693, left his land and property to his wife, Maritje. One of their sons, Benjamin Corson, removed to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, while Jacob Corson, another son, remained on Staten Island. Other sons were Christian, Cornelius and Daniel and early records mention Cornelius as a justice of the peace. At the time of the Revolutionary war some of the family were Loyalists whose property was confiscated and who had to flee to Canada. It is from the Canadian line that William R. C. Corson of Hartford is descended. His grandfather, Rev. Robert Corson, a Methodist Episcopal minister, was born in Toronto and married Aimee Freeland. Their son, Dr. Adam Clarke Corson, was born in Dumfries, York county, New Brunswick, January 20, 1839, and won his M. D. degree in 1865. He served as a surgeon in the United States army for two and one-half years, being stationed at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, and afterward sailed on the vessels of the old American Line as ship's surgeon. In 1868 he established his home in New York and thence moved to Hartford, where he practiced successfully until his death five years later. He was a member of the Connecticut State Medical Society and of the Hartford Medical Library Association and his high social and professional standing was indicated in the memorial prepared at his death. He was married August 27, 1867, to Henrietta Cone, a native of Hartford and a daughter of William Russell and Rebecca (Brewster) Cone, the latter a daughter of James Brewster, a prominent carriage builder of New Haven, and a descendant of Elder William Brewster of Mayflower fame. Mrs. Corson's father, William Russell Cone, was graduated from Yale University with the class of 1830 and from the Yale Law School in 1832 and began practice the same year in Hartford, being for some time a member of the firm of Hungerford & Cone, occupying high rank at the Hartford bar. In 1857 they erected the Hartford Trust Company building at the corner of Main street and Central Row, then the finest structure in the city. Mr. Cone was a director and from 1869 until 1887 president of the Aetna Bank, was a director of the Aetna Fire Insurance Company and the Connecticut River Railroad Company and a trustee for the Society for Savings. At his death, on the 10th of January, 1890, he was the oldest member of the Hartford city bar and had resided in the capital for sixty years. His daughter became the wife of Dr. Corson and after his demise she continued her residence in Hartford, the place of her birth. She was the mother of two daughters and a son: Alice Brewster, who was born June 23, 1868, and died in childhood; William R. C.; and Aimee Freeland, who was born October 20, 1871, and became the wife of George W. Ellis of Hartford. Both George W. and Aimee Freeland (Corson) Ellis are deceased.

William Russell Cone Corson, the only son of Dr. Adam Clarke and Henrietta (Cone) Corson, is indebted to the public schools of Hartford for his early educational opportunities, which were supplemented by study in Yale University, from which he received his Bachelor's degree in 1891. His start in the business world was made in a humble capacity with the Eddy Electric Manufacturing Company of Windsor, Connecticut, but industry and fidelity gained him successive promotions until eventually he was made superintendent of the factory and later secretary of the company, which went out of business in 1901, at which time Mr. Corson became a consulting engineer, opening his office in Hartford for private practice. In 1907, however, he became a representative of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company as an engineer. His superior ability led to his election to the office of assistant secretary in 1909, while in 1916 he became secretary and in 1921 was chosen vice president and treasurer. The year 1927 brought him election to the presidency of this strong corporation, giving him executive power over and administrative direction in one of the most important companies of the kind in America. His high standing in professional circles is indicated in the fact that he is an associate member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Aside from the responsibility that devolves upon him as president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company he has various other large business interests, being a director of the Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company of Canada, Aetna Insurance Company, World Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Aetna Life Insurance Company, Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Hartford National Bank & Trust Company and the Bankers Trust Company and a trustee of the Society for Savings.

In early manhood Mr. Corson married Marion Fay Lyles, a daughter of James Henry Lyles of Brooklyn, New York, and they now have two daughters: Dorothy Lyles, the wife of John M. Ellis of New York; and Mildred Cone, the wife of John Richard Cook of Hartford. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Corson is indicated in their membership in the Trinity Episcopal church, in which he has served as vestryman. He has pleasant social connections through his membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Automobile clubs of Hartford and the Yale Club of New York city. His military record covers service with Company B of the First Regiment, Connecticut State Guard. His interest in organizations having to do with the welfare of the state is manifest in his service as secretary of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, secretary of the Watkinson Library and trustee of the Hartford Retreat. At the present writing he is a director of the American School for the Deaf and of the Hartford Retreat. During the World war period he was conservation engineer for the state of Connecticut under the United States fuel commission. Important and extensive as are his business interests, he has always found time for cooperation in those plans and measures which have to do with the upbuilding of the state, for the amelioration of hard conditions of life for the unfortunate or for the upholding of civic standards. He has thus met the duties and obligations of citizenship, while in the conduct of his private business interests his has been a notable career, for he has steadily progressed in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual effort. His ability, natural and acquired, has led him steadily forward and high on the roll of Hartford's leading business men now appears the name of William Russell Cone Corson.

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#### GEORGE WOODBRIDGE MERROW

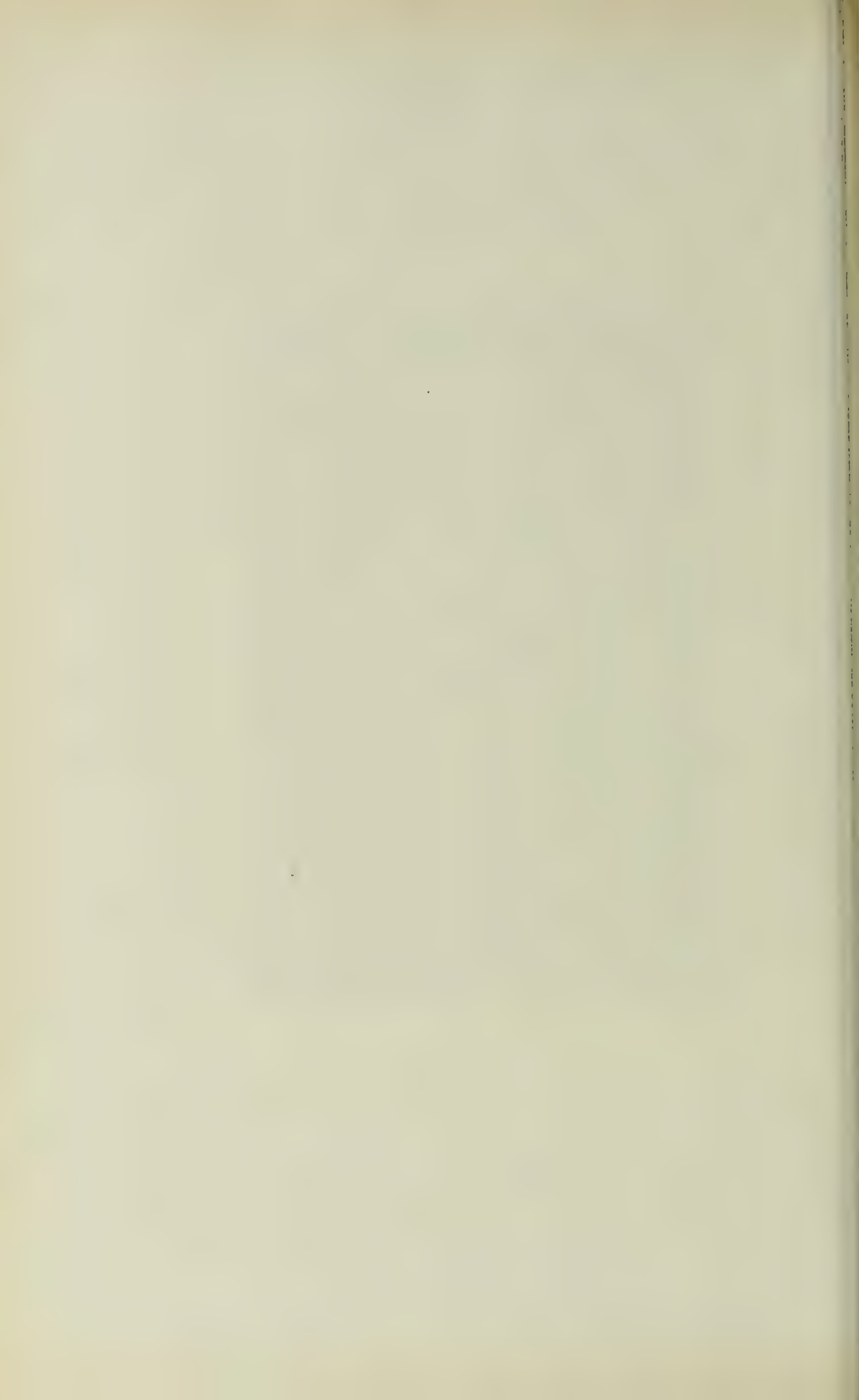
To the business development and consequent prosperity of his native state George Woodbridge Merrow is making substantial contribution and is numbered among the captains of industry of Hartford. His interests are now of large importance, for he is one of the owners of the business conducted under the name of the Merrow Machine Company and is fully sustaining the high reputation with which the name of Merrow has been associated in manufacturing circles through three generations. He was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, June 18, 1852, and is a son of Joseph B. and Harriet (Millard) Merrow, who for many years resided in the town of Merrow, so named in honor of the grandfather, Joseph Makins Merrow, who prior to 1819 was engaged in



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GEORGE W. MERROW





business in Hartford, where he built a glass factory, and later he built the first knitting mill in the United States at Merrow in the year 1836. His son, Joseph B., became associated with the business, which in turn was taken over by his sons.

In the meantime George W. Merrow had obtained a public and high school education in Hartford and had continued his studies in the Munson Academy at Munson, Massachusetts, after which he began assisting his father and was admitted to a partnership in the business in 1875 under the firm style of J. B. Merrow & Sons, his brother, Joseph M., also entering the firm. The father passed away in Mansfield in 1897. The business was continued by J. B. Merrow & Sons until 1888, when the mill at Merrow was destroyed by fire, and they removed to Norwich, Connecticut, where they began the manufacture of overseaming machinery. Three times the company has suffered loss by fire, but with characteristic courage and energy has rebuilt. It was in the knitting mills of the Merrow Company in which were used the first knitting machines run by power in the United States. With the removal to Norwich the company began to manufacture crochet machines and today the output of the plant consists of the Merrow overseam and shell stitch machines for finishing raw edges of all kinds of knitted and woven fabrics, these machines being the invention of Joseph M. Merrow, brother and partner of George W. Merrow, who has taken out over one hundred patents on his machinery. The business was continued at Norwich until 1893, when it was moved to Hartford, and the stimulating effect of this change, which brought about improved conditions, was at once evident. The business is now of extensive and gratifying proportions, the company maintaining offices all over the United States, in Europe and in other parts of the world as well, the machines being sold in many sections of the globe. George W. Merrow's official connection with the business is that of treasurer and his efforts are largely given to administrative direction and executive control of this industry, which has become one of the foremost business concerns of Connecticut. He is also the treasurer of the Highland Court Corporation.

On the 1st of February, 1881, Mr. Merrow was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Griswold Gurley, a daughter of Charles A. and Ellen Gurley, of Pulaski, New York, and they are now parents of six children. Pauline is the wife of Monroe E. Baker, an attorney of Dallas, Texas, their family now numbering three children: William, Joseph and Ellen. Paul G., the eldest son, is connected with the Merrow Machine Company in Hartford. John G. G., who is manager of the New York office of the Merrow Machine Company and resides in Newark, New Jersey, married Elizabeth Matches of Summit, New Jersey, and they have three children: Griswold G., Wolcott Kenneth and Marjorie. Ellen E. is now the head of Routh Pines, a school for children to the age of fourteen years, situated in Samarcand, North Carolina. Harriet is the wife of Dr. John Landon of New York and has one child, Elizabeth Merrow. Oliver Wolcott, who is also with the Merrow Machine Company as manager of the Philadelphia office, married Mildred Baxter, of Stamford, Connecticut.

Mr. Merrow has always given his political allegiance to the republican party and is recognized as a leader in its ranks, having been chosen to represent the town of Mansfield in the state legislature in 1881. He belongs to the Hartford Yacht Club and to the Mansfield Fish and Game Club, associations which indicate something of the nature of his recreation. His sterling qualities are many and his worth as a man, as a manufacturer and as a citizen is widely acknowledged.

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#### JOSIAH HENRY PECK

Josiah Henry Peck, attorney at law, the consensus of public opinion placing him among the leaders of the Hartford bar, was born in Bristol, Connecticut, March 5, 1873, and is a son of Miles Lewis and Mary Harriet (Seymour) Peck. He traces his lineage back to Paul Peck, who in 1635 arrived in Boston, having crossed the broad Atlantic from England. The following year he became a resident of Hartford, owning a farm on what is now Washington street, near the present site of the state capitol, and he was a deacon in the First Church of Hartford. In another ancestral line was found William Lewis, who came from England in 1632, and whose great-grandson, Josiah Lewis, together with Zebulon Peck, the great-grandson, of Paul Peck, removed to Bristol in 1748, since which time their descendants have figured prominently

in connection with the history of that city. The parents of Miles Lewis Peck were Josiah Tracy and Ellen Lewis (Barnard) Peck, the former having been an insurance agent of Bristol and deputy collector of internal revenue during the Civil war period. He was afterward judge of probate and he took active and prominent part in everything pertaining to the welfare of town and county. On the home farm his son, Miles Lewis Peck, was reared and after attending the Williston Seminary of Easthampton, Massachusetts, for a short time he continued his studies in the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut at Cheshire. In 1868 he went abroad, devoting a year to study and travel in Europe, and on his return became his father's assistant in the insurance business. He was appointed and served as county surveyor. In 1870 he and his father were instrumental in organizing the Bristol Savings Bank, of which he took active charge, although his father was nominally treasurer. In 1871 Mr. Peck, then twenty-one years of age, was made treasurer and after many years' service in that office he is now president of the bank. His name has also been known in other business connections, for in 1905 he was elected president of the Bristol and Plainville Tramway Company, which extended its scope to include other utilities, and he also became president of the Liberty Bell Company, a manufacturing concern. He has taken an active part in politics as a republican and has been instrumental in bringing about needed reforms and improvements.

Josiah Henry Peck, one of the five children of Miles L. Peck, is indebted to the public school system of his native city for his early educational advantages, there pursuing his high school course. He afterward entered Yale College and gained his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1895. Attracted to the profession of law, he next entered the Harvard Law School and won his LL. B. degree in 1898. The same year he was admitted to the bar and located for practice in New York city, where he continued until 1901, when he returned to Hartford. Through the intervening period of twenty-seven years he has practiced here, and if the true measure of success is determined by what one has accomplished, Mr. Peck deserves classification with the leading lawyers of Hartford. As an attorney he is sound, clear-minded and well trained, is familiar with the long line of decisions from Marshall down and is at home in all departments of the law. He is felicitous and clear in argument, thoroughly in earnest, full of the vigor of conviction, imbued with the highest courtesy and yet a foe worthy of the steel of the ablest opponent.

On the 12th of November, 1902, Mr. Peck was married to Miss Maude Helen Tower, a daughter of the Rev. Francis E. and Ella (Shepardson) Tower, of Providence, Rhode Island. He has membership in the Hartford Club, the University Club and the Republican Club, all of Hartford, and also in the Bristol Club. Along strictly professional lines his membership connection is with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations and at all times his course has maintained the dignity and stability of the profession to which life and liberty must look for protection.

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#### FREDERICK BRANT RENTSCHLER

That Frederick Brant Rentschler is a man of initiative and broad vision is shown by his early entrance into active connection with aviation interests, a connection that dates from 1919, and since 1925 he has been president of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, November 8, 1887, he is a son of George A. and Phoebe E. (Schwab) Rentschler, who continued residents of Hamilton for many years. He obtained his education in the grade and high schools of that city and then entered Princeton University, where he won his Bachelor of Science degree in 1909. Returning to his home in Ohio, he became associated with the Hooven-Owens-Rentschler Company, manufacturers of Corliss engines, of which his father was the organizer and president, continuing a prominent factor in the successful control of that business until the time of his death, May 21, 1921. At that time Frederick B. Rentschler and his brother, Gordon S., became the active managers of the business, which is still being carried on under the management today of a younger brother, George A. Rentschler.

Thus the early business experience of Frederick B. Rentschler made him familiar with engine construction, as he mastered every phase of the work. He remained in the





FREDERICK B. RENTSCHLER



firm until May, 1917, when he enlisted in the air service of the United States army, being commissioned a first lieutenant in that month. He was first stationed in Washington and later in New York, where he had charge of the construction of aviation engines for army air service in the New York district and was on duty in that capacity until honorably discharged in May, 1919, with the rank of captain. After the war he organized the Wright Aeronautical Corporation and carried on business first in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and afterward in Paterson, New Jersey, in the building of aviation engines. He remained as president of that company until August 1, 1925, when he came to Hartford and organized the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company, of which he became president and so continues. The knowledge of engines which he gained in young manhood has been of immense value to him, constituting a safe foundation on which to build his later activities. He has studied the question of aviation from every angle and the company of which he is now the head is bringing forth an aircraft engine of the greatest stability and value. Mr. Rentschler has been instrumental in developing a wonderful organization which is now engaged in building the famous Wasp and Hornet engines, both of which have been adopted by the army and the navy. Their sales are constantly increasing as the result of the rapid development in aviation and the business is now one of large proportions.

On the 21st of July, 1921, Mr. Rentschler was married to Miss Faye Belden, daughter of W. A. and Lilas (Mefford) Belden, of Hamilton, Ohio. They have two daughters, Helen Faye, born August 20, 1926, and Ann Belden, born October 22, 1927.

Mr. Rentschler has always voted with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. In fact it is characteristic of him that he is in touch with progress and advancement along many lines, recognized as a man of broad general information as well as of expert knowledge in his particular field. His appreciation of the social amenities of life is manifest in his membership connection with the Hartford, Hartford Golf and University clubs, also the Princeton Club of New York and the Racquet Club of Washington, while in the line of his business he is identified with the Society of Automotive Engineers and is a constant and thorough student of all the problems that have to do with the development and progress of an industry that is still in its infancy.

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#### JOHN C. MORAN

A well established municipal organization always gives special attention to the development of its fire department and the service that may be rendered thereby. It is therefore necessary that at the head of the department shall stand a man capable of wisely directing its activities in times of emergency and just as wisely developing the organization when the hours of stress have passed. Such an official has been found in John C. Moran, now chief of the Hartford fire department, who was born in this city May 5, 1865, and is a son of Thomas and Johanna (Condon) Moran, who were natives of Ireland and came to Hartford with their respective parents in early life. The father was a member and assistant foreman of the old Volunteer Fire Department Co. No. 2 and later became a representative of the Hartford police force, rendering service in that connection for a number of years. He died in 1908, while his widow survived only until 1910.

John C. Moran obtained his education in the Hartford public schools and afterward learned the machinist's trade when an employe of the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. In 1886 he became connected with the Hartford fire department as a fireman with Engine Company No. 6 and afterward was made stoker with the same company, while later he became permanent substitute, filling all positions in connection with the service and doing all kinds of repair work. His next promotion was to engineer of Steam Propeller Engine Company No. 4 and in 1908 he was promoted over all captains to the position of deputy chief engineer, while in 1912 he became first deputy chief and in 1913 was advanced to the position of chief of the department. Thus within a period of five years he had climbed steadily until he reached the highest position in the department, continuously serving as chief since 1913. During the intervening period fire prevention work has been established, the motorization of the department has been secured and there has been established a drill school for the instruction of men on fire duty. There has also been installed



an entire new central office fire alarm system. All of these improvements have been advocated by Mr. Moran and have been instrumental in giving Hartford as high rating as any of the older established cities can receive. The new headquarters of the department, completed in 1927, rank with the most modern quarters in the country. They have been replacing all old fire stations as rapidly as possible with modern buildings, splendidly equipped, and at the present writing two new modern buildings are being erected. There is now a total of thirteen fire stations, which will house twenty-one companies and a completely equipped machine shop. The department numbers two hundred and seventy men—men who have the utmost confidence in the ability of their chief. His is never the command of the tyrant to go, but the call of the leader to come, and there is no feature of modern fire fighting with which he is not thoroughly familiar, while his mental alertness enables him to adequately meet every situation and emergency.

On the 1st of October, 1916, Mr. Moran was married to Miss Anna Deady, of Plainville, Connecticut. He holds membership in the Automobile Club and the Hartford Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Hartford Lodge of Elks and of the Knights of Columbus. He is a graduate of the New York Fire College and belongs to the International Fire Association and to the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, of which he was the first president. He likewise belongs to the Connecticut and Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Clubs and he has a high and well merited record of efficiency, having given to Hartford a service of the most valuable character.

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#### EDWARD BALF

Without educational advantages beyond those offered by the public schools, Edward Balf started out to provide for his own support and for many years has been a prominent figure in the business circles of Hartford, having gradually worked his way upward through determined effort intelligently directed. He has been an apt student in the school of experience and is today a broad-minded man with highly developed capacities and powers, so that he ranks with the prominent representatives of industrial and commercial activity in Hartford, where he is widely known as president of the Edward Balf Company, general contractors and dealers in trap-rock. He was born in Durham, Connecticut, August 11, 1849, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Katten) Balf. His father was a native of Kildare, Ireland, born in 1822, and prior to his marriage came to America, settling in Durham, Connecticut, where he engaged in farming. He died in 1870, at the age of forty-eight years.

Edward Balf is the eldest of a family of five children. When he was still quite young his parents removed to Suffield, Connecticut, where he attended the public schools, but unable through circumstances to pursue his studies further than the elementary course, he left school and went to work on the Pomeroy farm in Suffield. On September 26, 1872, he engaged in his first business venture, laying the first foundation stone of the present structure of which he is the guiding head. His first contract was with the Weed Sewing Machine Company, calling for their entire trucking work. Each year brought an increase in business until his equipment consisted of two hundred and fifty horses with wagons and rigging suitable for any demand. In connection with his trucking work, Mr. Balf engaged in cellar excavation and grading, performing the first steps in the construction of many of Hartford's business and residential buildings. Later Mr. Balf organized the New England Trap Rock Company, with quarries at Tariffville, Connecticut. Subsequently he secured control of the Southern New England Paving Company, and lastly purchased the Hartford Trap Rock and Supply Company, with quarries at Newington, Connecticut, although some time previous he had opened a quarry in Newington, just north of this last acquired property. In 1913 the New England Trap Rock Company, the Southern New England Paving Company and the Hartford Trap Rock and Supply Company were merged into the present Edward Balf Company, with Mr. Balf as president, which office he has since held. The Edward Balf Company, under his able and wise leadership, has grown into one of the most important firms of its kind in the state of Connecticut. Crushed stone in heavy tonnages is shipped from the Newington plant throughout Hartford county. Practically all of Hartford's permanent asphalt pavements are the handiwork of the Edward Balf Company. For many years Mr. Balf held the contract



EDWARD BALF





for the removal of ashes and garbage, creating a record for reduced costs to the city of Hartford for this service. His company has also performed many important highway projects for the state of Connecticut. The business in all of its varied branches is conducted with the utmost precaution for the health and safety of its employees. The plant is one of the most progressive in New England, ranking the first in that section, and its success is almost entirely due to the unfaltering efforts and initiative of the founder, whose powers have grown and expanded with the passing years as the result of his broadening experience and his close study of business conditions and opportunities.

While vitally interested in the welfare of the city of Hartford, Mr. Balf has ever been unwilling to assume public office. His advice on municipal questions is often sought and he is always ready to give both time and financial aid to any proposition found advantageous to the best interests of the city. He is an active member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus and Hartford Chamber of Commerce, having served as a director on the boards of the latter two organizations. His club affiliations also include memberships in the Hartford Automobile and City clubs. He likewise belongs to the Hartford Landlords Association. He has served as sergeant of the Putnam Phalanx and he is widely and favorably known in this city, where he has so long been an active factor in business circles, his innate worth and capability bringing him to the front as one of the leading business men of the capital. A contemporary biographer said of him: "As the active head of one of Hartford's strong business organizations, Mr. Balf's standing in the community is a result of untiring effort, keen judgment and the faithful fulfillment of the many obligations which in the course of his active career he has been called upon to assume. A building is as strong as its foundation. The foundation Mr. Balf has constructed assures his present organization many years of prosperity and profit."

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#### GEORGE FRANCIS COOK, M. D.

Although one of the younger representatives of the medical profession in Hartford county, Dr. George Francis Cook has already attained a creditable position through his successful practice at Plainville, where he opened his office in 1924. He was born at Norwich, Connecticut, January 15, 1896, and is a son of James and Catherine Cook. His preliminary education was acquired in the Norwich Free Academy and later he studied for a year in the University of Chicago, while subsequently he pursued an academic course in Tufts College in 1917. His careful consideration of the business world, with the countless opportunities offered in the fields of agriculture, of commerce and of the professions, led him to the determination to take up the practice of medicine, and with this end in view he pursued a medical course in the Tufts College Medical School, which he completed in 1923. He then put his theoretical training to the practical test by serving as interne in St. Francis Hospital of Hartford for a year, gaining that broad and valuable experience which can never be acquired as rapidly in any other way as in hospital practice. In 1924 he established his office in Plainville, where he has now remained for four years, his private practice steadily increasing in volume and importance as he demonstrates his power to successfully cope with disease and bring about the restoration of health. He is medical examiner for the Plainville district and is now filling the position of town health officer, in which he seeks to introduce preventive measure as well as to check the ravages of disease.

On the 17th of September, 1924, at Jewett City, Connecticut, Dr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Luella Riox and they have become the parents of a daughter, Anne, born July 26, 1925.

In fraternal circles Dr. Cook is well known, having membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Elks lodge at New Britain and also with the Kiwanis Club of New Britain. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical societies and through the interchange of thought and experience in their meetings, as well as through wide reading and study, he keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress. He does not hesitate to adopt new methods advanced which his judgment sanctions as of value in his professional work,

nor does he readily discard the old and time-tried procedure the value of which has long been proven. He is working his way steadily upward in his chosen field, showing that his choice of a profession was a wise one.

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#### IRA EDWARD HICKS

For more than fifty years a resident of New Britain, Ira Edward Hicks materially influenced its development along industrial lines and was equally prominent in public affairs. A gallant officer, he aided in preserving the Union during the dark days of civil strife and measured up to the full stature of American manhood and citizenship. He was born September 22, 1837, in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and there received his early instruction, continuing his studies in Bristol Academy at Taunton, Massachusetts. For five years he filled a position in the Taunton post office and then came to Connecticut. He was employed in a minor capacity in a manufacturing plant at Bridgeport and on September 9, 1861, enlisted for service in the Civil war. As a second lieutenant of a company of the Seventeenth Connecticut Regiment, he was under the command of Colonel Terry and in 1863 won promotion to the rank of first lieutenant. Among the important battles in which he fought were the following: Deep Bottom, August 14-15, 1864; Fort Pulaski, Georgia, April 10, 1862; James Island, South Carolina, June 4, 1862; Pocotaligo, South Carolina, October 22, 1862; Morris Island, South Carolina, July 10, 1863; and Fort Wagner, South Carolina. The last named conflict started July 11, 1863, and ended on the 19th of that month. Mr. Hicks participated in twenty-two engagements and displayed high courage in the face of danger. At the battle of James Island he was wounded and during the assault on Fort Wagner he was named provost of the island.

After the close of the war Mr. Hicks located in New Britain, becoming identified with the Malleable Iron Works, and was a pioneer in that field of activity. For many years he was vice president of this firm and exerted a strong force in the development of the industry. He was treasurer and general manager of the Brick Exchange Corporation, which also profited by his wisdom and executive force.

Mr. Hicks was married September 4, 1860, to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Adams, now deceased, and his second union was with Miss Ethel Russell, to whom he was married July 10, 1907. She is a daughter of Henry E. Russell, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Connecticut, and is the mother of one son, Ira E., born March 28, 1910.

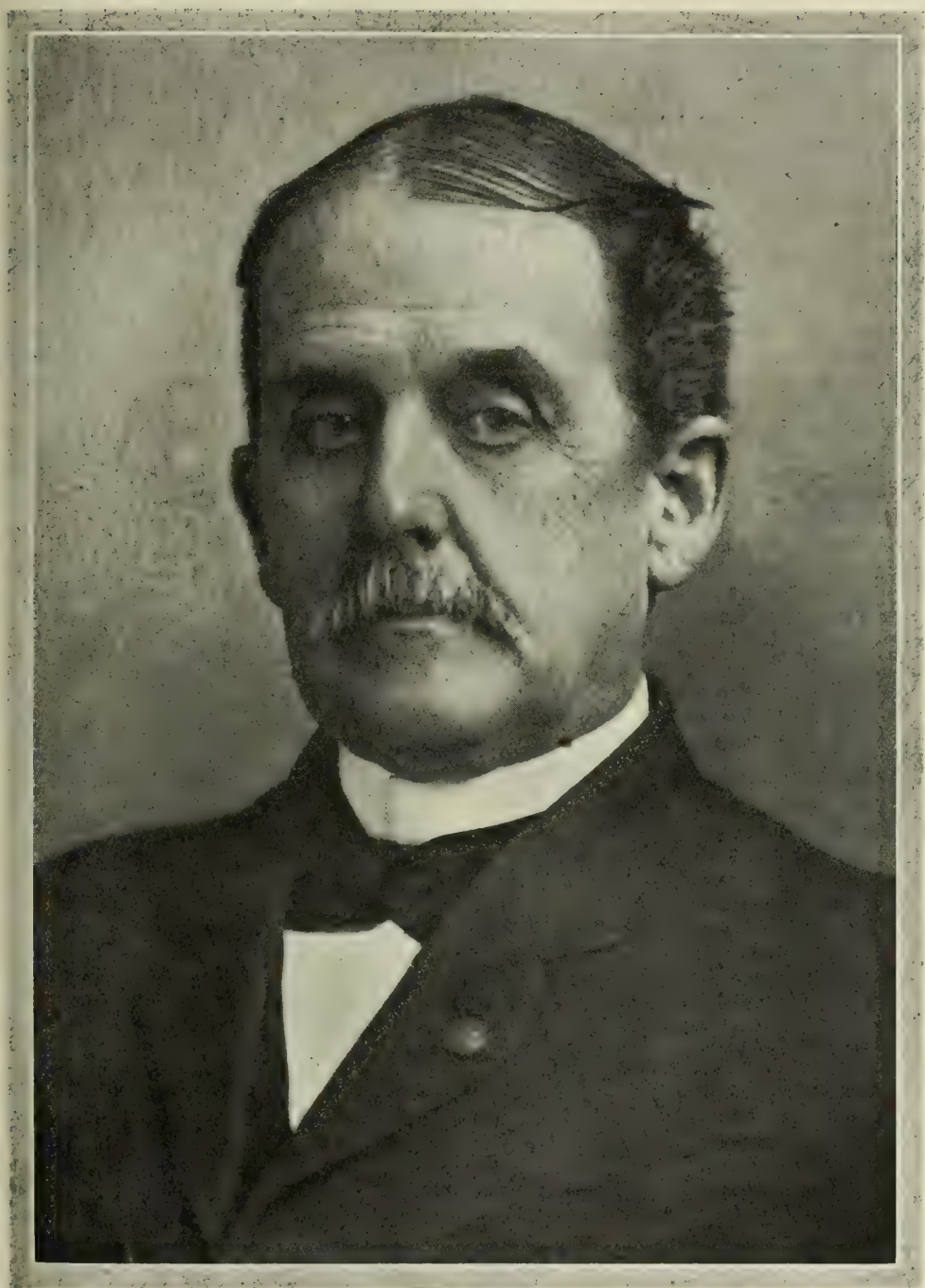
In politics Mr. Hicks was a stalwart republican and in 1889 was appointed postmaster of New Britain—an office which he filled with marked ability until 1915, serving for a period of twenty-six years. He was elected councilman in 1887 and made an equally creditable record in that connection, exerting his influence to secure for the municipality needed reforms and improvements. In the activities of the Grand Army of the Republic he manifested a deep interest and was one of the charter members of Stanley Post. He is also a member of the Loyal Legion and national junior vice commander in chief. Throughout life he adhered to a high standard of conduct, winning a secure place in the esteem of all with whom he was associated, and his passing on March 28, 1919, was mourned throughout the city. Mrs. Hicks resides at No. 292 West Main street and her genuine worth has drawn to her a wide circle of sincere friends.

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#### CHRISTIAN REBMAN

The casual observer oftentimes attributes the attainment of success to some fortunate circumstance or unexpected opportunity, but analysis of the career of any man who has "arrived" shows that back of the opportune moment was a thorough and oftentimes long extended training that enabled him to recognize and utilize the immediate chance for notable and successful achievement. In a review of the history of Christian Rebman it is seen that each step in his career has been one of orderly progression and the increasing responsibilities that have come to him with each promotion were capably met because of the thoroughness with which he had performed





IRA E. HICKS





his previous duties, thus developing his business powers. He is today prominently known as the secretary of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and is thus an outstanding figure in insurance circles.

Born in Buffalo, New York, on the 31st of December, 1876, Christian Rebman is a son of Christian and Sophia (Galster) Rebman, and having acquired a high school education in his native city, he then attended business college, thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. He turned his attention to the field of fire insurance by becoming an employe of the Queen City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Buffalo, New York, but after remaining in that connection for a brief period he obtained a situation with the Erie Fire Insurance Company of Buffalo and afterward became the local agent in Buffalo of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, occupying that position from 1903 until 1906. In the latter year he was appointed auditor of the Union Fire Insurance Company of Buffalo and so continued to serve until 1910. His next position was that of examiner for the New York State insurance depart in its New York office, in which capacity he remained for a decade, and from 1920 until 1923 he was assistant secretary of the Washington Marine Insurance Company of New York in New York. In the latter year he became chief accountant for Appleton & Cox, Incorporated, of New York city, handling marine insurance, and when two years had passed in that connection he came to Hartford in 1925 as secretary of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Throughout his entire life he has applied himself with great thoroughness to the duties at hand and has found in the faithful performance of each day's tasks the inspiration and the power for the labors of the succeeding day. He is now rendering valuable service to the Hartford County Mutual, which is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the country, having been incorporated in May, 1831, for the purpose of insuring houses and other buildings in Hartford county beyond the city limits of Hartford. The following history of the corporation has been written: "At the first meeting held in the State House September 19th, David Grant was elected president, and Elisha Phelps, secretary. After a few weeks Mr. Phelps resigned and was succeeded by Charles Shepard. The 'premium note' was perhaps the most characteristic feature in the early history of the Mutuals. Upon ordinary detached risks the company required a note equal to two per cent. of the face of the policy and ten per cent. of the first year's premium in cash. On buildings more exposed the rates were higher. The following year the company was authorized to insure property outside the limits of the county, and to charge the premium in a gross sum instead of rating the same by the year, the lien remaining the same. In 1835 the cash payment on effecting insurance was raised to three and one-third per cent. of the premium charge. The system with occasional variations in the rates continued till 1889, when the premium note was discarded and the whole business put on a purely cash basis. The Hartford County began modestly, and after disbursing twelve dollars in losses, and one hundred and seventy-nine dollars in contingent expenses, had a surplus of twelve dollars at the end of the first twelve months. For the next eleven years the business grew slowly, and at each annual meeting the books showed a small balance on the credit side of the ledger. In 1842, however, came a turn in the tide. Losses mounted up to three thousand, two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fourteen cents, and at the close of the fiscal year, in December, the directors were confronted with a deficit of three hundred and sixty-two dollars and eleven cents. Matters seemingly trivial have often proved to be pivots on which the fate not only of nations, but of civilization itself, has turned. So in a small way of this deficit. It provoked earnest thought and much discussion. Some advocated an assessment. Mr. Shepard took ground in favor of borrowing the money and raising the cash rates to a remunerative basis. Already the theory which prevailed at the outset, and which in many changeful forms has been revived and discarded since, had proved its insufficiency. The sensible views of the secretary were approved, and a note for the arrearages, presumably indorsed by the officers, was discounted at the Hartford Bank. From current receipts the obligation was soon discharged, and the company has never been compelled by reverses to pass through a similar experience since. Not till 1853 was the company permitted to insure buildings within the city limits of Hartford. On the morning after the great Chicago fire, residents of the city did not know whether the policies on their property issued by stock companies were worthless or not. Of the solvency of the Hartford County Mutual they were certain, for it did no business beyond the boundaries of Connecticut. Many came in at that time to take

advantage of the protection it offered, and have since remained upon its books. From 1835 to 1844 policies were renewed on the payment of a fee of twenty-five cents to the secretary, with no further cost to the insured. Meanwhile new members paid their initiatory premium. The company takes only the safer class of risks, as dwellings and farm buildings with their contents. It does not insure churches, school-houses, stores or factories. Its business has always been confined to the state of Connecticut.

"The Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company has increased its business until today it is one of the most substantial insurance organizations in Connecticut and that means in the insurance world." The secretary has always been the executive of the company and thus Mr. Rebman was called to a position of large responsibility but has measured up to every requirement, and under his guidance and that of his fellow officers the business has shown a continuous growth founded upon the safest principles, in which progressiveness and conservatism are splendidly balanced forces, making for the sure stability of the organization.

On the 30th of June, 1898, Mr. Rebman was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Meyer, a daughter of George and Katharine (Heichberger) Meyer, of Buffalo, New York. They are the parents of three daughters and a son: Marjorie Elizabeth, Lois Caroline, Robert John and Katheryn Isabel. The oldest daughter is now the wife of Wendell Foster Roberts, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has one child, Shirley Ann.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Rebman is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has never been ambitious to hold office, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, yet is never neglectful of the duties and obligations of citizenship. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in insurance circles than he, for he has been an important factor in this field and his prosperity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags.

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#### JAMES H. PRATT

James H. Pratt, a man whose constantly expanding powers have brought him into close and important connections with business interests, has since 1910 been president of the Southington Hardware Company, one of the extensive industries of this section of the state. His association with manufacturing interests of Connecticut covers an extended period and has constituted a valuable contribution to the material growth and development of the state. His life story indicates what may be accomplished through individual effort intelligently directed, for no special opportunities or advantages were accorded him. He was born at Southington, August 3, 1853, his parents being Daniel and Nancy (Beardsley) Pratt, both representatives of old American families dating their residence on this side of the Atlantic from early colonial days. The father was a successful farmer.

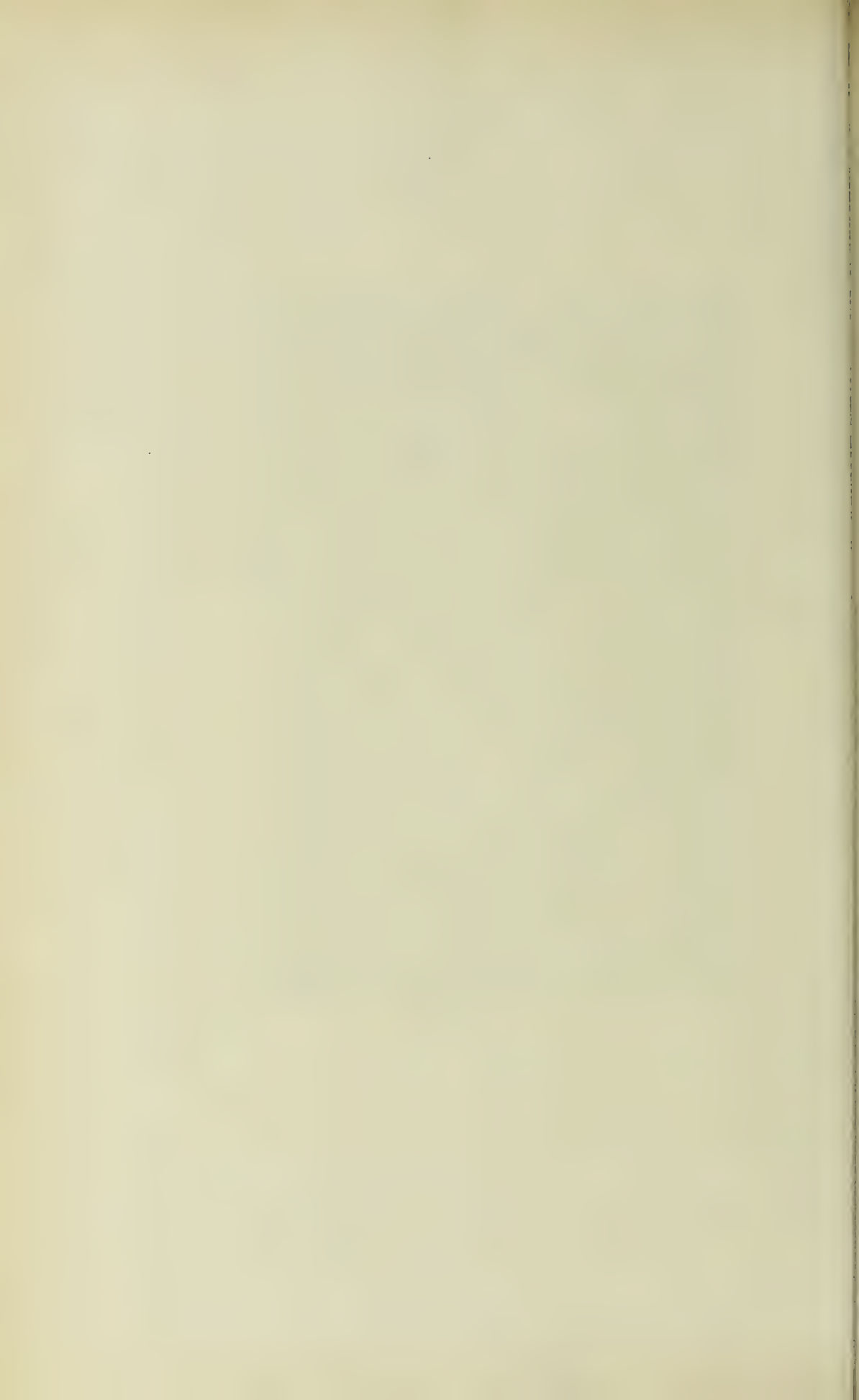
The son enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the public school system, followed by a brief course of study in a business college in New Haven. When a youth of eighteen years he secured a clerkship in the country store of E. R. Brown of Cheshire, with whom he remained for a year, after which he returned to Southington and for two years acted as clerk in the general store of Pratt & Neale. On the expiration of that period he purchased the interest of Mr. Neale in the business, becoming a partner of his brother, while later he acquired his brother's share and conducted the store independently for a period of nine years. He then sold out and turned his attention to manufacturing interests by becoming a traveling salesman with the Atwater Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for seven years. He was afterward associated with the Blakeslee Forging Company of Southington and remained secretary and treasurer thereof for a period of ten years. At the same time he filled the office of vice president and assistant to the treasurer of the Southington Savings Bank, while later he again became associated with the Atwater Manufacturing Company, being elected to the presidency and filling that executive position for two years. He was next made president of the Aetna Nut Company and two years later was chosen president of the Southington Hardware Company, which succeeded





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JAMES H. PRATT



to the business of the Southington Cutlery Company. It was in 1910 that Mr. Pratt took over the active management and executive control of the business and instituted a policy which has resulted in the steady expansion of its trade relations, necessitating frequent enlargements of the plant, which today gives employment to more people than any other of the manufacturing industries of the town with one exception. The output includes wood screws and steel squares and a line of carpenter's tools. The plant is one of large area and the business has had a continuous existence since October, 1867, when the Southington Cutlery Company was incorporated. In 1869 the stockholders voted to engage in the manufacture of squares, and such has been the steady growth of this branch of the business that the manufacture of cutlery was discontinued in 1905. Today the company is capitalized for five hundred thousand dollars. In July, 1908, the name was changed to the Southington Hardware Company and there has been little change in the personnel of the corporation in recent years, Mr. Pratt serving continuously as president for eighteen years, with Frances M. Gridley as treasurer for fourteen years, and William E. Smith as secretary since 1916. Several of its directors have also been upon the board through an extended period and the business is regarded as one of the safe and stable concerns of Southington, where its steady development bears testimony to the capability and broad vision of those who control its destinies. In addition to his connection with the Southington Hardware Company, Mr. Pratt is a director and vice president of the Blakeslee Forging Company, director of the Southington Savings Bank, president of the Southington Bank & Trust Company, and a director of the Atwater Manufacturing Company, Clark Bros. Bolt Company and the Peck, Starr & Wilcox Company.

On the 12th of September, 1877, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage to Miss Nellie A. Kibbey, of Newport, New Hampshire, and they became parents of four children, but all died in early life save a daughter, Marjorie D. The wife and mother passed away June 1, 1904, and on the 12th of November, 1907, Mr. Pratt married Mary Lane, of New Haven, Connecticut. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church and his political belief that of the republican party. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and that he gets his recreation largely on the links is indicated in his membership in the Southington Golf Club and the Parsons Golf Association. His social qualities make for friendship, his business enterprise has led to success, and the sterling traits of his character are attested by all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### ISAAC ALMARIN ALLEN, JR.

That Isaac Almarin Allen, Jr., entered the field of labor for which nature intended him is manifest in the development of his powers, ranking him with the foremost architects of Connecticut, success crowning his efforts from the time when he made his initial step in the business world. That there is no royal road to success, however, is a truth of which he was cognizant from the beginning, and industry, study and perseverance have played a most important part in his record. His birth occurred in Enfield, Connecticut, May 22, 1859, his parents being Isaac Almarin and Harriet Jane (Carrier) Allen, whose family numbered four daughters and an only son. His grandfather, Chauncey Allen, was a leading farmer and dealer in leaf tobacco who left a large property when he passed away at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His brother, Isaac Allen, removed from Enfield to Clarkson, Monroe county, New York, and won success in agricultural pursuits there. At the age of eighteen years he was serving as a colonel in the War of 1812. Isaac Almarin Allen, Sr., also followed the occupation of farming, having extensive acreage which he wisely and systematically cultivated. His wife, Harriet Jane Carrier, was a descendant of John Hancock, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Her great-grandmother was a sister of the three Hancock brothers who brought with them from England a bushel of silver coin, with a portion of which they bought land from the Indians in what is now the township of Wethersfield. The grandfather of Isaac A. Allen, Jr., in the maternal line was Omri Gates Carrier, a son of Omri and Rebeckah (Parsons) Carrier. Omri Gates Carrier married Harriet A. Potter, who was a descendant of Captain Ephraim Pease, at whose home in Enfield George Washington was once a guest. The grandmother of Mr. Allen in the paternal line, Mary (Pease) Allen, was also



a descendant of Captain Ephraim Pease and thus through both lines he is a representative of old and honored New England families.

Spending his youthful days on his father's farm, Isaac A. Allen, Jr., attended the Enfield and Thompsonville high schools to the age of nineteen years, when he took the initial step that has led him to the prominent and honorable position which he occupies in professional circles today. He began learning the carpenter's trade with the firm of Kinney & Phelps, contractors in New Haven, and soon became an expert workman, so that he was made superintendent of the construction of many important buildings. His evenings were largely devoted to drawing plans and his thought and study was directed almost exclusively in the field in which he was destined to make notable advance. From 1879 until 1886 his work took him at various periods to New Haven, Glen Island, New York, Stony Creek, Ansonia, Bridgeport and various other places. In January, 1884, he entered the office of David R. Brown, an architect of New Haven, with whom he remained for about a year and then resumed work at his trade. In 1886 he returned to Enfield at his father's request and assisted in the work of the farm, while during the same period he erected several buildings there. In March, 1889, he resumed his relation with David R. Brown, architect of New Haven, and a year later entered the employ of Frederick S. Newman, an architect of Springfield, Massachusetts. His capability was manifest in his steady and rapid development and progress there and he had attained such a degree of efficiency in 1891 that he was sent to open a branch office in Philadelphia, which later became Mr. Newman's main office. In 1893 his employer sent him to Hartford to open a branch office and to superintend the construction of the Ballerstein building. Three years later he purchased Mr. Newman's business at Hartford and has since practiced his profession here. His natural talent and acquired ability have placed him in the front rank of the leading architects of Connecticut and many of the finest structures of the city stand as monuments to his skill. He has furnished plans and specifications for approximately a thousand buildings in Hartford and in other cities of Connecticut and neighboring states and his name is thus inseparably associated with the development of the capital, his labors added much to its beauty.

On the 9th of September, 1890, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Willson, of Thompsonville, Connecticut, a daughter of Daniel Sumner and Nancy (Gaylord) Willson. They have become parents of three children: Willson, born in Enfield, August 17, 1891; Charles Almarin, born in Hartford, June 23, 1894; and Grace Elizabeth, born in Hartford, June 25, 1898.

Fraternally Mr. Allen is a Mason, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Connecticut Sovereign Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has also been a member of the Sphinx Temple Band and he has connection with the Oasis Club, the Hartford Business Men's Association, the Hartford Board of Trade and the Putnam Phalanx. His activities and his interests are broad and have always been of a helpful character, contributing to the civic progress as well as the material development of Hartford. His life record shows what can be accomplished through individual effort and persistency of purpose, for steadily he has advanced until the consensus of public opinion places him in the front rank of Connecticut architects.

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#### JOSEPH WATSON BEACH

Joseph Watson Beach, organizer of the insurance firm of Beach, Foreman & Company of Hartford, has made steady progress and today a large clientele is indicative of his enterprising methods and thorough reliability in business affairs. Since his textbooks were put aside and he made his initial step in the business world he has been associated with insurance interests. Mr. Beach was born in Hartford, March 26, 1888, his parents being Dr. Charles Coffin and Mary (Batterson) Beach, of this city, the latter a daughter of the late James Batterson, founder of the Travelers Insurance Company.

At the usual age Joseph W. Beach entered the public schools, mastering the work in successive grades until he had finished his high school course, when he matriculated in Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and afterward pursued his



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JOSEPH W. BEACH





studies in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. His active association with the Travelers Insurance Company dates from 1910, when he began work in the local office, resolutely setting himself to the task of mastering the business in all of its phases. He worked in various branches until 1913 and then went abroad, spending a goodly portion of that and the succeeding year in travel in foreign lands, which is ever a valuable experience. Upon his return he became underwriter in the liability department of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company and so remained until March, 1917, when he formed a partnership with George Lisle Forman under the firm style of Beach, Forman & Company, handling general insurance and representing all the Travelers companies. Few men are today able to speak with equal authority upon insurance questions and in all that he has undertaken Mr. Beach has shown great thoroughness, with capacity for handling detail as well as directing the great principles which are the underlying elements of insurance. He likewise has other business connections, being a director of the Hartford Building & Loan Association.

It was on the 25th of April, 1912, that Mr. Beach was married to Miss Jessie Anderson, a daughter of Robert and Jessie (Goodwyn) Anderson, of Petersburg, Virginia, and they are now parents of a son and a daughter: Joseph Batterson, born July 5, 1916; and Anne Harrison, born January 21, 1924.

When the country was involved in the World war Mr. Beach put aside family, business and other relations to enlist in June, 1918, in the United States navy, being stationed at Nantucket on duty on one of the submarine chasers, receiving his discharge in January, 1919, as a second class gunner. In club circles he is widely and favorably known, having membership in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club and the Fishers Island Club, also in the Petersburg Country Club of Petersburg, Virginia. Fraternally he is a Mason. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party and he is now serving as a member of the high school committee, while his interest in community affairs is further shown in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce, his aid and influence being at all times given to further any plan or project which has to do with the upbuilding and welfare of his native city.

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#### ERNEST C. PERRY

Ernest C. Perry, vice president of the Perry Electric Company and one of the fire commissioners of Hartford, is a young man who has already made for himself a name and place that argues well for future successful achievement and advancement. He was born in Keene, New Hampshire, November 17, 1891, and is a son of Gilbert and Mary (Bouvier) Perry. The father was a native of Canada and the mother of Vermont, and after a period of residence in Keene, New Hampshire, they removed to Hartford in 1898, Mr. Perry here passing away in 1923. His widow survives and yet makes her home in this city, where they reared their family of eleven children.

Ernest C. Perry was a lad of seven summers when the family home was established in Hartford, where he attended the public schools but put aside his textbooks in order to learn the electrical business and provided for his own support by entering the employ of Rice & Baldwin. There he applied himself earnestly to the thorough mastery of the business and gradually increased his knowledge, skill and efficiency, so that in 1914, after carefully saving his earnings, he was enabled to engage in business on his own account. At the time of the World war, however, he put aside all personal considerations and enlisted in the United States navy on the 8th of December, 1917, being assigned to sub-chaser No. 100, which was in service in the patrol work of the English channel. On March 1, 1919, Mr. Perry received his discharge, returned to Hartford and resumed the management and development of his electrical interests. Later in the year the business was incorporated under the name of the Perry Electric Company, with George W. Perry as president and Ernest C. Perry as vice president. They do construction work and have been accorded some important contracts by reason of their thoroughness and efficiency.

On the 9th of June, 1920, Ernest C. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Williams, of Hartford, and they now have three children: Arline, Virginia and Margery.

Mr. Perry is a member of the Elks Club and he is well known for his active support of civic projects looking to the benefit and upbuilding of the city. In 1920 he was elected alderman from the old eighth ward and served for a term of two years. In 1924 he was appointed fire commissioner for a three-year term and in May, 1927, was reappointed, so that he is a present incumbent of the office. He takes an active interest in the welfare of the community and the city's progress, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further the public good.

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#### BURTON H. PHELPS

Every successful commercial enterprise adds to the growth and consequent prosperity of the community in which it is operated, and through his industrial activities Burton H. Phelps has contributed his share toward Plainville's development, at the same time winning the legitimate reward of well directed labor. A native of this state, he was born August 25, 1876, in Suffield, Hartford county, and attended the Connecticut Literary Institute. At the age of eighteen he moved to Windsor Locks and there secured a position with the F. S. Bidwell Company, dealers in lumber and hardware. He spent twenty-five years in the employ of the firm, acquiring a detailed knowledge of the trade, and was steadily promoted. At the end of that time he came to Plainville and on January 1, 1921, purchased the business of Howard Thompson, a well known lumberman. The business has been incorporated and is now conducted under the style of the Plainville Lumber and Coal Company, of which Mr. Phelps is treasurer. Actuated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency, he has instituted well devised plans for its expansion and is also a director of the Plainville Trust Company.

At Windsor Locks, Mr. Phelps was married September 8, 1902, to Miss Ethel Waldo and they have become the parents of one child, Lois, born June 2, 1909. In Masonic affairs Mr. Phelps takes a keen interest and is a past master of Euclid lodge, No. 109, at Windsor Locks, also belonging to the Washington Chapter; Suffield Council; Hartford Commandery and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is past president of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce and a constant and untiring worker for the good of the community with which he has allied his interests, enjoying to the fullest extent the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### MAJOR FRANK LANGDON WILCOX

Major Frank Langdon Wilcox of Hartford is now living retired, although financially interested in various important business corporations. While he attained prominence and prosperity in industrial and financial fields, he also found time to render most important public service to his community and his state and has left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the legislative history of Connecticut, his name being inseparably interwoven with events that figure in the annals of the state. It was in the town of Berlin, Connecticut, that Major Wilcox was born on the 6th of January, 1858, his parents being Samuel Curtis and Anna Scovill (Peck) Wilcox. On the paternal side he is a lineal descendant of John Wilcox, of English birth, who arrived in America about 1630 and was one of the original proprietors of Hartford, since which time representatives of the family have rendered distinguished public service not only in their immediate localities but also to the state and to the nation. Prominent names on the family tree are those of Lloyd Wheaton Bowers, United States solicitor-general under President Taft; Hon. Leonard Wilcox, chief justice of New Hampshire; and Hon. Preston B. Plumb, United States senator from Kansas. The progenitor of the family in the new world served as surveyor of Hartford in 1643 and selectman in 1650, passing away here the following year, his will being the first one recorded in Hartford. His wife died about 1668. His name is on the Founders Monument. His son and namesake, John Wilcox (II), born in England, came to America with his father and aided in founding Middletown Upper Houses, now the town of Cromwell, Connecticut, where he died May 24, 1676. Israel Wilcox, son of John and his second wife, Catherine (Stough-



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ton) Wilcox, was born in Middletown, June 19, 1656, and died December 20, 1689, while his wife, Sarah Savage, whom he married March 26, 1678, was born July 30, 1657, and died February 8, 1725. Their son, Samuel Wilcox, was born in East Berlin, Connecticut, September 26, 1685, was married March 3, 1714, to Hannah Sage and died January 19, 1727, while his widow passed away in April, 1737. The next in the line of direct descent to Hon. Frank L. Wilcox of this review was Daniel Wilcox, who was born in East Berlin, December 31, 1715, and died July 29, 1789. He was married March 16, 1737, to Sarah White, who was born April 22, 1716, and died June 28, 1807. They were parents of thirteen children, to each of whom he gave a farm, for he was a large landowner. His son, Samuel Wilcox, born September 12, 1753, in East Berlin, married Phebe Dowd, who was born May 28, 1759, and died March 9, 1796. He was married twice afterward and died March 12, 1832. Among his children was Benjamin Wilcox, who was born at East Berlin, June 27, 1782, and died May 10, 1843. He was the first to make use of the waters of the Mat-tabessett river for manufacturing purposes, he and others building there a mill for spinning cotton yarn, woven by women on hand looms. This property afterward passed into possession of the Roys & Wilcox Company, predecessors of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company. Benjamin Wilcox was married February 21, 1806, to Betsey Savage, who was born June 25, 1787, and died January 28, 1831, her father being Selah Savage, who was an ensign at the battle of Bunker Hill. Benjamin and Betsey Wilcox were parents of Samuel Curtis Wilcox, who was born in East Berlin, December 11, 1811. In early life he taught school and afterward conducted a general store at East Berlin and subsequently at Washington, North Carolina. After many years there spent he opened the first tinware factory in the United States, conducted under the name of Carpenter, Lamb & Wilcox, the business developing rapidly, especially throughout the south. After association therewith for fifteen years Mr. Wilcox, at East Berlin, began manufacturing tinsmith's tools and machines, the business passing eventually to the firm of Peck, Stow & Wilcox, which was organized in 1870 and which brought about the consolidation of eight similar factories, seven in Connecticut and one in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Wilcox remained vice president of this company until his death and also was president of the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, which under his guidance became one of the largest and most prosperous of its kind in the country, building some of the finest engineering structures in both America and Europe. In politics Mr. Wilcox was a democrat. He possessed many admirable characteristics and his death, on September 21, 1886, was deeply regretted. His second wife, Anna Scovill Peck, who was born March 15, 1827, and died March 7, 1884, was a daughter of Norris and Elizabeth (Langdon) Peck, of Kensington Parish, Berlin.

Major Frank L. Wilcox, one of their family of eight children, was a pupil in the Berlin Academy to the age of twelve years and then entered St. Paul's School at Concord, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1876. He next matriculated in Trinity College at Hartford, which conferred on him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1880. He started out in the business world in a clerical position in the Kensington factory of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company and he won his promotions, parental authority never being exercised to gain him advancement. He felt great pride, however, in securing a position of larger responsibility and in 1885 had developed such efficiency that he was made manager of the Kensington plant and subsequently became vice president of the company. After the Kensington plant was destroyed by fire he became associated with the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, which he represented as treasurer from 1890 until 1900 and was thus active in controlling one of the most important industrial concerns of the country. After its consolidation with the American Bridge Company, one of the component parts of United States Steel Company, Major Wilcox concentrated his efforts and attention upon other interests. He was vice president of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company and in 1905 became president of the Fidelity Trust Company of Hartford, so continuing until January, 1923, when it was consolidated with the United States Security Trust Company, whereupon he became vice chairman of the board of trustees. On the 14th of January, 1925, he retired from active business affairs. He had formerly been a director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, of the Berlin Savings Bank of Berlin, the American Hosiery Company and president of the J. O. Smith Manufacturing Company of Middletown. He still continues in that office and is yet a director of the American Hosiery Company of New Britain.

He also retains the presidency of the Berlin Savings Bank, and while not now active as an executive, his counsel is frequently sought and he gives out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of others.

On the 19th of January, 1898, Major Wilcox was married to Miss Harriett Churchill Webster, a daughter of Deacon Charles S. and Julia (Higgins) Webster, of Berlin. Their daughter, Margaret, now Mrs. J. Edgar Hunnicutt, of Atlanta, Georgia, has one son, Edgar Wilcox, and one daughter, Elizabeth Ann. Samuel Churchill, the only son of Major and Mrs. Wilcox, married Pearl Cashman of Berlin and they have one daughter, Ann Virginia.

Major Wilcox is an honored member of the Hartford Club, University Club of Hartford, New Britain Club and the Shuttle & Meadow Golf Club of New Britain. Since attaining his majority he has supported the republican party and in 1893 was chosen to represent New Britain in the house of representatives of the Connecticut legislature. In 1903-4 he was state senator from the second senatorial district and was chairman of the committee on roads and bridges and also chairman of the committee for redistricting the state, increasing the number of its senatorial districts from twenty-four to thirty-five. His next public office was that of president of the Connecticut Commission at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, held in St. Louis, Missouri, where the various state manufacturing and other interests were represented in the Connecticut Colonial House, which attracted more attention than any other building at the exposition on account of its architecture, its colonial furnishings and its hospitality. Major Wilcox has also rendered valuable public service as a trustee of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Trinity College and of the Connecticut School for Boys at Meriden. His cooperation has never been sought in vain where the object was to further the welfare of the state in any way. He has aided largely in upholding its educational interests, in advancing its material progress, in establishing its political standards and furthering the high ideals of manhood on all occasions.

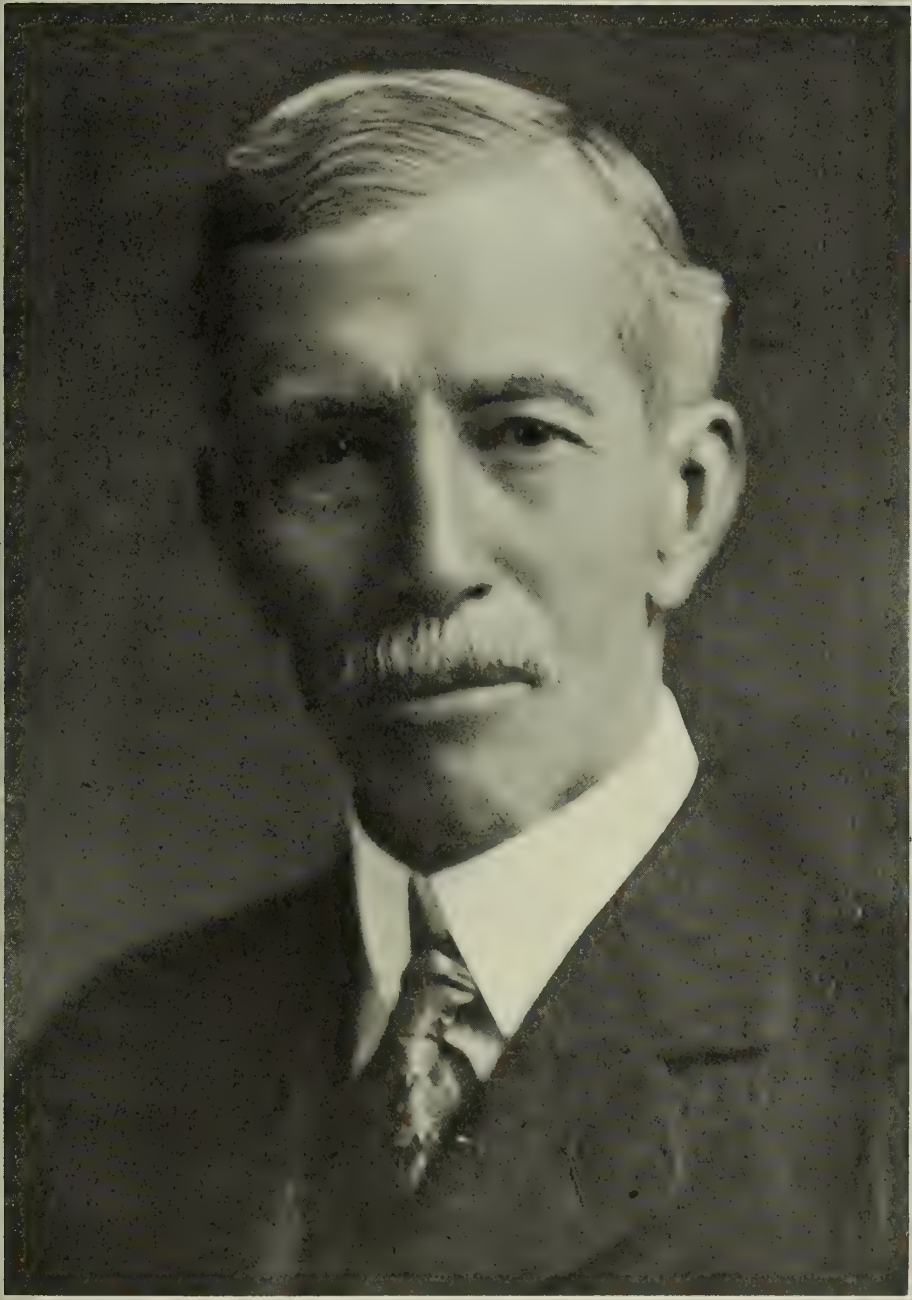
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#### SIDNEY WINTER CROFUT

Sidney Winter Crofut, vice president and secretary of the Society for Savings of Hartford, has wisely directed his efforts throughout the years since he attained his majority, ever recognizing his duties and responsibilities as well as his opportunities, and thus he has contributed in no small degree to the expansion and material growth of the business activities with which he has been associated and from which as a result he has derived substantial benefits. He was born in Ossining, New York, and that he comes of a family long represented on this side of the Atlantic is shown by the fact that among his ancestors were those who served in the Revolutionary war.

After acquiring his early education in private schools Mr. Crofut attended the Mount Pleasant Military Academy and during the period of his early business life was in New York city, where close application and ability won him various promotions with consequent increasing responsibilities. At length he felt the need of a change to outdoor life and removed to Danielson, Connecticut, where he resided for a few years and during that period took active part in public affairs, particularly in the development of the borough, of which he was the head official, occupying the position of warden for three consecutive terms. He was also made chairman of the high school committee and served as a member of the board of education and as president of the Free Public Library Association in Danielson. His business activities arose from his position as vice president and trustee of the Savings Bank and as director of the National Bank of Danielson. Appreciation of his service on the part of his fellowtownsmen led to his selection as representative from the town of Killingly in the general assembly session of 1893-1894 and in 1895 he accepted the appointment of state bank commissioner, which position he filled under three governors, remaining in that office until January, 1900, when he resigned in order to accept the position of first assistant treasurer of the Society for Savings in Hartford. Subsequently he was made treasurer and is now vice president and secretary of the corporation as well as one of the trustees, while of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company he is a director. His entire career has been marked by that steady progression





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*Sidney M. Crofut,*



which indicates continually expanding power and marked efficiency in discharging the duties which devolve upon him.

Mr. Crofut was united in marriage to Miss Lucy E. Marcy, a daughter of the Hon. William W. and Martha K. Marcy and a lineal descendant of Colonel Thomas Knowlton. They have one child, a daughter, Florence S. Marcy Crofut, who is a graduate of Wellesley College, which conferred upon her the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. They now reside at No. 25 North Beacon street in Hartford.

Mr. Crofut is a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and of other organizations. He has mastered the lessons of life day by day until his postgraduate work in the school of experience has placed him with the men of marked business ability who for years have figured prominently in the business and financial circles of Connecticut. Thoroughness has characterized his every undertaking, bringing to him a clear understanding that has enabled him to readily solve complex problems and effectively direct his efforts to the attainment of success for the institutions which he represents.

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#### CLEMENT COLLESTER HYDE

Clement Colvester Hyde, principal of the Hartford Public High School, has been associated with the educational interests of this city since 1894. He was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, June 21, 1871, and is a son of John M. and Mary S. (Whitney) Hyde, residents of Gardner, the public school system of which town afforded Clement C. Hyde his early educational opportunities. After leaving high school in entered Harvard College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892. He remained at his alma mater as assistant in physics, also serving in the same connection at Radcliffe College, while from 1892 until 1894 he was a student in the Harvard Graduate School.

In the latter year Mr. Hyde came to Hartford to teach science and mathematics in the Hartford Public High School, so continuing until 1911, when he was advanced to the position of principal and has remained in that office to the present time. Trinity College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature in 1912, while from Yale University he received the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1924.

On the 9th of July, 1908, Mr. Hyde was married to Miss Edith L. Risley, of Hartford, and their children are: Richard W., who was born June 18, 1909; Eleanor, born March 3, 1911; and Allen R., June 26, 1913.

Mr. Hyde is a member of the Head Masters Association, the University Club of Hartford, the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford, the Harvard Club of Connecticut and other organizations, mainly educational.

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#### FRED D. WISH, Jr.

Fred D. Wish, Jr., became superintendent of schools for the city of Hartford in January, 1923. He was born in Portland, Maine, May 15, 1890, his parents being Fred D. and Fannie (Atkinson) Wish. He graduated from Bowdoin College with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913. The following school year he was principal of the high school at Scarboro, Maine. From September, 1914, through June, 1917, he taught history and government in the high school of Portland, Maine. In September, 1917, he began teaching history and government in the Hartford Public High School, acting in that capacity until chosen superintendent of schools in 1923. Mr. Wish engaged in summer study at Columbia University in 1914 and 1915, also at Harvard University in 1923 and 1924.

On June 27, 1916 Mr. Wish was married to Retta Morse, a daughter of Melville and Retta (French) Morse of Portland, Maine. They now have two children: Frances Helen, born April 17, 1918; and Robert Norris, born March 23, 1922.

Mr. Wish is a member of the Juvenile Commission of Hartford.

Mr. Wish belongs to the Department of Superintendence, the National Education



Association, New England Superintendents Association, Connecticut Superintendents Association, Connecticut State Teachers Association, Hartford County Teachers Association, and the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. During the legislative session of 1927 he served as chairman of the legislative committee of the Connecticut Superintendents Association.

During Mr. Wish's administration in Hartford trade education has been made available. A full time state trade school in a modern building provided by the city will be started during the winter of 1928-29. The facilities for the Ungraded School which houses the educationally subnormal pupils have been improved, maintaining and fitting a new building. The availability of educational training for teachers has been materially increased.

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#### THOMAS WILLIAMS HOOKER

Thomas Williams Hooker, actively associated with insurance interests in Hartford, is now senior partner of the firm of Hooker & Butterworth. He was born May 10, 1871, in the city which is still his place of residence, and is a son of Bryan Edward and Martha Huntington (Williams) Hooker, residents of Hartford, and a direct descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker. After the completion of his high school course he went abroad, spending two years in study in Germany and gaining, moreover, that liberal culture which comes from foreign travel. With his return he became associated with the Broad Brook Manufacturing Company of Broad Brook, Connecticut, which is a wool manufacturing concern of which his father was then treasurer and manager. Following the death of Bryan E. Hooker, his two sons, Thomas Williams and Edward Williams Hooker, continued the business for a decade and then sold out. After disposing of this business Thomas W. Hooker turned his attention to the insurance field, in which he has since operated, and forming a partnership with Paul M. Butterworth, under the style of Hooker & Butterworth, has since conducted a general insurance business.

On the 30th of January, 1908, Thomas W. Hooker was united in marriage to Miss Luva Bedell, a daughter of Louis and Mary (McConnell) Bedell, of Poughkeepsie, New York. Their children are: Thomas Bedell, born July 11, 1908; and Bryan Edward, born May 31, 1911.

Mr. Hooker belongs to the Society of Colonial Wars and to the Sons of the American Revolution—membership connections that indicate his descent from some of the oldest New England families. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and Mystic Shriner and his political endorsement is given to the republican party.

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#### WILLIAM EDWARD EGAN

In no profession does advancement depend so entirely upon individual ability and merit as in the practice of law. In industry and manufacture an established business may be turned over to a young man starting out in the world, thus giving him a foundation upon which to build, but success at the bar is the direct outcome of mental qualifications—a retentive memory, a ready grasp of situations, a keen power of analyzation and logical deduction that can relate effect to its previous cause. That William Edward Egan possesses these requisite qualifications is manifest in the success which has attended his legal career. Connecticut claims him as a native son, he having been born in Southington, May 6, 1880, his parents being Thomas Francis and Ellen M. (White) Egan, mentioned elsewhere in this work. The son attended the Lewis high school and is numbered among its alumni of 1897. He then faced the necessity of providing for his own support and became an apprentice at the tool maker's trade in the factory of Peck, Stow & Wilcox, while subsequently he was employed in various large plants in Hartford, spending some time with the Pratt & Whitney interests, with the Pope Manufacturing Company and also with the Corbin Motor Vehicle Company of New Britain and the International Paper Company of Bellows Falls, Vermont. While he made progress along mechanical lines, he always felt a strong inclination toward a professional career and availed himself



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WILLIAM E. EGAN





of the opportunities to enter into that line of work. He became a student in the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1908, and in June of that year passed the required examination which made him a member of the bar. Throughout the intervening period, covering two decades, he has practiced law and his course has been marked by steady advancement, his clientage constantly growing in volume and importance. He continues in general practice, handling all kinds of cases and equally at home in all branches of the law as the result of his comprehensive study, not only in his college days but since his admission to the bar. His mental alertness and precision, his logical deductions and his ability to readily determine the important point upon which the decision of every case finally turns are elements in his success. Aside from his profession Mr. Egan has business connections, being a director of Suisman & Blumenthal, Inc., of Hartford, and of the New Haven Marine Construction Company.

On the 16th of September, 1909, Mr. Egan was married to Miss May G. Noonan, a daughter of James J. and Margaret (Bradley) Noonan, of Hartford. They are now parents of two sons: William Edward, Jr., born April 4, 1912; and James N., born January 11, 1916.

During his college days Mr. Egan became a member of the Phi Delta Phi, the Kau Tau Kappa of Yale and the Eyelet Club. He is also a member of the Automobile Club of Hartford, of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was formerly a member of the Governor's Foot Guard for four years and he is interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of municipality and commonwealth, giving active and effective support to many public-spirited projects. In manner he is genial and cordial, and the friendship of William E. Egan is an appreciated possession of his associates. Notwithstanding his outside interests, however, his attention is mainly given to his professional duties and he is an esteemed member of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations, enjoying the full confidence and respect of his colleagues and contemporaries because of his devotion to the highest ethical standards of his profession.

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#### BENJAMIN WILLARD ALLING

Admitted to the bar in January, 1906, Benjamin Willard Alling has steadily progressed in the professional field until he now occupies the responsible position of attorney general of Connecticut, having his office in the state capitol, while he maintains his residence at New Britain. He was born in Berlin, Connecticut, November 7, 1879, and is a son of Willard I. and Harriet E. (Upson) Alling, of that place. He attended the public schools of his native town and afterward became a pupil in the high school at New Britain, Connecticut. He next matriculated in Dartmouth College and won his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1902. Interested in law practice, he then began preparation for the bar as a student in the Harvard Law School, winning his LL. B. degree in 1905, while in January, 1906, he was admitted to practice at the Connecticut bar. He first took up the active work of his profession in Bridgeport but after a short time passed in that city removed to New Britain in the same year and has there maintained his home to the present time. Throughout the intervening period he has continued in practice in Hartford county and each year has found him in a position in advance of the point which he had reached the previous year. He entered into partnership with George W. Klett under the firm style of Klett & Alling, an association that was maintained from November, 1906, until the death of the senior partner in January, 1926. Since that time Mr. Alling has practiced alone and for many years he has enjoyed an extensive law business that has connected him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district and of the state.

For an extended period Mr. Alling has been accounted one of the leading citizens as well as prominent lawyers of New Britain and has exerted a widely felt influence in public affairs, at all times working along constructive lines. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has held several positions of public honor and trust, all of which, however, have been in the strict path of his profession. He was prosecuting agent of New Britain from 1909 until 1920 and in the latter year

became associate judge of the New Britain police court, occupying that office until 1923. He was then made judge of the police court and sat upon its bench until 1927, when he resigned to take the office of attorney general of Connecticut, to which he had been elected on the 5th of January, 1927. He is now faithfully serving as custodian of the legal interests of the commonwealth and his record in office is a commendable one.

On the 7th of February, 1910, Mr. Alling was united in marriage to Miss Ellen I. Lappan, a daughter of Adolphus and Mary Lappan, of New Britain. In the social activities of his city he is interested, having membership in the New Britain Club and the Sequin Golf Club. He is also well known in fraternal circles, having membership with the Masons, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He stands high among those men who are filling public office in Connecticut, his record indicating marked loyalty to the best interests and the welfare of the state.

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#### GUSTAVE A. FEINGOLD

Through a period of eleven years Gustave A. Feingold has been associated with public education in Hartford and since 1926 has been principal of the Morgan Gardner Bulkeley high school. He was born in Russia, June 17, 1883, and is a son of Samuel W. and Mary R. (Roth) Feingold, who were also natives of that country, whence they came to the United States in 1893, when their son Gustave was a lad of ten years. He attended the public schools in Whitestone, Long Island. In 1903 the family moved to Hartford where G. A. Feingold prepared for Trinity College from which he was graduated in 1911, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from that institution. The following three years were devoted to study in Harvard University, which conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1912 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1914. He entered upon his career as a teacher in 1917 in the Hartford Public High School where he became vice principal in 1923. In 1926 he was elected principal of the Morgan Gardner Bulkeley high school.

On the 17th of June, 1917, Mr. Feingold was married to Miss Etta Flora Ruffkess, of Hartford, and their children are Marshall S., S. Victor, Richard M., and Albert H.

Mr. Feingold holds membership in the Get Together Club, the Probus Club of Hartford, the American Psychological Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Association of High School Principals, and through the last two keeps well informed concerning the trend of modern thought as related to teaching. He is ever quick to adopt any new idea which he believes valuable, and his long connection with the public schools of Hartford is indicative of the high opinion entertained for his service by his fellow townsmen.

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#### CHARLES PATTON HOWARD

A business executive and inventor of superior ability whose labors have constituted a valuable contribution to science and have won him wide endorsement in the scientific world, Charles Patton Howard is prominently known as the president of James L. Howard & Company, manufacturers of railway supplies in Hartford. Constantly seeking to improve methods and devices, he has brought forth many inventions, the worth of which are everywhere acknowledged inasmuch as they have come into worldwide use.

Mr. Howard was born in the capital city, March 21, 1853, his parents being Charles F. and Catharine (Patton) Howard, the father having been one of the founders of the business of which the son is now the head. The ancestral line is traced back to William Howard, a native of England, who in 1635 settled at Braintree, Massachusetts, while in the maternal line Charles P. Howard is descended from Colonel Robert Patton, of a Scotch-Irish family, who left his home in Westport, Ireland, and became a resident of Philadelphia in 1762. Of that line Colonel Patton, the great-



grandfather of Charles P. Howard, took a prominent part in the military and civic affairs of his day, serving in the colonial army under Washington and under Lafayette in the Revolutionary war and afterward becoming one of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati. In 1789 he was appointed by Washington the first postmaster of Philadelphia and continuously occupied the position for thirty years.

Thus from an ancestry honorable and distinguished came Charles Patton Howard and his entire course has been in harmony with that of his forebears. He completed a course in the Hartford Public High School in 1869, after which he spent one year in Colt's Armory under the instruction of the superintendent. He then resumed his studies, entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, completing the civil engineering course by graduation with the class of 1874. When his technical training was finished he at once joined the firm of James L. Howard & Company in Hartford, being made assistant to the superintendent, while in 1877 he was elected secretary. In 1905 he was advanced to the office of vice president and upon the death of James L. Howard in 1907 succeeded him in the presidency. This company is engaged in the manufacture of railway supplies and has one of the largest plants of the kind in the east. Mr. Howard's contribution to the continued growth and success of the business is not merely that of a capable executive, for his inventive genius has been brought into play in many instances, resulting in the production of articles and devices of value to the railway supply business. He has now taken out more than twenty patents on such and his inventions are now widely used. He holds membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and is deeply interested in everything relating to his profession.

Politically Mr. Howard has always been a stalwart republican but never an office seeker. His leisure hours have been devoted to mountain climbing and outdoor pursuits. He has reached the summits of the highest peaks of the White mountains and the Adirondacks and in 1877 he scaled three of the highest peaks of the Alps, reaching a height of thirteen thousand, seven hundred feet on Breithorn near Zermatt, fifteen thousand, eight hundred feet on Mont Blanc and fourteen thousand, eight hundred feet on the Matterhorn, a description of his ascent of the Matterhorn appearing in Lippincott's Magazine for September, 1879. Ten years later he reached the height of fourteen thousand, two hundred feet on Mount Sneffles in Colorado and on the same trip visited the cliff dwellings in the Mancos Canon, his party being the second group of white men to visit the principal ruins called the Cliff Palace, which had been discovered only the previous winter by their guide. In 1896 he again climbed Mount Sneffles and also Uncompahgre Peak, which reaches a height of fourteen thousand, four hundred feet. He has likewise carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of astronomy and has ever been keenly interested in the telescope. He inherited this taste from his father, who in 1858 bought a four and one-fourth inch Fitz telescope, which served Mr. Howard's purpose until 1880, when he replaced it by a much larger and better one, with an object glass of nine and four-tenths inches, this being one of the most perfect telescopes in existence. In 1880 Mr. Howard undertook the task of constructing a three and one-half inch telescope object glass, doing all the work himself. He had to master every phase of the work and it was not until 1885, therefore, that he brought his glass to such a state of perfection that no error could be found in it, having accomplished this by using his evenings and holidays for the purpose. In 1886 he began work on a four and one-half inch object glass of an entirely different form from the other and completed it in 1889. He then showed it to the Clarks in Cambridgeport and it was tested by Alvan G. Clark, who said that it was the best object glass he had ever tested that was made outside of their own plant. Mr. Howard next undertook an object glass of seven inches aperture but this proved a failure because of the kind of glass used. In 1903 he completed another seven-inch object glass through which, on May 12, 1903, three canals on Mars were distinctly and steadily seen, while on February 5, 1904, the Companion of Sirius was steadily and easily seen at a distance of only six and one-half seconds from Sirius. Only a few telescope makers in the world can produce an object glass of such perfection.

For two years Mr. Howard waited for manufacturers to produce the desired quality of glass and then, impatient at further delay, in 1905 he obtained from Jena in Germany two discs of glass for a twelve-inch objective. He had calculated the curvatures of the surfaces for the several possible forms that such an object glass



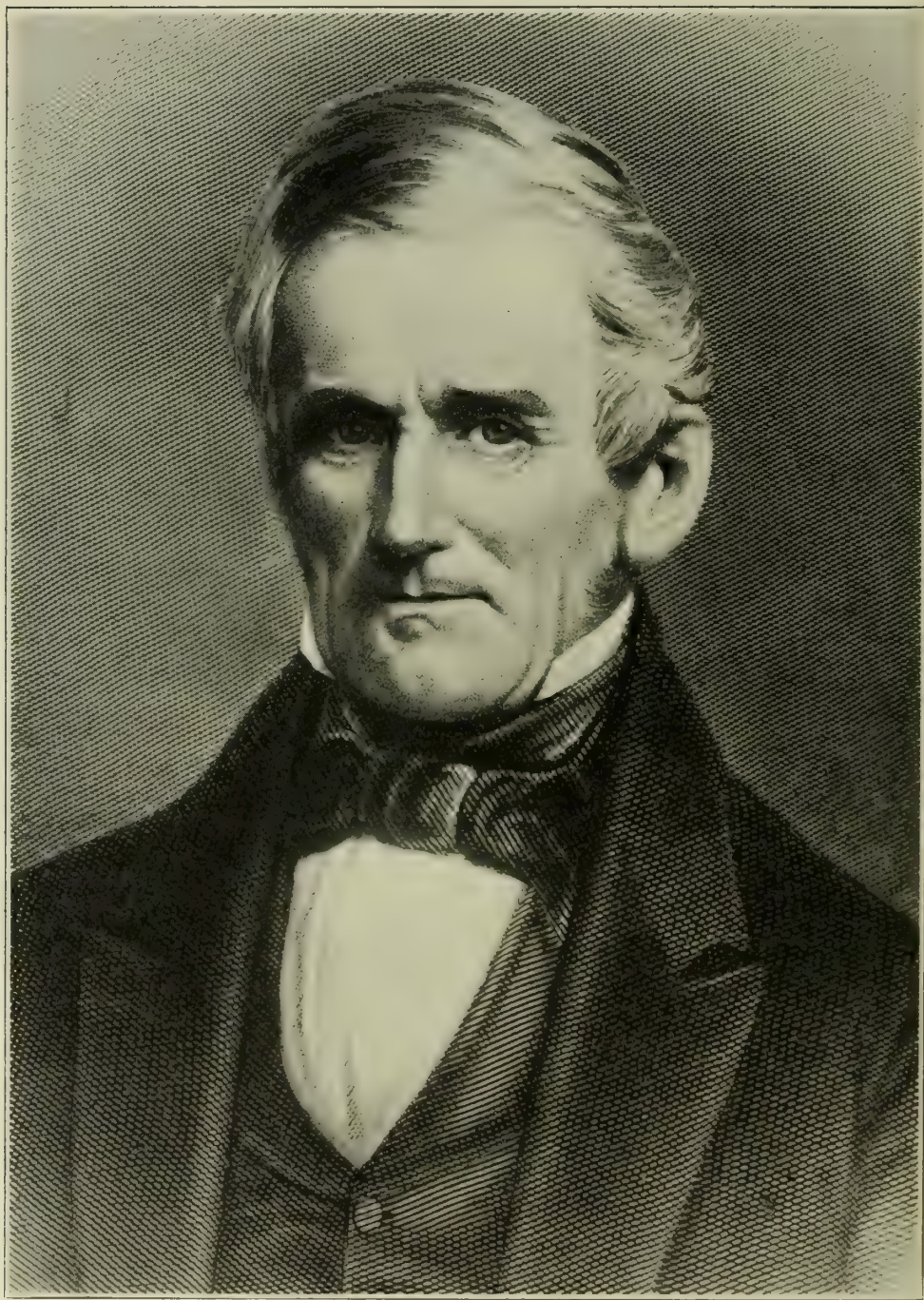
can take and had determined what form is best. Mr. Howard has written many scientific articles which have appeared in the leading publications of the country, including an article on the Refracting Telescope which appeared in the *Popular Science Monthly* for December, 1885; a paper on the Orbit of the Companion of Sirius in the *Astronomical Journal* of February 4, 1891; a paper on A Graphical Method of Determining the Apparent Orbits of Binary Stars, in *Astronomy and Astrophysics* for June, 1894, and again in 1923 he published a paper on the same subject in "Popular Astronomy." On the 28th of May, 1900, at Winton, North Carolina, he was associated with President Luther of Trinity College in observing the total eclipse of the sun and had one of the most remarkable views of the sun's corona on record. A full description of these observations was published in *Popular Astronomy* for December, 1900. In 1905, at Burgos, Spain, in company with Professor Charles S. Hastings of Yale University, he viewed the total eclipse of the sun, both using similar telescopes of about three inches aperture with magnifying power of twenty and field view of two and one-fourth degrees. Comparing notes as they stood at their telescopes, the instant the eclipse was over, it was found that both had seen the corona exactly alike. They distinctly saw it to be a filamentous structure completely surrounding the sun as far out as three radii. To this extent Mr. Howard's observations of 1900 were confirmed, but the other objects then so clearly seen were absent. He published an account of these last observations in *Popular Astronomy* for December, 1905. That the corona of 1905 would prove decidedly different from that of 1900 was expected, because the former happened at the time of sun spot maximum, and the latter at sun spot minimum. If, therefore, the objects seen in 1900 have real existence, they are peculiar to minimum coronas. Mr. Howard is confident that he made no mistake in his observations of 1900. This confidence is justified not only because of his intimate knowledge of telescopes, but also because in making a change in focal adjustment, he saw with perfect distinctness that the objects in question went in and out of focus exactly with the coronal filaments; a thing that could not have happened had they not been real objects on the sun. Nothing has afforded Mr. Howard keener delight than his study of astronomy and in this, as in other fields, he has made valuable contribution to science.

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#### GERALD WALDO HART

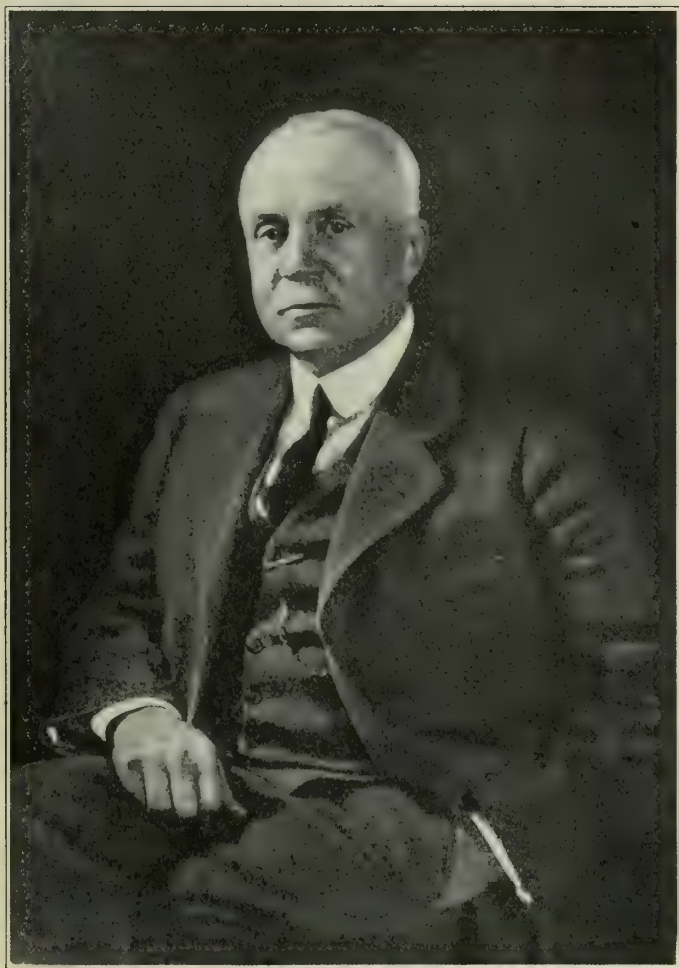
The business activities of Gerald Waldo Hart, founder and head of the Hart Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut, are by no means limited by the confines of this state but have reached from the Atlantic to the Pacific, touching at many intermediate points, and also feature in the business development of London, thus directly connecting him with the land from which came his earliest American ancestor, Deacon Stephen Hart, who was born at Braintree, Essex county, England, about 1605, and about 1632 arrived in the Massachusetts Bay colony, locating for a time at Cambridge, Massachusetts. His second wife was Margaret, the widow of Arthur Smith. She was admitted to the church in Farmington, March 17, 1690-1, and died in 1693, having for some time survived her husband. Deacon Hart and his first wife were consistent members of the Farmington church, which was organized in November, 1652, with Rev. Roger Newton as pastor. Mr. Hart had previously served as deacon of Rev. Thomas Hooker's church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut. He was one of the fifty-four settlers at Cambridge, was a proprietor at Hartford in 1639 and became one of the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington in 1672. In 1647 he was one of the "deputyes" of the general court of Connecticut and in 1653 was appointed commissioner by the general court, for the town of Farmington, to aid the constable in impressing men into the army. Tradition has it that Connecticut's capital city took its name from the fact that Stephen Hart discovered a ford which was used in crossing the river when the water was at low stage. Tradition also has it that he and others discovered the Farmington river valley when on a hunting trip and arranged with the Indians for white settlement in that district. There he purchased a large tract of land bordering the present town of Avon and yet known as Hart's Farm. He had a large house lot in the town and owned and operated a mill. His will, which was dated March 16, 1682-3,





*Samuel Hart-*





GERALD W. HART



bequeathed his land to his children and grandchildren as well as his second wife. His children, seven in number, were all born of his first marriage.

Thomas Hart, his third son and youngest child, was born in 1644 and married Ruth Hawkins, who was born at Windsor, Connecticut, October 24, 1649. He inherited a portion of his father's homestead opposite the meeting-house in Farmington and was made a freeman by the general court in 1664. He was confirmed ensign of Farmington train-band by the general court in 1678 and lieutenant in 1693 and the same year was deputy to the general court. In May, 1695, he became captain. He was again deputy from Farmington for thirteen years and was speaker of the general court for four years. He was appointed commissioner for Farmington, serving in 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695 and 1697, and in 1698 became justice for Hartford County, serving with the exception of 1699 and 1700 through to 1706. In October, 1702, he was appointed on a committee to settle the boundary between Rhode Island and Connecticut and in other ways took prominent part in public affairs. He and his wife were members of the church in Farmington. She died October 9, 1724, at the age of seventy-five, and Captain Hart passed away August 27, 1726, in his eighty-third year, when he was laid to rest with military honors. He left his land to three of his sons, and by the terms of his will his daughters received five pounds each. His children were seven in number.

The fourth of the family was Deacon Thomas Hart, of Kensington, Connecticut, who was born at Farmington in April, 1680, and was married December 17, 1702, to Mary Thompson, daughter of John and Mary (Steele) Thompson, of Farmington. He was admitted to the Farmington church February 2, 1706-7, and he and his wife became members of the Kensington church at its organization December 10, 1712. Six years later he became deacon. He was also prominent in public affairs as justice of the peace and as representative of the town of Farmington for six sessions between 1739 and 1747. His wife, Mary, died in October, 1763, and on the 11th of January, 1764, Deacon Thomas Hart, of Kensington, married Elizabeth Norton, widow of Isaac Norton, of Berlin, he being then eighty-four and his wife seventy-nine years of age. She died March 28, 1771, and Deacon Thomas Hart died January 29, 1773, when about ninety-three years of age.

In the fourth generation the direct ancestor of Gerald W. Hart was Deacon Elijah Hart, of New Britain, the third son of Deacon Thomas and Mary (Thompson) Hart, of Kensington, where he was born June 18, 1711. He was married December 26, 1734, to Abigail Goodrich, who was born December 14, 1714. Deacon Elijah Hart settled at New Britain, where he and his wife, formerly of the church of Kensington, became members of the New Britain church, organized April 19, 1758. Soon afterward he was elected deacon. He died August 3, 1772, in his sixty-first year, and his widow died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eno, in Simsbury, Connecticut, January 21, 1809, at the very advanced age of ninety-five years.

They were parents of Deacon Elijah Hart (II), who was born September 26, 1735, in Kensington, the eldest of a family of nine children. In 1757 he became a member of the Kensington church. He removed with his parents to New Britain and joined the church there on its organization. He married Sarah Gilbert, who was born May 11, 1737, and settled in the south part of Hart Quarter. He owned a large property and reared a large family. For twenty years he served as deacon, being elected June 1, 1780, and for many years he led the singing in his church. He died December 10, 1800, at the age of sixty-six years, and his widow died September 22, 1809, at the age of seventy-three.

Deacon Elijah Hart (III), of New Britain, son of Deacon Elijah Hart (II) and his wife, Sarah (Gilbert) Hart, was born at New Britain, May 7, 1759, and was married December 21, 1780, to Anna, the eldest daughter of Hezekiah and Anna (Stedman) Andrews, born September 6, 1760. They lived in the south part of the parish in New Britain, and Deacon Elijah Hart (III) owned a large farm and engaged extensively in manufacturing corn meal for the West India trade. He was admitted to the church October 3, 1784, and chosen deacon in 1805. He enlisted March 18, 1778, for service in the Revolutionary war, and was present at the capture of Burgoyne. In 1824 he and his wife were admitted to the church at Mount Carmel, in Hamden, Connecticut, where they lived for several years and where he built a house and mill. Later they returned to New Britain, where he died August 4, 1827, while Mrs. Anna Hart passed away December 2, 1835.

Their children were of the seventh generation of the family in the new world



and they had eight sons. Samuel Hart, third in order of birth, was born at New Britain, April 7, 1786, and on the 18th of March, 1812, Orpha North, who was born August 12, 1793, became his wife. She united with the Congregational church February 2, 1812, and lived a consistent Christian life, passing away January 12, 1847. Samuel Hart ranked as the leading physician of New Britain for many years and was also a successful farmer. He joined the Congregational church in October, 1802, and became a member of the South church on its organization in 1842. He had reached the age of seventy-seven years when he passed away June 20, 1863.

Dr. Samuel Waldo Hart, who was the fourth in order of birth of the five children of Dr. Samuel and Orpha (North) Hart, was born in New Britain, May 22, 1825, and on the 22d of October, 1851, married Cordelia M. Smith, who was born in New Britain, June 7, 1828, a daughter of William H. and Marsha (North) Smith. Like his father, Dr. Samuel Waldo Hart became a successful physician of New Britain and occupied his father's old home on Main street, opposite Central Park. He served as mayor of his city from 1873 to 1875 inclusive. His wife, Cordelia, died June 16, 1857, and on the 10th of November, 1864, Dr. Samuel W. Hart was married in St. Mark's church to Margaret C. Smyth, who was born October 18, 1846, in Easton, Maryland. By his first wife he had two children: Mary Louise, born October 8, 1852; and Gerald Waldo, born July 23, 1856. The children of his second marriage were: William Goldsborough, who was born April 6, 1870, and died July 20, 1870; Anna Smyth, born September 13, 1872; Margaret Carrol, born October 17, 1875; and S. Waldo, born March 14, 1877.

Gerald Waldo Hart, son of Dr. Samuel Waldo Hart and a representative of the family in the ninth generation in America, was born in New Britain, July 23, 1856. In the schools of his native village he pursued his education and his preparatory training was obtained in the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, Connecticut, after which he matriculated in the Sheffield Scientific School, completing his course at Yale with the class of 1878. From early youth he had displayed natural aptitude for mechanics and during his college days specialized in mechanical engineering and theoretical knowledge of mechanics. He also took active interest in college sports and was a member of the freshman crew of 1876, while in 1877 he was bow oar of the Yale University crew.

After leaving the university Mr. Hart, in 1880, became the first employe of the American Electric Company of New Britain, which afterward became the Thomson-Houston Electric Company and later the General Electric Company. In this field he found ample opportunity to develop his latent talents along mechanical and inventive lines. He measured up to all requirements and augmented his theoretical knowledge by practical experience in a field for which nature undoubtedly intended him. He left his first employers in 1887 to become superintendent of the Edison Electric Light and Power Company and assistant general manager of the Kansas City Electric Light Company of Kansas City, Missouri. His entire professional career has been one of steady advancement in which his labors have enabled him to achieve far-reaching results. In 1890, associated with George S. Hegeman, a former classmate at Yale, he organized the Hart & Hegeman Company of Kansas City and this connection was maintained until 1897, when Mr. Hegeman passed away. In 1898 Mr. Hart withdrew from the firm and organized the Hart Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut, where again he took up the work of manufacturing electric light supplies. Since its inception the business has enjoyed steady and rapid growth, resulting from the executive ability as well as the scientific training and practical experience of Mr. Hart. From the beginning the firm has used as its trademark the letter "H" enclosed within a diamond-shaped figure, and the switches and other electrical appliances manufactured by the company are usually sent out under the name of Diamond H. Constantly the company has reached out along broadening lines, establishing trade connections at various points, until at the present writing offices are maintained in New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and in Toronto, Canada, and London, England. Their output is extensive, the business having long since reached gratifying proportions, returning a most substantial income to the stockholders. Mr. Hart is the inventor of numerous improvements in electrical appliances upon which he has issued patents, and he is particularly well known as the successful inventor of electric switches.

On the 5th of October, 1887, in Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Lucie Janes Van Dorn, daughter of Robert L. Janes and a direct de-

scendant of William Janes, who in 1637 came to the new world with John Davenport, settling at New Haven, Connecticut. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hart are: George Hegeman, now vice president of the Hart Manufacturing Company; and Harry A., who is the general manager of the company. The former was born in Kansas City, Missouri, December 3, 1890, and was married December 8, 1915, to Mary Case, daughter of Judge William Scoville Case. Their children, representatives of the family in the eleventh generation in America, are: George Hegeman Hart, Jr., born in Hartford, April 16, 1918; and John Stephen, born in Hartford, April 22, 1925.

Gerald Waldo Hart maintains his home as well as his business headquarters in Hartford, with a summer residence at New London, Connecticut. Politically he has always been a staunch republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He belongs to the Farmington Country Club and various social organizations and is a true sportsman whose interest in yachting and aquatic sports dates from his college days. He finds both pleasure and recreation in outdoor life, which constitutes an even balance for the intense activity demanded in the conduct of his steadily growing business affairs. The rapid development of all material resources during the present century has brought business enterprises up from the day of small things to gigantic proportions, where millions of dollars take the place of hundreds and where men are required to handle millions as coolly, as carefully and as successfully as their grandfathers handled much smaller sums. The training which Gerald W. Hart received fitted him to meet present-day conditions, and a laudable ambition and indefatigable energy have carried him into most important relations, keeping him at all times in close touch with the general march of advancement.

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#### HORACE L. ROCKWELL

Horace L. Rockwell, a member of the law firm of Bristol & White, general lawyers and patent attorneys, was born in Washington, D. C., August 1, 1886, his parents being Julius E. and Mabel R. (Lewis) Rockwell. After attending the public and high schools in that city he began preparation for the bar and was graduated from the National University in 1910, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He was admitted to the bar in Washington in 1914 but after his graduation had engaged in patent law practice in Chicago, being associated with Edwin B. H. Tower of that city, and afterward with the International Harvester Company, his activities in that field covering the period between 1910 and 1916. In the latter year he became patent attorney for the Sullivan Machinery Company of Claremont, New Hampshire and Chicago, and in 1925 he resigned his position with that corporation to come to Hartford as resident partner and one of the patent lawyers of the New Haven law firm of Bristol & White. Politically Mr. Rockwell is a republican, while social activities connect him with the Hartford Club and the Hartford Golf Club.

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#### WILLIAM C. HOLDEN

Public school education finds a worthy representative in William C. Holden, principal of the Thomas Snell Weaver high school since 1923. He was born in Casco, Maine, August 19, 1867, and is a son of Jesse Francis and Sarah B. (Sawyer) Holden, also natives of the Pine Tree state. His early education was supplemented by study in Bridgton Academy at Bridgton, Maine, and a course in the University of Maine, in which he won his M. E. degree in 1892. Long before taking his college course, however, he began teaching, becoming an instructor in rural schools at Waterford, Maine, in 1884. In 1892-3 he taught in St. Paul, Minnesota, and in the latter year spent six months as a teacher in Cleveland, Ohio, but later in the same year went to Portland, Maine, where he engaged in teaching until 1895. He then accepted a position as teacher at Lynn, Massachusetts, where he continued until 1902, when he came to Hartford as one of the teachers in the Hartford Public High School, of which he was vice principal from 1914 until 1923. In the latter year he was advanced to the posi-



tion of principal of the Thomas Snell Weaver high school, where he has since remained, and the passing years have demonstrated his ability in this connection, for he has wisely directed the work of the school, which has shown continued progress under his guidance.

On the 31st of March, 1896, Mr. Holden was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Fogg, a daughter of William H. and Lydia (Merrow) Fogg, of Bath, Maine. They have five children: Theodore L., Ruth E., Francis W., Marion E. and Sylvia J.

While a broad reader and keeping in close touch with the progressive thought of the present, Mr. Holden has little time for activities outside of his school. His high professional standing is indicated in the fact that the University of Maine conferred upon him the honorary M. A. degree in 1927. He has membership in the National Education Association and the National Association of Secondary School and Colleges and he embraces every opportunity to promote his efficiency in his chosen field.

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#### DANIEL C. FLYNN

Daniel C. Flynn is one of the younger members of the Hartford bar, but if the present foreshadows the future, one need not hesitate in prophesying for him success in the years to come. He was born in Middletown, Connecticut, December 13, 1904, and is a son of Daniel J. and Anna G. (Cauley) Flynn, who retained their residence there until 1907, when they removed with their family to Hartford. It was here that Daniel C. Flynn obtained his public and high school education, while later he attended the Catholic University of Washington, D. C. A review of the broad field of business and professional activity led him to the determination to make the practice of law his life work and with this end in view he entered the Fordham Law School of New York, gaining his LL. B. degree in 1925. The same year he was admitted to the bar and at once began practice in Hartford as an associate of Benedict M. Holton, but after this initial year he began practicing alone and has so continued, building his success upon the safe qualities of careful and thorough preparation and loyalty to the interests of his clients.

Mr. Flynn holds membership with the Catholic University Club of Washington, with the Utopia Club and with the Republican Club of Hartford, the last named connection indicating his political allegiance. He is alert to modern-day conditions and opportunities, not alone in the line of his profession but in matters of citizenship, as well, and is at all times a champion of progress and improvement.

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#### JOHN FRANCIS FORWARD

For an entire decade John Francis Forward has occupied the position of public defender for Hartford County and since 1902 has been numbered among the members of the Hartford bar, rising to a notable position in the ranks of Connecticut's attorneys. Since 1921 he has been senior partner in the firm of Forward & Daly and they have a large clientele connecting them with litigation of important character.

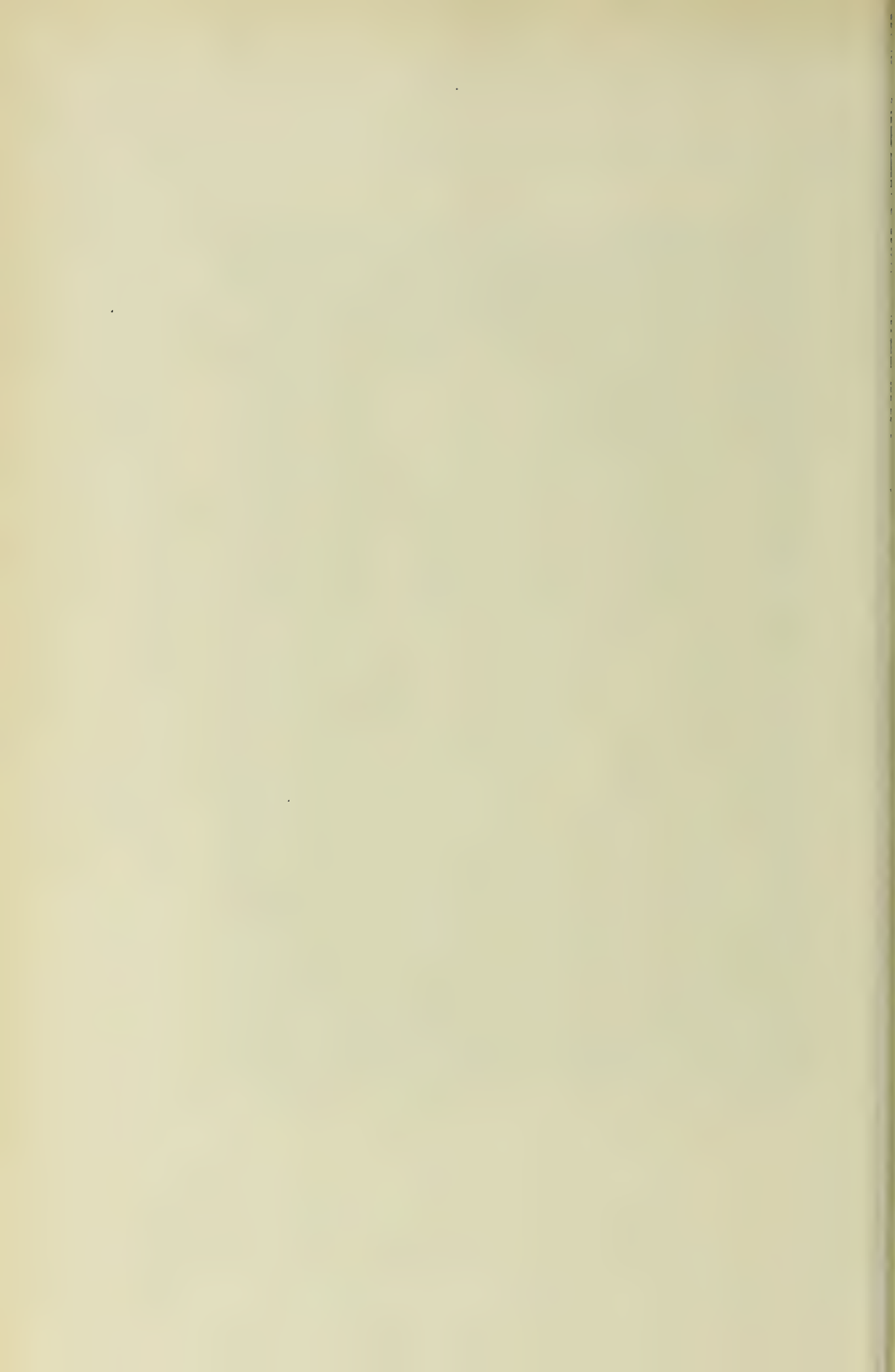
Mr. Forward was born October 16, 1872, in South Hadley, Massachusetts, his parents being George H. and Frances (McMaster) Forward. He attended the public schools of Springfield, Massachusetts, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, and then entered Trinity College of Hartford, from which he was graduated in 1896 with the Bachelor of Science degree. He then turned his attention to educational work and was a teacher in Salisbury Academy at Salisbury, Connecticut, from 1896 until 1898. In the following year he began preparation for the bar as a law student in the office of Andrew F. Gates of Hartford and was admitted to practice in 1902. He at once opened an office and soon gave demonstration of his thoroughness and diligence in the preparation of his cases as well as of his loyalty to his patrons. Year by year his practice increased in importance as well as volume until his legal business had assumed extensive proportions. In 1921 he formed a partnership with Edward J. Daly and as member of the firm of Forward & Daly has since continued in active connection with the Hartford bar. Clear and cogent in his reasoning, logical in his deductions and seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal





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principle, he has won many notable verdicts. Some years ago he was special prosecuting attorney for the city of Hartford and in 1918 was called to the position of public defender for Hartford county, in which capacity he has since continued. Aside from his professional activity he is well known in business circles, having many important interests. He is a director and the secretary of the Roto Company of Hartford, also of the Gray & Prior Machine Company of Hartford and the Baldwin-Stewart Electrical Company. He is likewise president and one of the directors of the Lakeland Company of this city, is also secretary and a director of the New Haven Sherardizing Company, and his sound judgment is considered a valuable asset in business affairs.

Mr. Forward has also rendered appreciated service in the presidency of the University Club, which office he filled from 1920 until 1922. In 1924 he was elected to the presidency of the Trinity College Alumni Association for a two years' term and he still has membership in both organizations. In club circles, too, he is well known, his membership being in the Hartford Golf Club and the Get Together Club. That his interests and activities are broad is further indicated in the fact that he has membership in the Connecticut Historical Society and in the Drama League. He is never neglectful nor unmindful of his duties and obligations of citizenship and his belief in republican principles has led him to give stanch support to his party. From 1919 until 1922 he was street commissioner of Hartford and any practical plan for the city's development and improvement receives his earnest cooperation.

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#### W. JAMES TULLER

W. James Tuller, general agent of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vermont, with office at 805 Main street in the Phoenix Bank building of Hartford, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 11, 1884, a son of William J. and Mary (Sisson) Tuller, also natives of this city. The Tuller family was numbered among the first settlers of Connecticut and George W. Tuller, grandfather of W. James Tuller, was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, early moving to Hartford where he resided for many years, engaging in the tailoring business, while later he became a real estate dealer. The grandmother, Abbie Loveland James, was a direct descendant of King James II of England, who was beheaded. She died in June, 1927, at Everett, Massachusetts, at the notable old age of one hundred and three years, and was very active up to the time of her demise. Albert Lee Sisson, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Tuller, was born in Bloomfield, Connecticut, and in his boyhood came to Hartford, where he was engaged in the tobacco trade and in the wholesale meat business for many years. He also erected the Sisson block on Main street, there conducting his commercial interests for an extended period. In 1865 he erected a residence on what was then Hubbard street, at the extreme outskirts of the city. Today the thoroughfare is known as Sisson avenue and the confines of Hartford have extended far beyond the location of the old home, which was sold in 1900 and is now known as the House of the Good Shepherd—a home for girls. The grandmother of Mr. Tuller in the maternal line was Mary A. Gorton, who was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, but in her girlhood became a resident of Bloomfield.

In the West Middle district school W. James Tuller pursued his early education until completing his course with the class of 1897 and then entered the Hartford public high school, from which he was graduated in 1901. Having put aside his textbooks, he became associated with the Dun and Bradstreet agencies and later entered the employ of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company as head of the policy writing department. For about fifteen years he has been writing insurance as agent for the Connecticut Mutual and National companies and in February, 1922, he organized the Tuller-Wiley Agency, with offices at 750 Main street in Hartford, acting as local agent for all lines of insurance. In June, 1923, he was appointed general agent for Connecticut for the National Life Insurance Company and since then has devoted the greater part of his time to developing the life insurance end of the business. In May, 1927, he sold his interest in the Tuller-Wiley Agency to his partner, William H. Wiley, who has since continued the business but without change of firm name. The course of Mr. Tuller has been one of steady progress and



successful achievement and he is today a well known figure in insurance circles in this city.

On the 4th of October, 1911, Mr. Tuller was married to Miss Elsie May Hurlbut, of Hartford, and they have three sons—William James (III), Edwin Hurlbut and Frederick Sisson, who are with the parents in their home at 35 Lilley road in West Hartford.

In young manhood Mr. Tuller was a member of the West Hartford Company of the Home Guard and became supply sergeant, thus serving at the time the Company disbanded. Fraternally he is identified with Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M., and Washington Lodge, No. 4, K. of P. He is also a member of the Collectors Club of Hartford and is actively interested in religious work, holding membership in the First Baptist church of West Hartford, of which he is clerk and Sunday school superintendent. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles and the sterling traits of his character are recognized by all with whom he has been associated.

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#### JOHN BUCKLEY

There is no record which the American public so highly esteems as that of the self-made man and there is nothing that indicates more clearly the wonderful opportunities which the country offers to its citizens than the life story of one who has attained a creditable measure of success and distinction in the field of business or professional life. Starting out without special advantages, John Buckley through the force of his character and through his developed powers has steadily advanced and is today a well known representative of the legal profession in Hartford. He was born in Stafford, Connecticut, May 12, 1885, and his early education was acquired in the public schools of Union, this state. He afterward attended the Hitchcock Academy at Brimfield, Massachusetts, and then having mentally reviewed the broad field of business and determined upon the practice of law as his life work, he enrolled as a student in the University of Maine Law School and won his LL. B. degree as a graduate of the class of 1907. The same year he was admitted to the bar. He has spent many years in active public service, all of which, however, has been more or less closely associated with his professional interests. In politics he is a stalwart republican and in 1909 was elected to represent his district in the house of representatives, where he was made chairman of the committee on labor. He was assistant clerk of the house of representatives in 1911 and again in 1913, was clerk of the house in 1915 and was clerk of the senate in 1917. In the latter year he became executive secretary to Governor Marcus H. Holcomb and filled that important position until 1921, when he again became a member of the house. He was made chairman of the important judiciary committee and house leader and in 1923 was once more elected as representative, his influence in the general assembly being far-reaching and of most important character. In 1924 he was appointed United States attorney and continues in this office. His comprehensive knowledge of the law, his careful preparation of cases and his devotion to the interests which he represents are factors in the success which attends his labors. In 1915 he was appointed assistant secretary of the republican state central committee and held the position for two years, when he was appointed secretary of the republican state committee and filled the office until 1921, when he resigned. In the republican national convention which nominated Hughes for the presidency he was an alternate delegate, and he is now a member of the republican state committee for the thirty-fifth district.

The life of Mr. Buckley has always been one of intense activity and his labors have been crowned with satisfying results. He is now a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural College. He belongs to the Hartford Club, City Club, Reciprocity Club the Cohasset Country Club of Southbridge, Massachusetts, and the Stafford Country Club of Stafford, Connecticut. In 1917, while serving as the executive secretary to Governor Holcomb, he was commissioned, in December, a major in the infantry and was assigned to duty as draft executive for Connecticut, receiving his discharge in May, 1919. Fraternally he is a Mason, loyally following the high teachings and purposes of the craft. His record should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what can be accomplished when there is a will to



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dare and to do. His entire life has been an exemplification of fidelity to duty and that he has the confidence and trust of the public in unusual measure is shown by his three elections to the general assembly and by the frequent call that has come to him to fill public office.

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#### JOSEPH BENEDICT GRIFFIN

Joseph Benedict Griffin, one of the progressive young lawyers of the Hartford bar, now serving as prosecutor in the police court, was born in the capital city August 17, 1896, his parents being John and Margaret (Finn) Griffin, who here make their home. He supplemented his public and high school course by study in Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, but put aside his textbooks and all personal considerations to enlist for service in the World war. The United States had scarcely declared a state of war with Germany and her allies when on the 4th of May, 1917, Mr. Griffin enlisted in the United States navy, serving on a destroyer and in the submarine chaser fleet for a period of twenty-eight months overseas. He received his discharge September 10, 1919, as first-class quartermaster.

With his return to civil life Mr. Griffin entered the Fordham Law School of New York, from which he was graduated on the completion of a course in 1922, winning the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Hartford in association with the law firm of Schatz & Schatz, there remaining until 1923, when he began practicing independently and has so continued. He is yet a young man but already has attained a position at the bar that many an older member of the profession might well envy.

On the 27th of September, 1924, Mr. Griffin was married to Miss Julia Butler, a daughter of Michael and Catharine (Looney) Butler, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Marguerite, born July 12, 1925.

Mr. Griffin has membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters of America, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a republican, active in the work of the party, and he has the distinction of having been the youngest member of the senatorial body when in 1923 he was elected to represent the third senatorial district in the upper house of the general assembly, while endorsement of his record came to him in his return to the senate in 1925. In January, 1927, he was appointed chief clerk to the secretary of the state, which position he resigned in the following July to accept the appointment of prosecutor in the Hartford county police court, the appointment coming from Judge George H. Day and Nathan A. Schatz. He brings to the duties of his present position experience as well as wide general knowledge in the principles of law and is making good in the office. He received the strong endorsement of the judges by whom the appointment was made and the general public felt marked satisfaction over his attainment to this position of trust and responsibility.

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#### DWIGHT GERARD HOLBROOK

Dwight Gerard Holbrook, manager for Connecticut of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, was born in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, on the 27th of July, 1867, and is a son of Dwight and Kalista (Thayer) Holbrook, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts and of English lineage. They came to Hartford county about 1864, establishing their home in Windsor Locks, where the father invented and manufactured school apparatus until 1877, when he removed with his family to New York. He died in 1889 and his widow survived until 1923.

Dwight G. Holbrook was educated in private schools of New York and after his course was completed he was employed in the general passenger department of the New York Central Railroad for about a year. In 1884 he entered the service of the Mutual Life as a clerk in the actuary's department of the home office. He was afterward made secretary to the vice president and in 1893 was sent to North and South Dakota to organize the business of the company in those states, with head-

quarters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1906 Mr. Holbrook was transferred to Hartford as manager and has since been located here. Seven of his associates in the work have become managers for the Mutual Life, three managers or general agents for other companies, and two agency superintendents in the home offices of other companies.

On the 14th of July, 1898, Mr. Holbrook was married to Miss Charlotte Long, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they have two sons, Robert D. and Darwin L. The family residence is at No. 25 Belknap road in West Hartford.

Mr. Holbrook is a thirty-second degree Mason in the Scottish Rite, while in the York Rite he has become a Knight Templar, and he also has membership in Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He was treasurer of the Connecticut Military Census and he is identified with the Sons of the American Revolution. He formerly served in various offices of the Connecticut Association of Life Underwriters. He also belongs to the Dauntless Club and the Hartford Golf Club.

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#### MAJOR JOHN J. McMAHON

Among the leading architects of Hartford are numbered those who constitute the firm of Whiton & McMahon, successfully practicing their profession at 805 Main street and enjoying a patronage that indicates their high rating. Major McMahon is a native son of Hartford, born April 22, 1875, his parents being John and Mary (Hoar) McMahon, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland, coming from the town of Ennistimon. They arrived in America about 1868 and settled in Hartford, where the father, who was employed by L. T. Frisbie Company, died June 29, 1899. The mother still makes her home in Hartford.

Major McMahon pursued his education in St. Patrick's parochial school, then spent two years with the firm of Gemmill, Burnham & Company, clothiers, and in 1893 took up the study of architecture in the office of Frederic R. Comstock, with whom he remained until 1901. He then spent three years in New York city in connection with Mr. Comstock, on the expiration of which period he became associate partner of J. J. Dwyer, an architect of Hartford, under the firm name of Dwyer & McMahon, this connection being maintained until January 1, 1911. In May of that year Major McMahon became a partner of Frank Warren Whiton, under the firm style of Whiton & McMahon, and through the intervening years he has practiced in this connection, the business of the firm being now extensive and of an important character, as manifest in some of the finest buildings of Hartford, constructed after designs made in their office. Throughout the passing years Major McMahon has been a student of his profession, constantly broadening his knowledge by reading and investigation until he ranks with the foremost architects of the capital city.

His military career had its beginnings in his enlistment as a member of Company B, First Infantry Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, on the 1st of April, 1895. The following year he was appointed corporal and became a sergeant in December, 1897. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was made first sergeant and served with Company B, First Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, from the 4th of May to the 31st of October, 1898, receiving his discharge on the 1st of April, 1899. He then reenlisted in Company B of the First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, in November, 1901, was appointed corporal in 1902, became second lieutenant in March, 1903, first lieutenant in November, 1903, and was advanced to the rank of captain in March, 1908, while in April, 1909, he became major and in December, 1916, was transferred to the National Guard Reserve. From the 21st of June, 1916, until the 31st of October of that year he served on the Mexican border as commander of the First Battalion, First Connecticut Infantry, National Guard, being stationed at Nogales, Arizona. In March, 1917, at the organization of the Connecticut State Guard, he was appointed lieutenant colonel of the First Regiment of Infantry and on the 25th of October, 1918, was appointed major in the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. A., and stationed at the quartermaster depot at Philadelphia, where he received his discharge January 25, 1919. In March, 1919, he was appointed and commissioned major of the Quartermaster Corps, Reserves, U. S. A., and still holds this commission. He is a past president of the First Connecticut

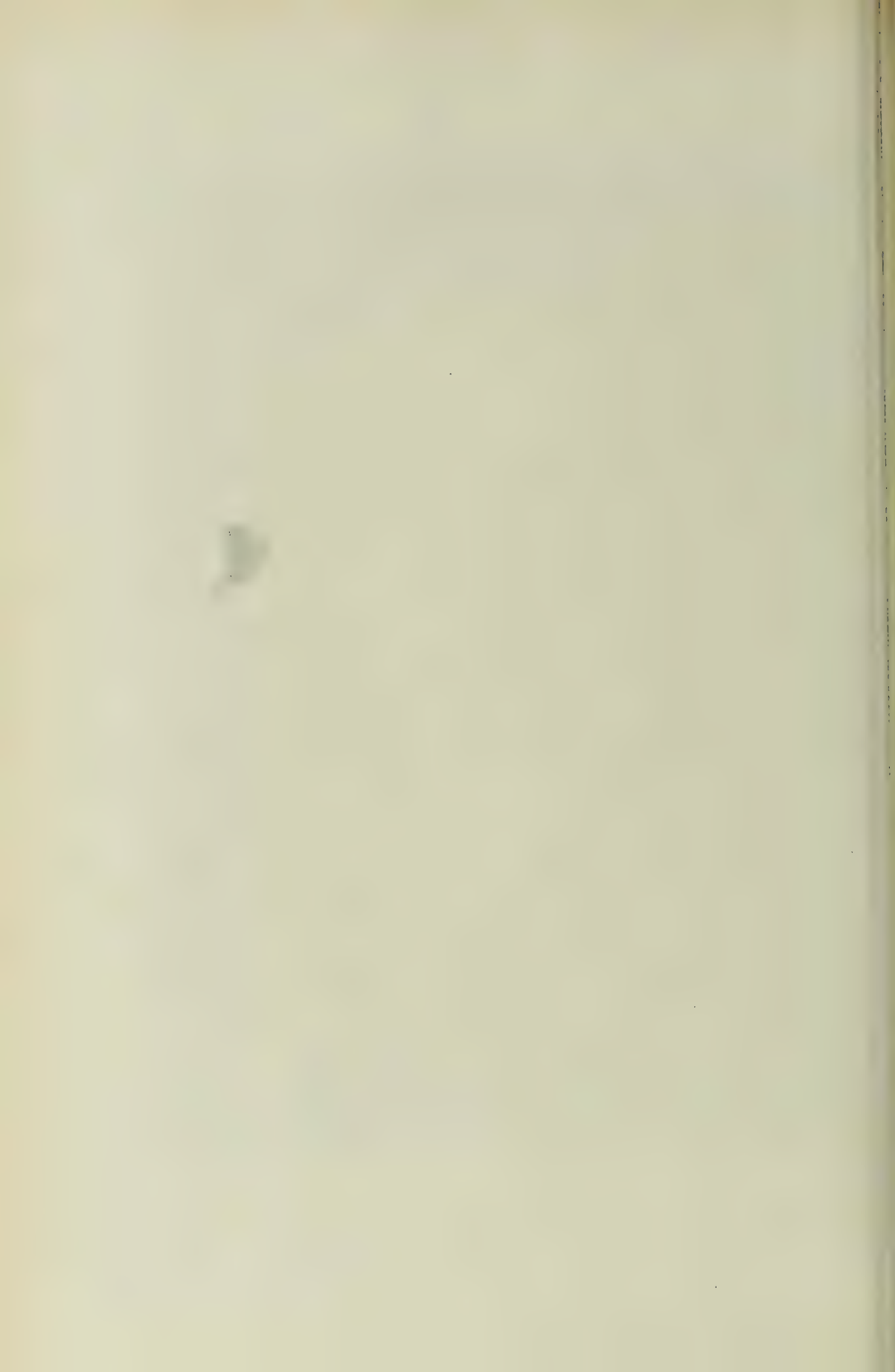




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Volunteer Infantry Veterans Association of the Spanish-American war, and was one of the organizers and is a charter member of the Rau-Locke Post, American Legion. He is also a charter member of Charles L. Burdett Camp No. 4, United Spanish War Veterans, and is a past department adjutant, Department of Connecticut, United Spanish War Veterans; he likewise belongs to the Connecticut Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. Few men have taken so active a part and done such effective work to advance and uphold the military standards of the state as has Major McMahon, who is a splendid disciplinarian, thoroughly familiar with military procedure and tactics, and at all times commands the respect and has therefore secured the cooperation of those who have served under him.

On the 10th of October, 1900, Major McMahon was married to Miss Katherine E. Duffy, of Hartford, and they have become the parents of four children who are yet living: Katherine M., who is the wife of Joseph A. Hallisey, of Wethersfield, Connecticut; John J., Jr., a graduate of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., of the class of 1926 and now employed in the office of the supervising architect of the treasury department at the national capital; Paul Richard, a pupil of the Bulkeley, high school; and Eleanor D., a pupil in the Washington Street school.

In public affairs Major McMahon has taken a prominent and helpful part. In May, 1911, he was elected a member of the Hartford board of education, then the board of school visitors, to which he was reelected in April, 1914, serving thereon altogether for six years, while for two years he was secretary of the board. During the entire period of his two terms' service on this board he occupied the chairmanship of the building committee and he was the author of the revised building rules which are in force today. In April, 1922, he was elected alderman from the seventh ward for a two years' term and in April, 1924, was reelected for another term of similar length. He rendered valuable and efficient service as a member of the ordinance committee, as chairman of the committee of nominations and as member of the auditing committee and also as a member of the board of finance during the years 1925 and 1926. Moreover, he was a member of the commission which had in charge the erection of the memorial to Major Thomas McManus in St. Augustine's Triangle, Maple avenue, in 1923. He was appointed a member of the Spanish War Memorial Commission in 1924 and served as its vice chairman. Major McMahon is a member of the Elks Club and also of the Capital City Bowling Club and is at all times appreciative of the social amenities of life, while his sterling worth, his genial manner and unfeigned cordiality have gained him the warm regard and loyal friendship of many. His standing in his profession, in military circles and as a man and citizen is altogether an enviable one.

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#### HENRY J. CALNEN

Henry J. Calnen, attorney at law of Hartford, who has held various public offices in the line of his profession and has ever discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity, was born September 24, 1883, in the city in which he still resides, his parents being Dennis P. and Nellie A. (Flynn) Calnen. His father was engaged in the drug business in Hartford for many years and died in 1922, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1902.

During his youthful days Henry J. Calnen was a pupil in the public schools of Hartford, mastering the branches taught in the grades and in the high school, and then with the desire to enter upon a professional career he matriculated as a law student in Yale University and gained his LL. B. degree in 1909. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice independently in Hartford. His later success cannot be attributed to any outside aid or influence. He has worked his way upward by sheer diligence and ability, wisely utilizing his time in the preparation of cases and presenting his cause before the courts with clearness and force that has brought him many favorable verdicts. He is justly accounted today one of the leading attorneys of the capital city—at home in all departments of practice, while his careful analysis enables him readily to determine the relative value of any point bearing upon his case. He is seldom, if ever, at fault in citing a principle or precedent and he enjoys not only the confidence of the general public but also

of his fellow members of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations.

On the 9th of October, 1912, Mr. Calnen was united in marriage to Miss Ida Mayo, of Hartford, and their children are: Marjorie, born November 1, 1916; Henry J., Jr., born November 6, 1920; and Robert W., July 16, 1922.

Fraternally Mr. Calnen is widely known through his connection with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He likewise belongs to the Madison Country Club. Politically he is a democrat and he has been called upon to fill various offices as the result of his acknowledged legal ability and of his well known fidelity to the public welfare. He has served as city councilman and was vice president of the board in 1911-12. He became assistant prosecuting attorney of the Hartford police court in 1913 and filled that office until 1915. He was also made United States jury commissioner for the state of Connecticut and served from 1912 until 1915, while from 1915 until 1920 he was clerk of the court of common pleas for Hartford county. He is now a member of the high school committee, his term of service in that office continuing from 1925 until 1928. That he has again and again been called to public positions is a high testimonial to his personal worth, his professional ability and his loyalty in matters of citizenship.

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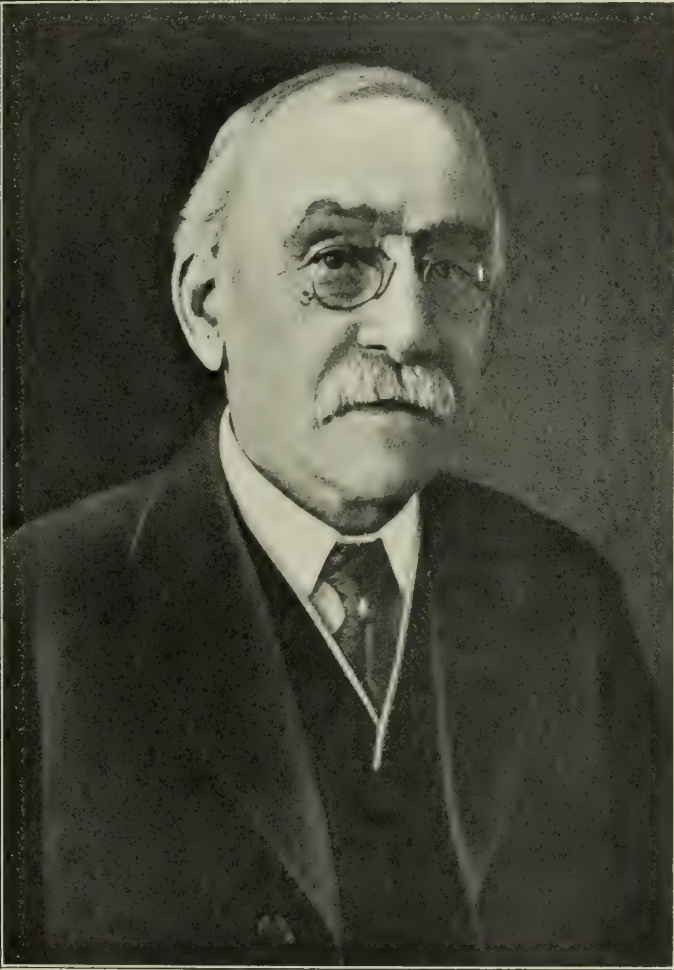
#### LUCAS C. CLARK

Southington is greatly indebted to Lucas C. Clark for its development and progress along industrial, financial, civic and moral lines. He was a citizen of great worth and a man whom to know was to esteem and honor. He never sought to figure prominently in any public connection, but his sterling traits of character were many and he ever stood for those things which make for honorable manhood and upright citizenship. Mr. Clark had attained the age of seventy-six years when he passed away on the 8th of February, 1922. He was born in Southington, September 7, 1845, and his entire life was here passed. His youthful days were uneventful beyond the fact that in the habits which he formed was laid the foundation of a character that never sought or required disguise in any relation of life. When he was still a young man he and his two brothers had a contract with H. D. Smith & Company and thus became identified with the industrial activity of their native town. Later they engaged in the manufacture of bolts in the old Plant factory at Plantsville and subsequently Mr. Clark engaged in business as a dealer in stocks and bonds, conducting one of the important investment houses of this section. He won a large clientele because of the integrity of his business methods and the wise counsel which he gave to investors. Year by year his business grew and developed until it had brought to him a measure of success that enabled him to retire some years prior to his demise and yet enabled him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He was a stockholder in many of the manufacturing companies of Connecticut and his sound judgment proved a valuable factor in the control of a number of these. At the time of his death he was still a director in the Union Manufacturing Company of New Britain.

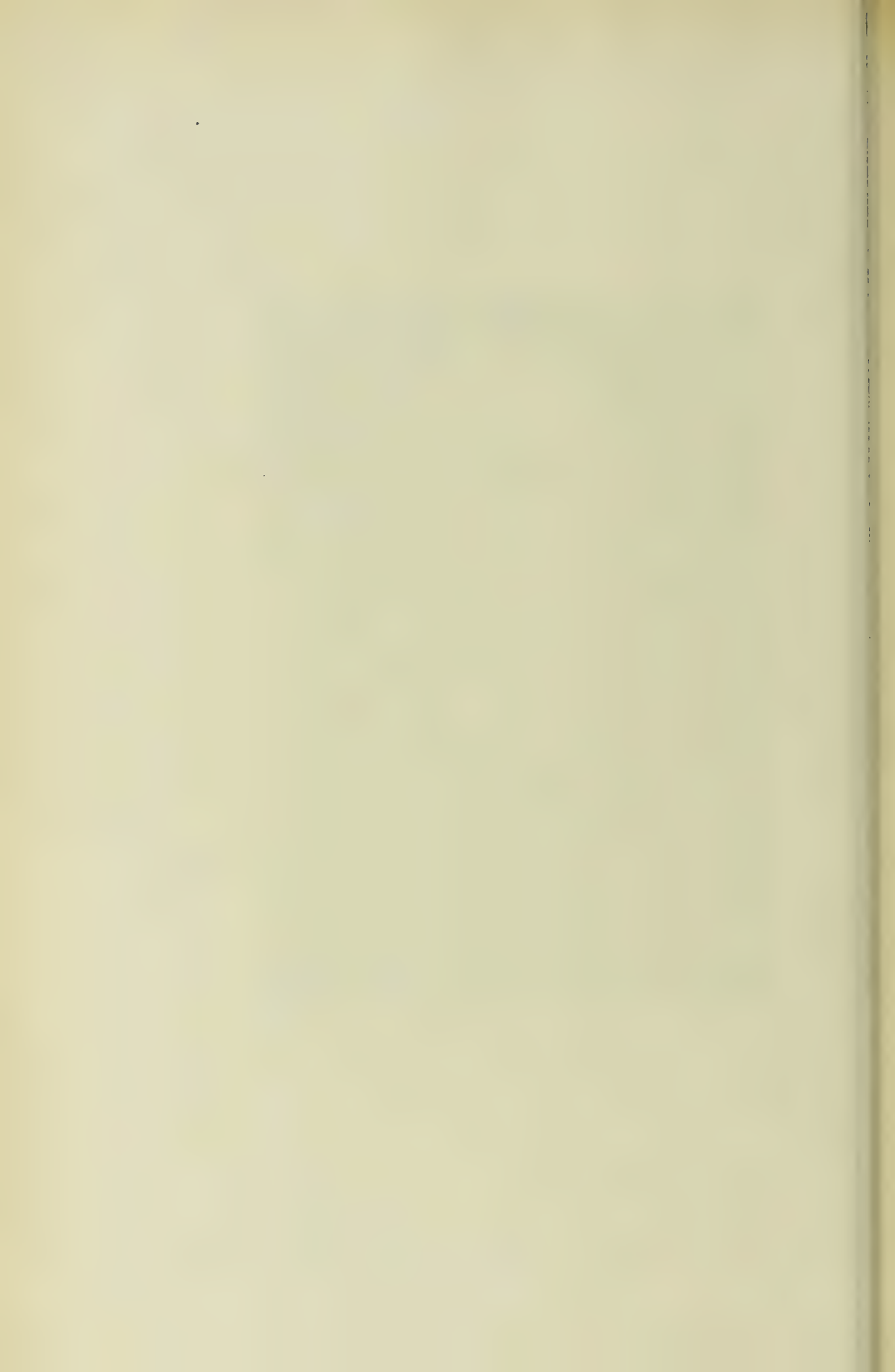
Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Atkins Twichell, who was born November 29, 1848, a daughter of Dwight and Jane (Carter) Twichell. They became the parents of six children. Francis Allen married Ada Borst and has one daughter, Helen Baldwin. Emma Nelson is the wife of Willard J. Gould and has four children, Doris (Mrs. Leslie Stevens), Clark who married Beatrice French, Phebe and Willard J. Gould, Jr. James Twichell married Nellie Blatchley and has one son, Leverett Curtiss. Ellena Ellenor is the wife of George Morrison Hubbard and they have three children: John Clark, Morrison and Elizabeth. Helen Frisbie became the wife of Franklin Graham Brown and had three children—Margaret, Franklin G. and Velma—and for her second husband married Harold Wyman. Louise Carter became the wife of Raymond Porter Dickerman and has four children: Kathryn Louise, Dorothy, Frederick William and Theda Carter.

The family circle remained unbroken by the hand of death until Mr. Clark was called to his final rest on the 8th of February, 1922. He had always taken a keen and helpful interest in community affairs and did everything in his power to pro-





LUCAS C. CLARK



mote public progress and improvement but would never accept public office. He was a charter member of the Plantsville Congregational church and he was a most generous and charitable man, giving his aid freely to those in need of assistance. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and other outdoor sports and was a great lover of flowers, his home being surrounded by many most beautiful plants and flowering shrubs. Outside of his business, however, his chief interest centered in his family and he found joy in each succeeding generation as children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were added to the household. He was indeed a devoted husband and father, and while his death was deeply deplored throughout the community and his loss is yet felt by many who were his close friends and associates, to none did it bring the sense of personal bereavement that it did to those of his own fireside, where his memory is enshrined in the hearts of wife and children.

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#### MAJOR HOWARD ANDRUS GIDDINGS

Major Howard Andrus Giddings, insurance executive and author, vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company, was born in Hartford on October 2, 1868. Of colonial and Puritan ancestry, his great-grandfather, Jabez Wight Giddings, owned a square mile of land in the south part of what is now the city of Hartford. It was upon a portion of this farm that he was born.

Leaving school at an early age by reason of economic necessity, he entered the employ of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, as office boy in 1887, remaining with that company for fourteen years, when he became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company as a special agent under the late Major E. V. Preson, general manager of agencies, assigned to the task of developing the liability insurance business.

He was appointed assistant superintendent of agencies in 1903. Four years later he was made superintendent of agencies, casualty lines, a position he held for twenty years, when in November, 1927, he was elected a vice president. His sphere has always been the production of business and the development of the company's agency organization. In his time the Travelers has grown from a small company to the largest multiple line insurance organization in the world. Enthusiasm, energy, and devotion to the insurance business have carried him steadily forward until he ranks among the leading insurance executives in Hartford.

On April 7, 1892, Major Giddings married Florence Chase Starkweather of Hartford. They have the following children: Helen, Florence, Elizabeth, Bradford Chase, Marion, Constance, and Marston Todd. The family residence is at 201 Fern street.

Aside from his business, Major Giddings' interest is centered perhaps more in military affairs than in anything else. Enlisting in the National Guard at the age of eighteen, with an instinct for military service, he rose rapidly through all the grades to that of major, which rank he held as signal officer on the brigade staff at the age of twenty-four. He served in the staff as signal officer and later as inspector, nearly ten years, one of the most progressive and best known National Guard officers of his time. In 1896 he wrote a hand-book of military signaling which remained a standard manual on this subject for twenty-five years.

Commissioned a captain in the Signal Corps, U. S. Volunteers, 1898, he served in the Spanish war as a company and battalion commander and for a time as acting chief signal officer of the Seventh Army Corps, on the staff of Major-General Fitzhugh Lee.

During the World war Governor Holcomb appointed him a member of the Connecticut State Council of Defense, representing insurance and finance. In the spring of 1918 he went to Europe as a member of the Treasury Department's Liberty Loan Mission, and in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign was sent by the department on a national speaking campaign in the southwest.

He is a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, in which he has served in the national offices of registrar general and vice commander-general, also of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War and the Spanish War Veterans.

Major Giddings is listed in "Who's Who in America" as an author, having written several military handbooks and many magazine articles on military matters and sub-



jects having to do with the great out-of-doors. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London and a member of the Explorers Club of New York and of the Authors Club of London, as well as the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Hartford, Farmington Country, and Appalachian Mountain clubs. In politics he is a republican. He has traveled extensively and his interests are broad, keeping him in touch with the leaders of business and with the great world of thought and progressive achievement.

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#### DAVID BENCHLEY HENNEY

For eighteen years David Benchley Henney has been engaged in law practice in Hartford. Almost his entire life has been passed in this city, where he was born June 15, 1884, his parents being James B. and Jane (Benchley) Henney. The father, who was a mechanical engineer, died in 1901, and his mother died in January, 1914.

Having completed his high school education by graduation with the class of 1902, David B. Henney then entered upon preparation for a legal career as a student in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, receiving his Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1905. He then began his more specific preparation for law practice in the New York Law School, receiving the LL. B. degree in 1907 from this school. The same year he was admitted to practice and began his professional activity in New York, where he remained from 1907 until 1910. For a brief period during the latter year he was in Los Angeles, California, returning to Hartford about one year later, where throughout the intervening years he has continuously remained in active practice. He is a member of the Hartford County and Connecticut State Bar Associations. In 1917 he filled the office of assistant corporation counsel of Hartford, but the major part of his time has been devoted to private practice. He also has interests outside of his profession, being a director of the E. F. Keating Pipe Bending & Supply Company of Hartford, the Equitable Real Estate & Securities Company of this city and of the Lincoln Mortgage & Finance Company.

On the 4th of September, 1913, Mr. Henney was married to Miss Isabelle H. Small, a daughter of Charles G. and Mary (Martin) Small, of Hartford, and they now have one child, Doris P., born August 23, 1914. Mr. Henney belongs to the Yale Alumni Association, to the Republican Club, the University Club, the City Club and the Wampanoag Country Club.

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#### SETH HADFIELD

For seventeen years Seth Hadfield has practiced his profession and as senior partner of the firm of Hadfield, Rothwell & Soule is numbered as one of the foremost public accountants of Connecticut. Power grows through the exercise of effort and thus it is that he has reached a position of leadership in his chosen field, for broad experience, thoroughness and fidelity to duty have constantly augmented his ability. Mr. Hadfield is a native of Brooklyn, New York, born November 21, 1883, and is a son of Joseph R. and Alicia (MacWhinney) Hadfield, of that city. He attended the public schools of Brooklyn and started out to earn his own living in 1897, when a youth of but fourteen years, by working for Edward Beatty on the Produce Exchange in New York city, serving as office boy at a salary of three dollars per week. While thus employed he gained considerable knowledge of the grain business and was qualified for larger responsibilities that came to him when he secured a situation with the Northern Grain Elevator Company. Subsequently he was with the well known firm of H. B. Day & Company and such was his efficiency and business insight that he was trading for that house on the Produce Exchange when but eighteen years of age. He continued with H. B. Day & Company in the same capacity until 1905 and in 1902 he purchased a seat on the New York Produce Exchange. Three years afterward he became associated with Bartlett, Fraser & Carrington of 25 Broad street, New York city, a large grain, cotton and stock exchange house, and his next business connection was with the well known firm of E. F. Hutton & Company, with



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DAVID B. HENNEY





whom he continued until 1910. In that year he became identified with the accounting profession in the employ of Marwick, Mitchell & Company, chartered accountants, at 79 Wall street, New York city. Mr. Hadfield's residence in Hartford dates from 1914, when he came to Connecticut's capital to represent the firm of Perine & Nichols, certified public accountants of New York city, acting as their New England manager with an office in Hartford. In 1916 he passed the examination for certified public accountant in Connecticut but continued to represent Perine & Nichols as manager until October, 1917, when he began to practice independently, and so continued until March 31, 1918. In that year he was joined by Percy Rothwell, under the firm style of Hadfield & Rothwell, and in 1922 Charles F. Coates was admitted to a partnership, having previously been associated with Mr. Hadfield as an employe from the time when the latter began an independent practice. In the same year Frank E. Soule likewise became a member of the firm and the business is now conducted under the style of Hadfield, Rothwell & Soule, Mr. Coates still remaining in the partnership, although his name does not appear. Their business has now reached extensive proportions and they number among their clients some of the largest corporations and business houses of the state. In January, 1925, they opened an office in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in order to facilitate their business at that point, which was steadily growing. Mr. Hadfield is a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Accountants.

On the 7th of August, 1904, Mr. Hadfield was married to Miss Clara May Peters, of Brooklyn, New York, and they have one child, Alicia, born June 24, 1905. They hold membership in St. John's Episcopal church of West Hartford and Mr. Hadfield belongs to the Hartford Club, the Country Club of Farmington and the East Haddam Fishing and Game Club—connections that indicate much concerning the nature of his interests and recreation. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but time and inclination have prevented him seeking public office. Close application has been the keynote of his success. Starting out without the educational and other opportunities that many boys enjoy, he has nevertheless made continuous advancement and his progress has brought him to an enviable place in professional circles in New England.

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#### MAJOR MICHAEL FRANCIS OWENS

Major Michael Francis Owens, a veteran of two wars and secretary and general manager of the Automatic Refrigerating Company of Hartford, entered upon an apprenticeship when but thirteen years of age and may well be called a self-made and self-educated man. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished inasmuch as his advancement has depended entirely upon his own resources and ability.

Major Owens was born in Hartford, September 17, 1875, while his parents, Patrick and Mary (Murray) Owens, were natives of Ireland. They established their home in this city about 1870 and both have now passed away.

Their son, Michael Francis, was educated in the Hartford public schools and in Trinity College but was only thirteen years of age when he put aside his textbooks and entered upon an apprenticeship as an electrician. He afterward continued in the electrical business under his own name until 1898, when he put aside all business and personal considerations in order to join the army for service in the Spanish-American war. In the previous year he had enlisted in the Brigade Signal Corps of the Connecticut National Guard. He became a first-class sergeant of the United States Volunteer Signal Corps, serving with the Seventh Army Corps, under General Fitzhugh Lee, during the war with Spain. In the latter part of 1898, hostilities having been brought to a successful termination, he returned to Hartford and again became a member of the National Guard, being commissioned second lieutenant battalion quartermaster of the First Connecticut Infantry. Later he was promoted captain and regimental commissary of the First Connecticut Infantry and was afterward transferred to organize a machine gun company of the First Connecticut Infantry. He commanded this company when it was on duty on the Mexican border and in April, 1917, he assisted in organizing the Connecticut State Guard. He

organized and commanded a machine gun battalion, holding the rank of major, and later he joined the air service of the United States army as engineer officer. He served at Taylor Field in Montgomery, Alabama, as engineer officer and overseas as engineer officer of the Night Bombardment Section, A. E. F. In December, 1918, he was mustered out following the signing of the armistice. In 1902 he took part in the army and navy maneuvers and installed the first wireless equipment at Block Island, Rhode Island. He is a member of all the war veterans' organizations and is popular among those who, like himself, have had military experience.

On the 12th of April, 1907, Major Owens married Miss Mary McDonnell, of Hartford, and they reside at No. 15 Forest street. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is numbered with the self-made men of the city and his course illustrates what can be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. He made many sacrifices to secure his education and to gain his electrical knowledge. He has never allowed obstacles nor difficulties to bar his path nor to deter him in his purpose to achieve success in his chosen line. In October, 1907, he entered upon his present business and was elected general manager and elected secretary of the Automatic Refrigerating Company in January, 1912, while in January, 1921, he was chosen a director of the corporation, which is engaged in the manufacture of automatic refrigerating systems. In this connection an extensive and profitable business has been built up and not a little of the success of the enterprise is attributable to the skill, efficiency and determined purpose of Major Owens.

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#### WILLIAM F. VAIL

William F. Vail, a lawyer of high standing at the Hartford bar, was born February 9, 1891, in the city in which he still makes his home, his parents being James and Mary A. (Dolin) Vail, who reside in Hartford and who wisely directed the educational activities of their son. After attending the public and high schools here he enrolled as a pupil in Trinity College and there won his Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1913. He was a young man of twenty-two years when he entered the Yale Law School, completing his course in 1917. The following year he was admitted to practice at the bar of Connecticut and in the same year became associated with the legal department of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, which corporation he thus represented for about two years. In 1920 he began to practice independently and has so continued to the present time, making steady progress. Few men of his years have kept pace with him in the legal profession. The court records bear testimony to his ability in the many favorable verdicts which he has won, and all who know him speak of his fidelity to the interests of his clients as well as the thoroughness and care with which he prepares his cases.

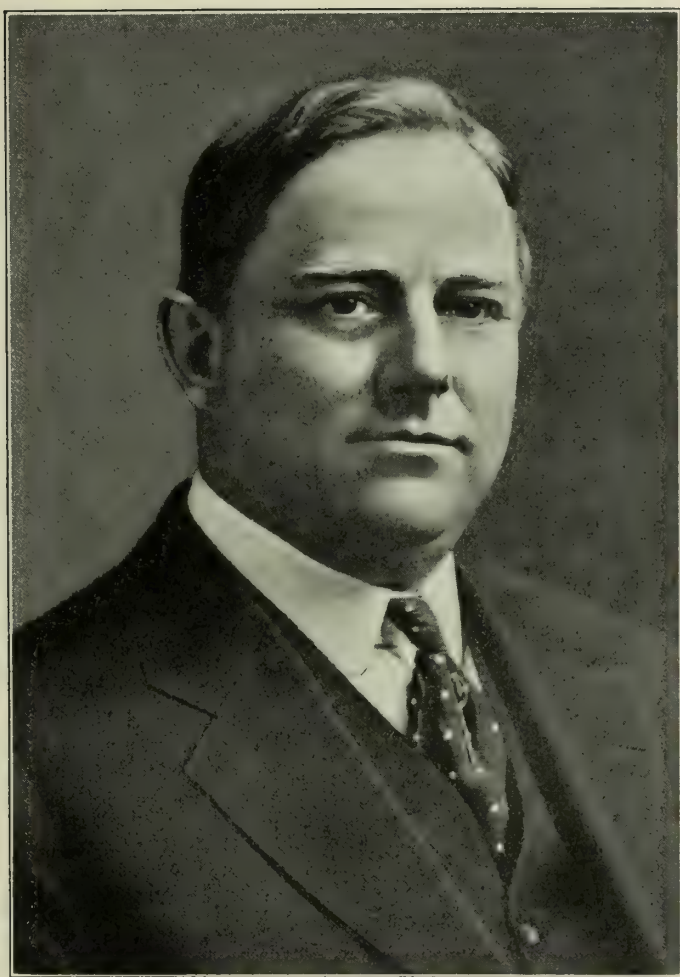
Mr. Vail is a member of the Knights of Columbus and his political faith is that of the democratic party, but time and inclination give him no chance to participate actively in politics. He prefers to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his professional duties and he is ever loyal to the ethical standards of his chosen calling.

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#### JOHN TURNELL AUSTIN

Through the length and breadth of this land the name of John Turnell Austin is known, for he is today the efficient and honored president of the Austin Organ Company of Hartford. In almost every one of the larger cities of the country and in many of the smaller communities the Austin organ is found, and its development to the highest point of perfection in musical instruments is due in notable measure to John Turnell Austin.

Born in Poddington, England, on the 16th of May, 1869, John T. Austin is a son of Jonathan and Charlotte (Turnell) Austin and a representative of a family that for several generations had been resident of that town. His great-grandfather and his grandfather, John Austin, followed farming and an interest in mechanics had



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long been an outstanding characteristic of the family. Jonathan Austin devoted his time largely to agricultural pursuits but was ever keenly interested in pipe organs and their construction, his study and investigation resulting in the building of six organs for neighboring churches. He died in 1913, at the age of eighty-six years.

Whether inherited tendency or natural predilection or environment had most to do with shaping the career of his son, John T. Austin, it is perhaps impossible to determine. Probably all three featured in directing his activities after he left the farm. He was fifteen years of age when he put away his textbooks, having up to that time been a pupil in the private schools conducted by the Episcopal Church of St. Michael's and All Angels in London. His efforts were then concentrated upon farm work until he reached the age of twenty, but watching his father build pipe organs awakened in him a desire to engage in the same line of work and when a youth of but fourteen he began the task of building his first organ. All the work was done by hand, including dressing the rough lumber which he could secure. He eagerly read everything that he could find upon the subject of pipe organs and thus constantly augmented his knowledge and laid the foundation for the skill that he later developed in construction. Moreover, love of music was a family characteristic and it was this, as well as mechanical skill, that led to shaping his career.

The year 1889 witnessed the advent of John T. Austin into business circles of Detroit, Michigan. He became an employe of the Farrand Votey Organ Company of that city and here his previous experience as an organ builder, crude though it was, stood him in good stead. After two months he was advanced to the position of foreman and here, as he had in his home land, he utilized every available means for increasing his knowledge in organ building, closely studying the scientific and physical principles underlying the construction of the instruments and leading in time to the production of inventions which in the course of years have brought to him nearly forty patents covering almost every phase of pipe organ construction. In the summer of 1893 he severed his connection with the Detroit house to become associated with the Clough & Warren Company, which built organs under Mr. Austin's patents. In the fall of 1898 he came to Hartford and organized the Austin Organ Company, which was incorporated the following year. He was made general manager and so continued until his election to the presidency in 1907, so that he added executive duties to the responsibilities which were previously his as general manager of the company. The plant at Hartford began operations with but three employes, but the superior tonal qualities as well as mechanical construction of the organs built by the new firm soon brought an increase in business that has led to its rapid and substantial development until today the company has a mammoth plant built entirely of brick and equipped with every modern device for increasing efficiency and conserving the health, comfort and safety of employes. The first Austin organ built for New England was installed in the Fourth Congregational church of Hartford in 1898, having as a distinctive feature the "universal chest," into which people could walk and observe the operation of its mechanism. This "universal chest" supplies air to all the pipes in ample quantity and without any loss in pressure, and it is therefore necessary (in order to produce the required tone) that there is an absolute and unvarying wind pressure applied to the pipes under every possible circumstance of use. Mr. Austin made a most thorough study of all the great mechanical and scientific principles underlying organ construction and recognized the defects that come in methods which do not employ the principle of the universal air chest. His invention completely avoids variation of air pressure and, moreover, there is much less area exposed to pressure than in any other system. The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, in 1917, awarded the Edward Longstreth Medal of Merit to Mr. Austin for the invention of the universal air chest. The long list of places where the Austin organ is today used indicates its superiority over many other makes. The company built and erected the organs used in the Panama exposition at San Francisco and at the San Diego fair. They installed the organ in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City; the city hall in Portland, Maine; the Auditorium at Atlanta, Georgia; the Auditorium in Los Angeles; in the Medinah Temple of Chicago; in All Saints Cathedral in Albany, New York; and in a large number of the finest churches and public buildings throughout the entire country. He installed the organ used in the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia and which will be installed in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, as the gift of C. H. K. Curtis. Today the Austin Organ Company controls one of the most extensive manufacturing interests

of New England, its plant being a valuable asset to the business circles of Hartford. Not only in mechanical construction, but in tonal quality as well, has the Austin organ taken precedence over many manufactured not only in America but in the world, and from many of the most eminent organists of the United States have come letters to the company expressing their deep appreciation for the splendid instrument put out by the Hartford plant, a large number of the distinguished musicians of the country expressing in no uncertain terms their belief that the Austin organ is superior to all others.

In 1895 Mr. Austin was united in marriage to Miss Jane M. Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rogers, of Milan, Ohio. He is an honorary member of the Hartford Rotary Club, belongs to the Hartford Club and Farmington Country Club and is known in the musical circles of both Hartford and New York. Such in brief is the history of one whose life record shows the possibility for successful and notable attainment through individual effort. Without special educational advantages and with little training as an equipment for a business career he directed his labors into a field where his personal interest found expression in indefatigable industry and determination to know all that had to do with organ building. Day by day he acquired knowledge and step by step he made progress until his highly developed skill has placed him in a position of leadership. He has indeed made valuable contribution to the art world and in musical circles throughout the country no name is more widely known or honored than that of John Turnell Austin.

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#### SOLOMON ELSNER

Solomon Elsner, born in Hartford, April 20, 1883, his parents being Moses E. and Theresa (Wieder) Elsner, is a successful attorney and has filled various offices of public trust. He prepared for the legal profession as a student in the Yale Law School, which conferred upon him his LL. B. degree with the class of 1905. The same year he was admitted to the bar and at once began practice alone and has since handled important litigated interests. Mr. Elsner is also well known through his business connections, being a director of the Dime Savings Bank and other financial corporations.

On the 4th of June, 1912, he married Miss Carolyn Segalla, a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Brunerman) Segalla, of Hartford. Their children are Morton, Allan, James and Robert.

Mr. Elsner is a Mason and has membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; and Wolcott Council, R. & S. M. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Sequin Golf Club and the Tumblebrook Golf Club. He is a trustee and the treasurer of Congregation Beth Israel and is serving as a director of the State Farm for Women at Niantic. Mr. Elsner is a republican and his record in public office shows service as fire commissioner of the city of Hartford from 1912 until 1919, as prosecuting attorney for the term of 1920-21, and as judge of the city police court for the term 1921-23.

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#### BENNETT HEATON HIBBARD

The life record of Bennett Heaton Hibbard covered a span of sixty-two years and during the greater part of that period he resided in New Britain. As a city builder he rendered signal service to the community and at the same time won the legitimate reward of constructive effort, guided by intelligence and sound judgment. A native of Connecticut, he was born in Thomaston, Litchfield county, May 14, 1854, and when a child of ten came to New Britain with his parents, Bennett and Laura (Guernsey) Hibbard. In the public schools of this city he completed his education and afterward worked for his father, who was the proprietor of a bakery on Walnut street, becoming proficient in that line of activity. He entered the field of contracting in 1902 and from the start the venture was a success. Employing only skilled craftsmen, he closely supervised their labors and never allowed the smallest detail of the work to be slighted. As a result of his ability and well known honesty the





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BENNETT H. HIBBARD



business constantly expanded and in its conduct he displayed the foresight, initiative and administrative power of the man of large affairs. His work was a credit to New Britain and is exemplified in the public library, the Baptist church, the home of the Young Men's Christian Association, and many local factories, including those of Landers & Ferry and the P. F. Corbin Company.

At Middletown, Connecticut, Mr. Hibbard was married December 17, 1891, to Miss Rose Tucker, a daughter of Henry V. and Clara Tucker. To Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard were born five children: Marian, Ruth, Bennett (III), Helen Rose and Howard. Mr. Hibbard was devoted to his family and his leisure hours were spent at home. In Masonry he held the thirty-second degree and was an exemplary representative of the order. He fulfilled every duty and obligation in life to the best of his ability, thus gaining the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen, and his death on June 6, 1916, deprived New Britain of one of its most useful and valuable citizens. Mrs. Hibbard occupies a residence at No. 22 Mason drive and is endowed with those qualities which inspire esteem and friendship.

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REV. JAMES GOODWIN, D. D.

When on the 3d of January, 1917, Dr. James Goodwin was called from this life, a record of great usefulness and service to his fellowmen was ended, although his influence will not have reached its full fruition until those who came under his teachings have ceased to become factors in the world's work. Among the many prominent men who have occupied the pulpit of Christ Church in Hartford none has more fully deserved the reverend respect, confidence and honor of their fellows. Connecticut was proud to number him among her native sons, he having been born in Middletown, Middlesex county, on the 10th of February, 1865. In tracing the ancestral line it is found that the name appears as early as the fifth century in Germany under the spelling "Gudewin," meaning "good friend" or "God's friend." Moreover, the Anglicized form of the name has figured prominently in connection with the history of New England through seven generations. The pioneer American ancestor came from England in 1636 and settled in Hartford, where Major James Goodwin of the fifth generation was an outstanding figure in connection with the business, educational and religious development of the city. He possessed splendid powers of organization and his labors in this field were of great benefit in the establishment and conduct of public charities. In business life he figured notably as the president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and was the largest taxpayer of Hartford in his day. His son, the Rev. Francis Goodwin, became a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church and was serving as rector of Trinity church of Hartford when he determined to retire from the ministry. He exerted a most beneficial influence in public affairs and was a man of broad philanthropy as well as a most earnest and eloquent preacher of the gospel. He married Mary Alsop Jackson.

Their son, James Goodwin, had the benefit of a cultural home environment and during his youth he found his greatest delight in studying nature and literature, while as he roamed the fields and woods he also acquired that sturdy health which carried him through many difficult phases of his later life when his ministerial duties made heavy demand upon his time and energies. He made an excellent record in school and devoted not a little of his leisure time to reading works on history and sociology, while the books of Charles Kingsley were a favorite means of recreation. After leaving the Hartford public schools he attended St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, and in 1882 enrolled as a student in Trinity College of Hartford, from which he was graduated with honors in 1886 and also as class poet. During the succeeding year he went abroad and studied for a year in Paris. With his return to his native land in 1887 he entered the General Theological Seminary and won his degree at his graduation with the class of 1890, while in the previous year his alma mater had conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. Moreover, he had the honor of being chosen one of the three to read essays on the completion of his theological course. From early manhood he had no other thought than that of becoming a minister, and by the Right Rev. John Williams, D. D., LL. D., bishop of Connecticut, he was ordained a deacon in Trinity church at Middletown.



Dr. Goodwin began his active pastoral work as assistant ministry at Calvary church in New York city in 1890. The following year he devoted to the further study of theology in Oxford University, returning in August, 1891, and soon thereafter was called to the pastorate of St. Barnabas' Mission in Berlin, New Hampshire. A few years later he became rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua, New Hampshire, and in 1902 was installed as rector of Christ Church at Hartford, where he lived and labored in his holy calling until he passed away. While in Berlin, New Hampshire, he had served on the board of education and took a most active and helpful interest in public affairs, his influence being widely felt in the field of constructive effort. While he was still pastor in Hartford it was written of him: "Christ Church is one of the oldest and strongest in New England and many great men have occupied its pulpit. At the present time as one of the few 'down town churches' of a growing city it occupies a position of peculiar responsibility and influence and has at its head in James Goodwin a man singularly well fitted to guide his church so that it may be equal to that responsibility and capable of the utmost spiritual influence in the community. Tact, genuine cordiality, quick human sympathies, a lively interest in questions of the day and in public welfare, untiring energy, and enthusiasm in parish work and in keeping in touch with the many working organizations of the church, and simple, direct, earnest eloquence in the pulpit are the qualities that combine to make James Goodwin so worthy of his charge. The crowning reason for his success is his intense love of his work because it is God's work. So it is that his advice to others who would make their life work a success is as consistent as it is pertinent, for he says the young man who would attain true success should cultivate 'unselfishness, profound sense of duty to community and commonwealth and real patriotism and, above all, personal integrity and purity.'"

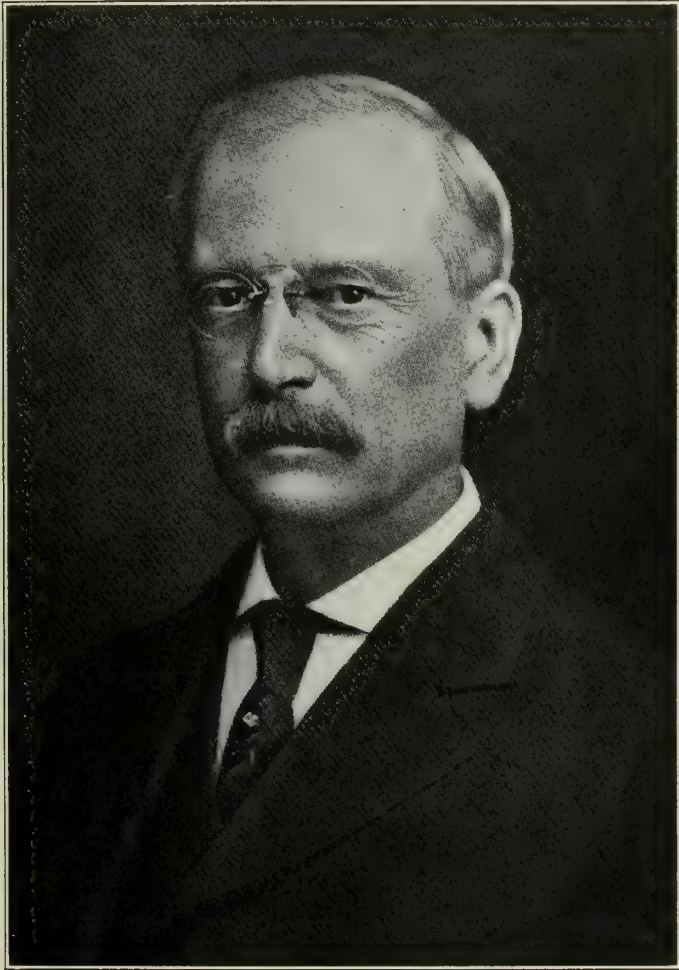
On the 13th of June, 1894, Dr. Goodwin was married to Miss Frances Whittlesey Brown, of Hartford, and they became parents of a son and three daughters. Mr. Goodwin was made chaplain of the Governor's Foot Guard. Politically he maintained an independent course. However, he was keenly appreciative of the social amenities of life and he greatly enjoyed the companionship that came to him through his connection with the Hartford Golf Club, the Century Association of New York, and the Hartford Yacht Club. His college fraternity was the Alpha Delta Phi. He never ceased to feel the keenest interest in the great out-of-doors, and as a pedestrian, golfer and boatman he found joy and relaxation from active professional cares. His deep human sympathy made him know almost intuitively how to approach his fellow-men to win their confidence and to aid them in gaining a broader vision of life, its responsibilities and its opportunities, and one cannot but feel that he passed on

"To join the choir invisible  
Of those immortal dead who live again  
In lives made better by their presence."

#### JOSEPH M. MERROW

Joseph M. Merrow, inventor and manufacturer, whose labors have been a valuable contribution to the world's work, is now president of the Merrow Machine Company, one of the important industrial enterprises of Hartford devoted to the manufacture of sewing and crochet machines, its ramifying trade interests reaching to various parts of the world. He was born June 24, 1848, in Merrow, Connecticut, which was named in honor of his grandfather, Joseph Makins Merrow, who prior to 1835 was engaged in business in Hartford, where he built a glass factory, so that for more than a century the family has been associated with the industrial and manufacturing interests of Connecticut. In 1838 he established at Merrow the first knitting mill in the United States, and in time he was succeeded by his son, Joseph B. Merrow, who continued in the business under the name of J. B. Merrow & Sons after his two sons, Joseph M. and George W., became associated with him in the enterprise.

The public school system of Merrow afforded to Joseph M. Merrow his early educational advantages, and he later attended the Center school in Hartford, now the Brown school, while subsequently he became a pupil in the Munson Academy at Munson, Massachusetts, and afterward attended the Hartford public high school. He early learned the value of industry and perseverance and as a boy worked in his



JOSEPH M. MERROW





father's factory, being able to do a good job as a blacksmith or as a machinist when but ten years of age. He was always mechanically inclined and he developed his powers and talents in this direction until he has become a prominent figure in the business circles of his native state. He was for some years foreman in one of the rooms of the knitting factory. Three times the mill burned and each time was rebuilt—a fact characteristic of the determined purpose and progressive spirit of those who have controlled the destinies of the business. It was in the mills of the Merrow company that the first knitting machines run by power were introduced. For many years the business was carried on at Merrow, but when in 1888 the mill was destroyed by fire the business was removed to Norwich, Connecticut, where the company continues to manufacture crochet machines. The business is today an extensive one devoted to the manufacture of the Merrow overseam and shell stitch machines for finishing edges on all kinds of knitted and woven fabrics. These machines are the invention of Joseph M. Merrow and his assistants. He carried on his experiments and his labors until he brought out a variety of machines of worth in this connection, capable of doing much that hitherto had been done by hand. He secured a patent on his first machine in 1877, and since that time has never ceased to study methods of improvement, until today the patents that he has taken out number nearly one hundred. In 1893 the plant was removed to Hartford and today the company owns a very large concern, their machines being sold in all parts of the world, while distributing offices have been established in Europe and various other foreign countries as well as throughout the United States. Joseph M. Merrow is president of this company and wherever known he is honored for what he has accomplished, the result of his labors being of great value to those who are engaged in the manufacture of knit goods and textile fabrics.

Mr. Merrow's connection with organized social interests is that of a member of the Hartford Club. He also belongs to the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and is in full sympathy with the purposes of these organizations to organize and standardize business and to promote trade and commerce in the upbuilding of cities and states. Fraternally he is a Mason, while politically he is a republican, and on the party ticket was elected to represent Mansfield as a member of the house of representatives in the state legislature in 1880. While the family resided at that place his father was also chosen a member of the house of representatives, and while serving in that capacity was likewise postmaster of Mansfield, but as he could not hold both positions he resigned as postmaster and was succeeded by his son, Joseph M., through appointment of President Lincoln in 1863. The name of Merrow is thus closely associated with the history of civic as well as of business affairs and has ever been a synonym of loyalty in office and progressiveness in business affairs. Although Joseph M. Merrow is now nearing the eightieth milestone on life's journey, he is yet active in manufacturing circles, keeping in touch with the spirit of modern-day enterprise, and his record of continued usefulness over a period of seventy years—for he began work when a lad of ten—should encourage many a man of less resolute spirit who has grown weary of the struggles and trials of business life and endeavors to relegate to others the burdens that he should bear. Mr. Merrow has ever found delight in solving intricate problems of mechanics, and what he has accomplished places him among the notable inventors of New England.

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#### JACOB LEIPZIGER

Jacob Leipziger, a general contractor of Hartford who has been engaged in this business since 1915, was born in Rugarsen, Posen, Germany, February 12, 1869, and acquired his education in the public schools of his native place. In 1884 he sailed for America, landing in New York city, whence he made his way direct to Hartford to join an uncle and aunt who were living here. His financial condition rendered it imperative that he immediately find employment. He was at that time a youth of fifteen years and he started to earn his living by working as a peddler. It was in 1915 that he entered the general contracting field, in which he still continues his operations. As the years have passed his success has steadily increased and he is today well known in this field, having built up a business of large and substantial

proportions. Mr. Leipziger is also well known in political circles. He has been actively interested in politics for thirty years, working consistently for the interests and upbuilding of the republican party. For a quarter of a century he has served as chairman of the second ward republican town committee and is also a member of the republican state central committee.

On the 14th of June, 1904, Mr. Leipziger was married to Miss Della Rapporte, a native of Vienna, Austria. He is well known socially as a member of the Tumble Brook Club and also as a member of the Republican Club. He belongs to Congregation Beth Israel and he is a trustee of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith No. 13. He is likewise a member of the Allah Club, of which he was one of the founders and which has developed into a strong organization. His activities likewise extend into those fields where recognition of the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate prompts ready and effective service for their relief. He is now acting as a trustee of the United Jewish Charities and he is likewise a trustee of Mount Sinai Hospital and of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. In a word he has become a citizen of prominence and influence, especially among those of his own faith in Hartford, and many follow his leadership, recognizing the soundness of his judgment and the value of his activities. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in the world empty-handed and has become one of the substantial business men of his adopted city.

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#### HON. ALEXANDER W. CREEDON

Hon. Alexander W. Creedon, attorney at law of Hartford and former judge of the city police court, was born in the capital September 11, 1886, his parents being John and Josephine (Burke) Creedon, of this city. When he had completed the work of the grade and high schools of Hartford he entered Trinity College and won the Bachelor of Science degree with the class of 1909. He is now numbered among the alumni of the Yale Law School, for in that institution he prepared for the legal profession and in 1912 was graduated with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to practice and at once opened an office in Hartford. While advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, it was not long before the public came to recognize that he was familiar with legal principles, that he prepared his cases with thoroughness and care and presented his cause forcibly before the courts, so that he won many verdicts favorable to his clients. As the years have passed his prominence has increased until he stands in the front rank among the able lawyers of Connecticut. In 1915 he was chosen prosecuting attorney of the city of Hartford and gave faithful service in that position through the succeeding five-year period. On his retirement from that position in 1920 he became judge of the city police court and so served for a term of five years, in which office he again had a most commendable record for skill and efficiency, for fairness and impartiality in his decisions. He is today regarded as a valued member of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations. Aside from his profession he has business interests of importance, being a director and the secretary of the Gary Transportation Company and also of the Frederick-Raff Company of Hartford.

On the 4th of June, 1917, Mr. Creedon was married to Miss Grace M. Walker, a daughter of William and Sarah (Mooney) Walker, of Ambler, Pennsylvania, and they now have two children: Sally Ann, born April 5, 1919; and Alexander W., Jr., born January 16, 1926.

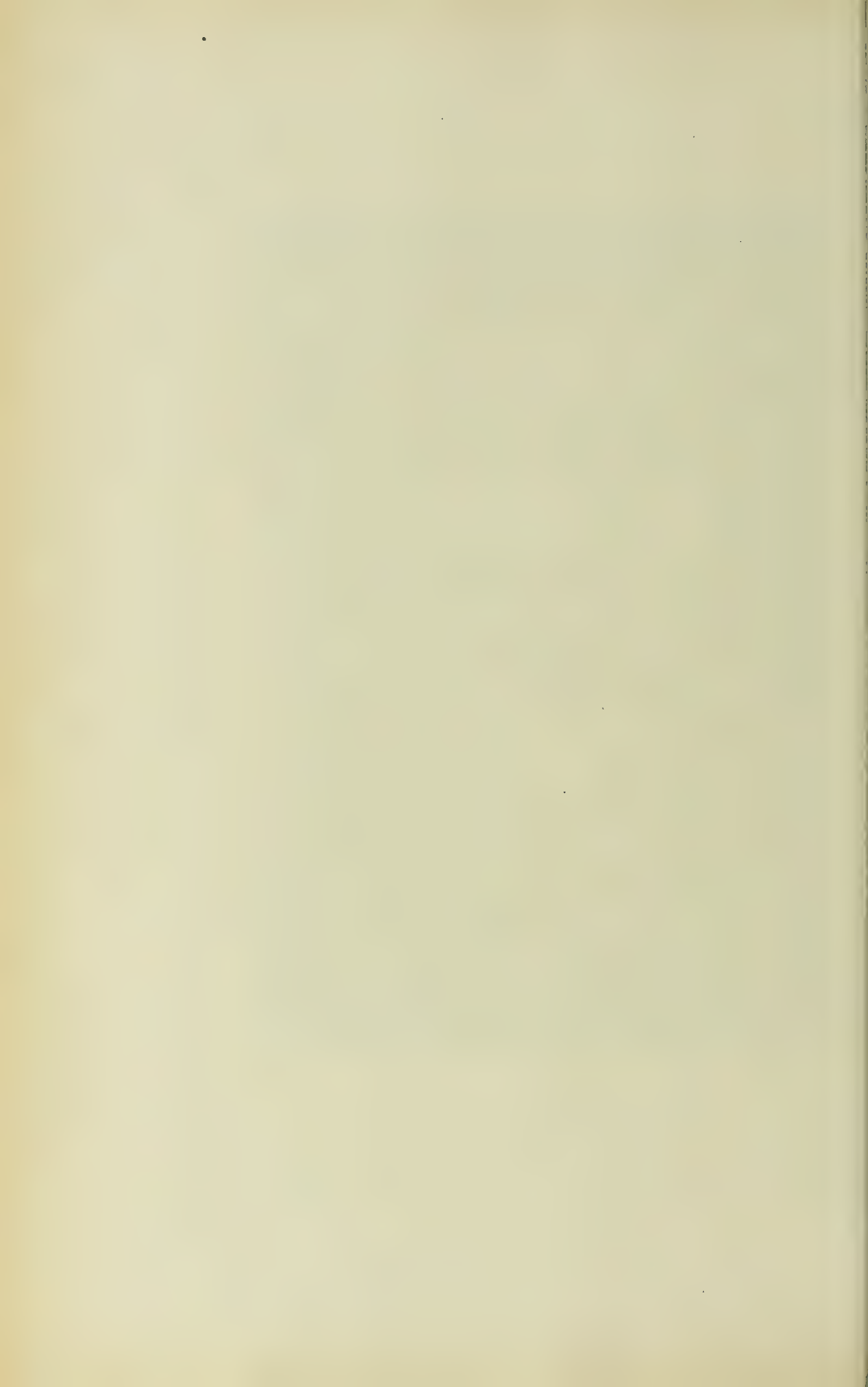
Mr. Creedon has always voted with the republican party and has long been a recognized leader in its ranks. He served on the republican town committee for five years and was formerly assistant secretary and secretary of the republican state central committee, doing much to further the interests of the party organization. In the years 1921 and 1923 he occupied the position of assistant clerk of the general assemblies. He is a well known member of the Republican Club, of which he has served as president. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and with the Knights of Columbus, while along strictly social lines he has connection with the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club, Get Together Club and the Graduates Club of New Haven. He is also a member of the Rotary



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HON. ALEXANDER W. CREEDON





Club and is in full sympathy with the purposes of that organization as to standards of manhood and citizenship. Those who know Mr. Creedon—and his acquaintance is wide—entertain for him that warm regard which is a recognition of his sterling worth.

#### JUDGE ALBERT CARROLL BILL

Few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of Connecticut, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community, than has Judge Albert Carroll Bill. His life work constitutes an important factor in the legal history of the state, of which he is a native son. He was born September 29, 1863, in Hartford, his parents being Charles Carroll and Julia (Emerson) Bill, the father having been connected with the firm of Bill Brothers that figured prominently in business circles of the city, the family having long been represented here. In 1873, however, Charles C. Bill removed with his family to Enfield, Connecticut, where the future judge attended the public schools, while later he continued his studies in the Hartford high school. Having determined to make the practice of law his life work, he became a student in the office and under the direction of the Hon. Charles H. Briscoe, of Hartford, and was admitted to the bar on the 25th of May, 1885. For a short time thereafter he was connected with the law firm of Briscoe & Andrews of this city and then began practicing independently. He has since followed his profession and has advanced steadily to prominence and success, for throughout the years he has been accorded a liberal clientage that has connected him with much important litigation. While he was well grounded in the principles of common law when admitted to the bar, he has continued through the whole of his professional life a diligent student of those elementary principles that constitute the basis of all legal science, and this knowledge has served him well in many a legal battle in which he has won favorable verdicts. He continued in the practice of law while holding various offices. From 1887 until 1889 he acted as clerk of the probate court and was clerk of the police court from 1889 until 1893, when he was appointed associate judge of that court and so continued to serve until July 1, 1895, when he became judge of the police court and filled the office for four terms, covering a period of eight years. He retired from the bench in 1903 with the confidence and respect of all because of the fairness and impartiality of his decisions. He was appointed police commissioner of Hartford in 1903 and remained the incumbent in that office until 1906, acting as president of the board during the last year of his term. In 1917 he was appointed a member of the board of water commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of Edwin E. Hatch, and so remained until 1919. During the war he was appointed legal member and chairman of the third district registration board and was also appointed member and made chairman of the third district draft board, serving throughout the entire war period on these two boards. At the present writing he is concentrating his efforts and attention upon his large law practice and is accounted one of the outstanding attorneys of Hartford.

Judge Bill has also had military experience in that he enlisted in the Governor's Foot Guard on the 1st of December, 1884, and went all through the grades of non-commissioned officers, while in 1891 he was elected ensign of the company. He received successive promotions to the rank of fourth lieutenant and second lieutenant and was detailed as adjutant of the company, thus serving from 1902 until 1908. He was retired as second lieutenant and later re-enlisted as a private in Company F, First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard. He was quartermaster sergeant and paymaster of the regiment and subsequently became quartermaster of the regiment with the rank of captain, with which he was retired. For seven years he was an engineer officer in the Putnam Phalanx under Majors Mahl and Allen.

On the 24th of October, 1889, Judge Bill was united in marriage to Bessie M. Collins, of Hartford, and they are the parents of two sons and two daughters. Charles Carroll, born August 11, 1890, is identified with the Travelers Insurance Company. Gladys Collins, who was born February 28, 1894, is the wife of William Alden Horton, of Hartford, and the mother of two children: William Alden, Jr., born June 22, 1918; and Carol Anne, born May 22, 1924. Albert Seymour, whose natal day was November 30, 1894, acquired his early education in the grade and high schools

of Hartford and received his more advanced intellectual training in Yale University. While at Yale he enlisted, in December, 1917, in the Ordnance Corps, with which he served overseas until July, 1919, and during his absence the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon him in 1918. In September, 1919, he entered Yale Law School, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. in 1922. Following his admission to the bar in 1922 he became associated in law practice with his father under the firm style of A. C. & A. S. Bill, a relation which has since been maintained. Albert Seymour Bill was appointed assistant to the clerk of the State Senate in 1923 and received appointment as assistant clerk of the House in 1925 and again in 1927, so that he is now filling the latter position. He married Hazel Olive Marsh, of Hartford, and they have one child, Albert Seymour Bill, Jr., born November 7, 1927. Julia Emerson, the youngest of the children of Judge Albert C. and Bessie M. (Collins) Bill, was born June 16, 1897, and is the wife of John Edgerly Sunderland, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Politically Judge Bill is a staunch republican. He belongs to the various bodies of Scottish and York Rite Masonry and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the strict path of his profession he has membership connections with the Hartford County Bar Association, the Connecticut State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, of all of which his son, Albert Seymour Bill, is also a member. His life has been an active and useful one and he merits and commands the respect and confidence of his fellowmen to an unusual degree. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor and his standing at the bar is a deserved tribute to his ability.

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#### CLARENCE WILLIAM SEYMOUR

Clarence William Seymour, attorney at law, has for seventeen years been engaged in practice in Hartford and as senator, too, he has left his impress upon the history of the city. He is scarcely yet in his prime and yet by reason of what he has accomplished he is entitled to mention among the valued and representative residents of the capital. Born on the 14th of March, 1885, in West Hartford, Connecticut, he is a son of Moses Ensign and Marion (Backus) Seymour. He attended the public schools of Hartford until graduated from the high school with the class of 1903 and then entered Yale College, where he completed his classical course in 1907, gaining the Bachelor of Arts degree. He prepared for the bar in the Yale Law School and is numbered among its alumni of 1911, in which year he won his LL. B. degree and was admitted to practice. In that year he entered the office of Schutz & Edwards and remained one year, after which he conducted practice independently until 1920, when he formed a partnership with Vine R. Parmelee under the firm style of Seymour & Parmelee. This association has since been maintained and the firm holds high rank at the Hartford bar. The thoroughness and earnestness with which Mr. Seymour has always prepared his cases and his devotion to the interests of his clients have been outstanding features in his success and advancement in the law. He has also become well known in financial and business circles of the city, being a director of the Capitol National Bank, president of the Hartford Guaranteed Mortgage & Title Company, secretary and treasurer of the First National Farm Loan Association of Hartford, president and treasurer of the Allyn Theatre Company and president of the Newgate Historical Corporation.

On the 1st of July, 1922, Mr. Seymour was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Belle Allyn, daughter of Robert and Alice Belle (Maine) Allyn, of Hartford, and a representative of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of Connecticut. They have one son, Allyn, born May 17, 1923.

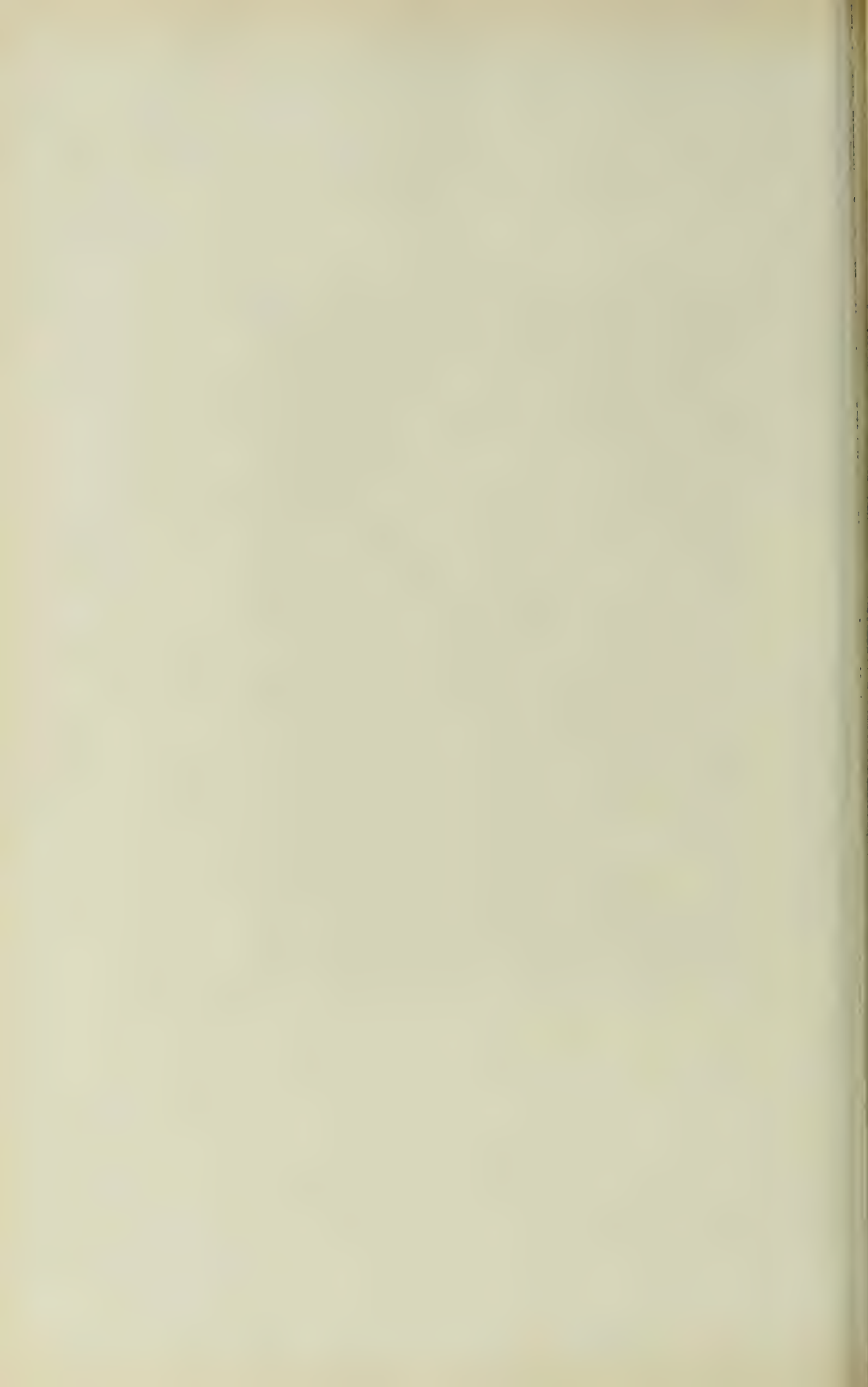
Mr. Seymour on the 14th of January, 1914, enlisted in Troop B of the Connecticut National Guard, serving as private, corporal, sergeant and supply sergeant. In 1915-16 he attended two non-commissioned officers' schools at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and in the latter year also rendered aid to his country in four months' service on the Mexican border. In 1917 he entered the second Plattsburgh training camp and on the 27th of November of that year was commissioned a first lieutenant of field artillery. In 1917 he was on duty at Camp Stanley, Texas, and at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and also in France with the American Expeditionary Force. On the 22d of March,





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CLARENCE W. SEYMOUR



1919, he was promoted to captain of Field artillery and in 1921 was assigned as brigade adjutant to the One Hundred and Fifty-first Field Artillery Brigade of the Seventy-sixth Division. On the 10th of July, 1923, he was appointed major in the judge advocate general's department of the Connecticut National Guard, and was promoted on September 5, 1923, to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and was assigned the 10th of December, 1924, to the staff of the Forty-third Division, Connecticut National Guard.

Mr. Seymour has always voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and in 1921 he was elected from the first senatorial district to the general assembly, serving in the senate during the session of 1921. In 1925-6 he was a member of the Republican Town Committee of West Hartford. He is now secretary of the Greater Hartford Commission, in which connection he is putting forth practical effort in the attainment of high ideals of the city's growth, benefit and improvement. He has membership in several of the patriotic organizations of the country and is a past state commander of the American Legion. He has also served as governor of the Connecticut Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and is a member of the Mayflower Society of Connecticut and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He likewise has membership relations with strictly social organizations, including the Hartford Golf Club and the University Club, and during his college days he became a member of the Yale Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa and the Junior Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Seymour is always approachable and genial and his social qualities have gained him popularity among a large circle of acquaintances, while warm friendship is entertained for him by many with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### FREDERICK FORREST SMALL

Frederick Forrest Small is president of the firm of F. F. Small & Company, Incorporated, of Hartford, and manager for Prince & Whitely, handling investment securities in New York and members of the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Cleveland Stock Exchange. He was born July 15, 1866, in Stafford Springs, Connecticut. His grandfather, Henry T. Small, was the founder of the family in New England, removing from Pennsylvania to Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts, where he married Pamela Brackett March 10, 1822. Their son, Henry Thomas Small, was born in Newton Lower Falls, January 19, 1823, and became a resident of South Coventry, Connecticut, and engaged in business as a general merchant as senior partner in the firm of Small & Loomis. He afterward established his home in Stafford Springs, opened a drug store, and served as postmaster there. From 1867 to 1870 he lived in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he owned and successfully conducted a drug store. He came to Hartford and became associated in business with F. C. Sturtevant, wholesale dealer in groceries, teas and coffees. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lavina Thayer Bosworth, was born in Tolland, Connecticut, July 1, 1828, and died in December, 1891, while Henry Thomas Small passed away in Hartford in January, 1903.

Frederick Forrest Small, the only surviving member of their family, was a pupil in the Hartford schools. Following his graduation from high school with the class of 1885 he entered business circles as an employe of George W. Moore & Company, mortgage brokers. Later he represented that firm in the west for seven years. After severing his connection with Moore & Company, Mr. Small entered the employ of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company as assistant cashier and occupied that position for eight years, or until 1900, when he purchased from the estate of W. T. Price the insurance agency founded by Mr. Osborne. This company was the local agent for the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford and the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, both of which are still represented by F. F. Small & Company. In 1905 Mr. Small also entered into partnership with Judd & Company, investment brokers, who liquidated their business in 1906, at which time Mr. Small became the Hartford manager for Thomson & McKinnon at 11 Wall street, New York city, representing that corporation until June, 1927, when he became the manager for Prince & Whitely. He is a director of the National Fire Insurance Com-



pany, and vice president of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, while of the Dime Savings Bank he is a trustee.

On the 8th of October, 1891, Mr. Small was married to Miss Agnes Hyde Swan, a daughter of Samuel and Henrietta (Hyde) Swan, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and a granddaughter of Captain A. L. Hyde and of Rev. Benjamin Lincoln and Frances (Brinckerhoff) Swan, the former being for many years the pastor of the church at Litchfield, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Small are parents of a daughter, Frances Brinckerhoff, now the wife of E. W. Goodell, of Hartford, and the mother of one child, Mary Blair, born August 12, 1923. Mrs. Small holds membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Small votes with the republican party and his military record covers service for several years with Company K, First Regiment of Connecticut National Guard. Both he and his wife are active workers in the Asylum Hill Congregational church and he has served on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. In club circles he is well known through his membership in the Hartford and Wampanoag Golf clubs, the Country Club of Farmington and the Union League Club of New York.

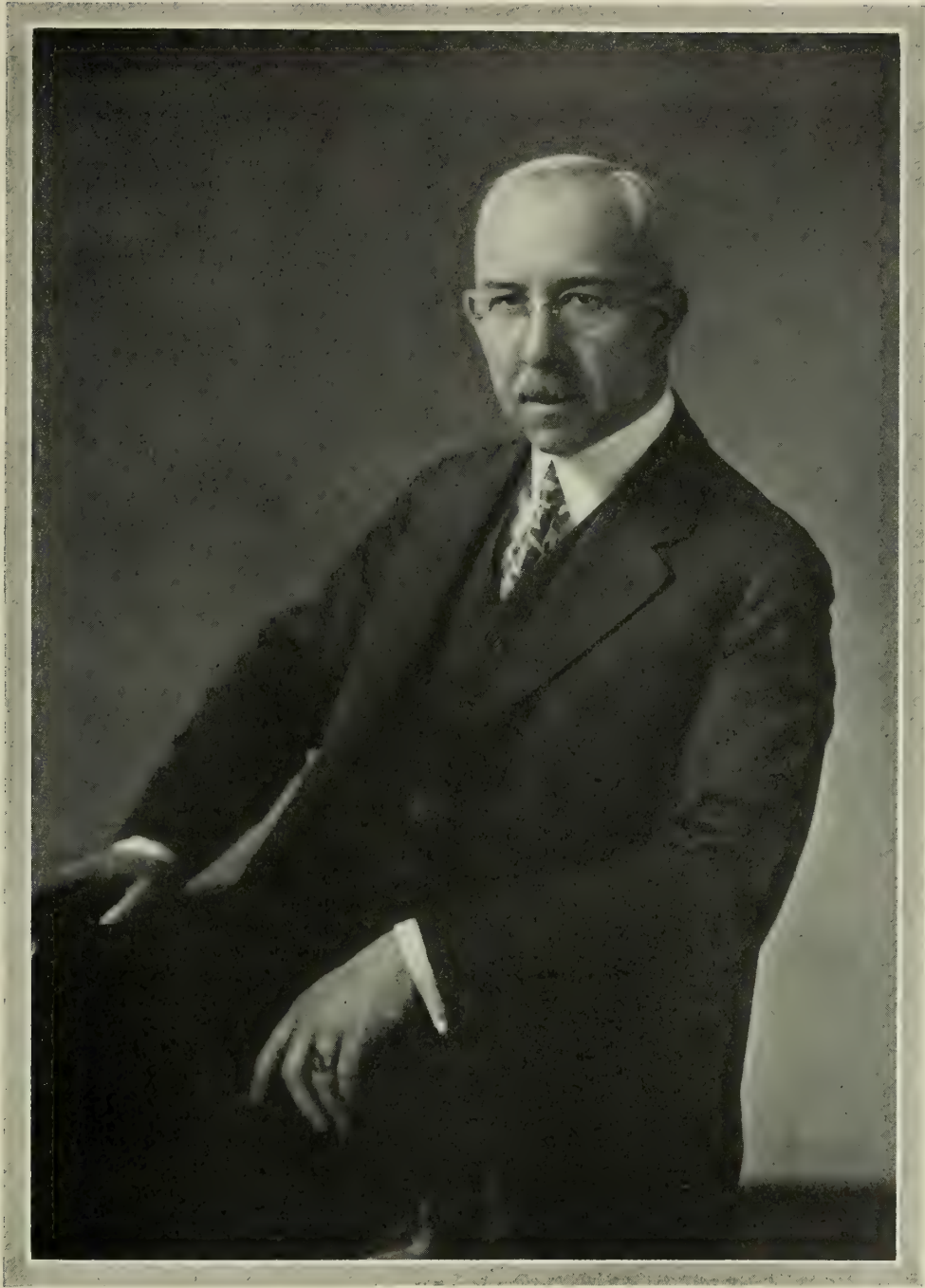
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#### FRANKLIN A. MORLEY

Franklin A. Morley, well known in insurance circles as partner in the firm of Wakefield, Morley & Company, with offices at 209 Pearl street in Hartford, was born in this city July 31, 1872, a son of Asahel M. and Ruth (Cadwell) Morley, the father a native of New York state and the mother of West Hartford, Connecticut. The family came originally from Brittany. Mr. and Mrs. Asahel M. Morley early settled in Hartford, residing on Front street, which at that time was the leading residential thoroughfare of the city. Representatives of the name were long connected with agricultural interests, but Asahel M. Morley lived retired from active business for many years prior to his death, having accumulated a substantial competency through his judicious dealings in real estate. He passed away in the year 1881, while his wife departed this life in 1878. They were the parents of two children, the younger being a daughter, Gertrude, now the widow of Henry C. Joy.

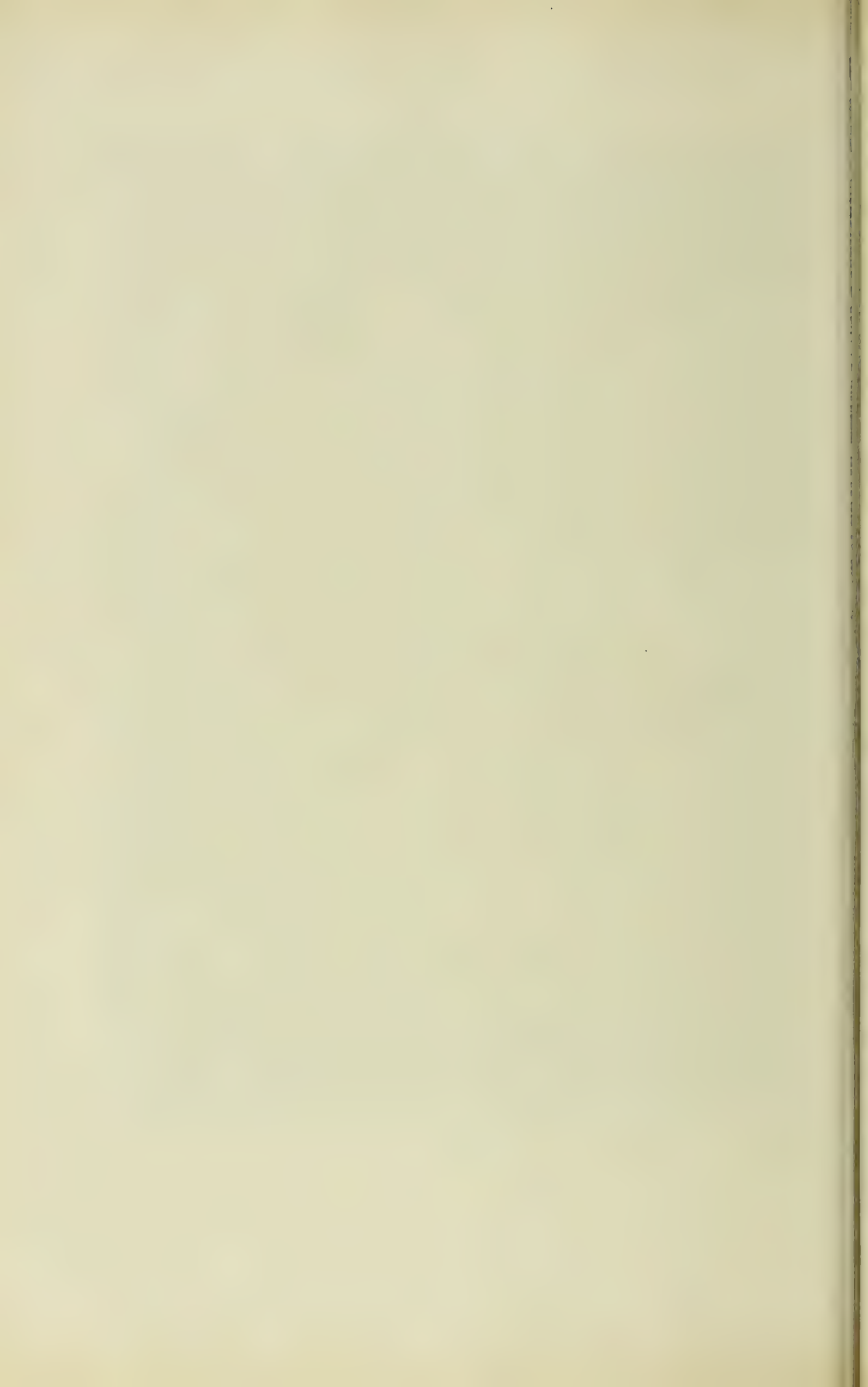
The son, Franklin A. Morley, was a lad of but nine summers when left an orphan. He was educated in the public schools of Hartford and went to work when a youth of fifteen years, entering the employ of John W. Gray & Company, proprietors of the Hartford Rubber Works. He remained there for only a short time and in February, 1888, secured a position as office boy with the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, continuing with that corporation until 1895, when he resigned a clerical position and joined Isaac Cross in organizing the firm of Cross & Morley. They opened an insurance office and conducted a general agency until January, 1902, when Mr. Morley purchased the interest of Mr. Cross and formed a partnership with Walter L. Wakefield under the style of Wakefield, Morley & Company. They built up the agency from a business of thirty-five thousand dollars a year until the annual business had reached one million, five hundred thousand dollars. They conduct a general insurance business with agencies at various points throughout Connecticut. This is today one of the old and well established insurance companies of Hartford, having enjoyed a continuous existence of more than a quarter of a century. The success of the undertaking is attributable in notable measure to Mr. Morley, who deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he has depended upon his own resources from the age of fifteen years and has worked his way steadily upward through industry, diligence and close application. In 1922 he organized the Underwriters Finance Company, of which he has since been the president. It started with a capital of twenty-five hundred dollars and something of the rapid and marvelous growth of the business is shown by the fact that the capital has been increased to nine hundred thousand dollars. The company was formed for the purpose of financing automobile sales and the well formulated plans and progressive spirit of Mr. Morley have been the underlying forces in the steady and gratifying growth of the business.

On the 15th of November, 1893, Mr. Morley was united in marriage to Miss Maie Clark, of Hartford, and they have one son, Russell Clark, who is now a student



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FRANKLIN A. MORLEY





in Princeton University. They reside at No. 11 South Highland street in West Hartford and their religious faith is indicated by their membership in Immanuel Congregational church. In his fraternal relations Mr. Morley is a Mason of high rank and belongs to Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is widely known as a club man, having membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf, Wampanoag, Sequin Golf and City clubs and the Shelter Harbor Club of Westerly, Rhode Island. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, which elected him a member of the city council, in which he served from 1894 until 1898, and his endorsement could always be counted upon to further progressive measures and practical projects for the city's upbuilding. His life record is a demonstration of the fact that the sources of our power lie within ourselves, and without the aid of influential friends or advantageous circumstances Mr. Morley has accomplished important and far-reaching results along the distinctive line chosen for his life work.

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#### WILLIAM EUGENE FARNSWORTH

William Eugene Farnsworth, vice president of the Sisson Drug Company of Hartford, is thus connected with the oldest business of this character in the country and he has long since become well established in public opinion as a progressive and reliable merchant, his close application and business acumen contributing in large measure to the success of the establishment which he represents. Born in Hartford on the 17th of October, 1856, he is a son of Francis and Almena K. (Pratt) Farnsworth, and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof to the age of nine years attended the public schools. He was then left an orphan and faced the necessity of providing for his own support. Through struggle and adversity he has reached his present high position in commercial circles. His association with the drug business dates from 1872, when at the age of sixteen years he secured employment in the drug store of George Curtiss under the old United States Hotel. He remained there for four years, during which period he thoroughly acquainted himself with the business in principle and detail. On the expiration of that period he became associated with what was then the house of Sisson, Butler & Company and he is now rounding out his fifty-first year with this concern, now carrying on business under the style of the Sisson Drug Company. Gradually he worked his way upward and in 1907 he became vice president and assistant treasurer, in which dual position he still continues. Records recently unearthed establish the fact that the business had its inception in 1786 in a small store established by Daniel Hopkins. For many years in the vaults of the company lay books forgotten that when brought to light gave proof of the fact that this is the oldest drug house of the country that has maintained an uninterrupted existence. In 1828 a building was erected by the owners, Lee & Butler, at No. 729 Main street, where the business has been continued from that date to the present. In 1850, Thomas Sisson was admitted to a partnership, and in 1865 the firm name of Sisson & Butler was assumed. In 1871, George Perry Chandler, who had been with the house as an employe for six years, was admitted to a partnership, and in 1881 the firm style of T. Sisson & Company was adopted. The year 1907 witnessed the incorporation of the business under the name of the Sisson Drug Company, and it was in that year that Mr. Farnsworth was called to official connection in his election as vice president and assistant treasurer. Through his diligence, enterprise and faithfulness, however, he has contributed to the continuous growth and success of the house for more than a half century and is today one of the best known and most highly esteemed merchants of Hartford.

On the 24th of February, 1886, Mr. Farnsworth was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lizzie Bacon, a daughter of George Cutler and Clara (Knight) Bacon, of Windsor, Vermont. Their son, Francis Porter Farnsworth, born September 2, 1897, is now with the Sisson Drug Company as a salesman. He married Eleanor Wells, of East Windsor, Connecticut, and they have four children: Wells Eugene, born July 10, 1921; Mary Jane, July 12, 1923; Ellen Terry, April 30, 1925; and Frances Porter, September 19, 1926.

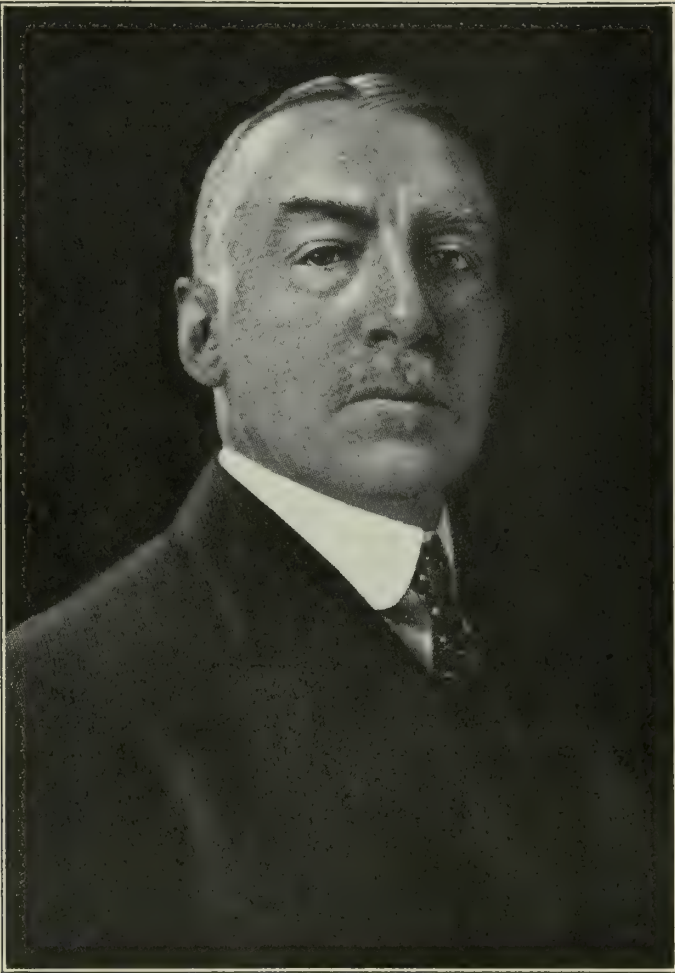
In his fraternal relations Mr. Farnsworth is a Mason, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has supported since attaining his majority, but the honors and emoluments of

office have had no attraction for him, as he has preferred to concentrate his time and efforts upon his business affairs, and no merchant of Hartford enjoys a more unassailable reputation or more fully merits the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

#### JOHN SPENCER CAMP

John Spencer Camp has long been an outstanding figure in musical circles and it was natural that he directed his efforts into a field of business having to do with musical instrument manufacture. He is now widely known as the treasurer of the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, but is also equally well known as musician and composer. He was born in Middletown, Connecticut, January 30, 1858, being the youngest child of John N. and Mary (Gleason) Camp. With the history of New England the family name has been associated for almost three centuries. In 1639 the name of Nicholas Camp appears in the records of Guilford. Previously he had resided in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and before that time in Watertown, Massachusetts, where he had settled on coming to the new world from Nasing, England, where he was born about 1606, his parents being John and Mary Camp. He became a landowner of Milford, Connecticut, in 1646, and his name is on the list of free planters of that place dated November 20, 1639, and on the 2d of November, 1643, he joined the Milford church. His first wife, Sarah, died September 6, 1645, and was the first adult buried in Milford. His second wife was the widow of John Tilley, of Windsor. Nicholas Camp (II), born in 1630, was a prominent citizen in his day and generation. He was accepted an inhabitant of Derby in May, 1673, was married July 14, 1652, to Katherine Thompson, and died at Milford, June 10, 1706. Their third son, Joseph Camp, was born in Milford, December 15, 1657, was graduated from Harvard College in 1677, and married Hannah Rogers, who was born in 1664 and died January 9, 1740, while he passed away in Milford, May 20, 1750. The direct ancestor of John Spencer Camp in the fourth generation in America was Nathan Camp, who was born in 1690 and became an early settler of Durham, Connecticut, representing that town in the general assembly for fifteen years. He was married January 1, 1717, to Rhoda Parsons, who was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1694, and both died in 1767, the former on the 27th of February and the latter on the 1st of July. Elah Camp, their third son, was born May 20 and baptized May 29, 1729, while he passed away in Durham, October 17, 1787. He was married May 14, 1760, to Phebe Baldwin, and they were parents of Elias Camp, who was born in Durham, August 28, 1765, continuing his residence there until his death. By his marriage October 17, 1788, Elizabeth Spencer, a representative of one of the oldest families of Connecticut, became his wife, her ancestry being traced back to Ensign Jared Spencer, who was one of four brothers who came from England in the middle of the seventeenth century, and it was through this line that John Spencer Camp received his middle name. John Spencer Camp, the youngest child of Elias and Elizabeth (Spencer) Camp, was born July 17, 1797, and was married October 15, 1822, to Parnel Camp, who was born October 6, 1799, and died in May, 1888. The eldest child of John Spencer and Parnel (Camp) Camp, named John N. Camp, was born May 17, 1824, and his life record covered the intervening period to May 21, 1893. On the 14th of March, 1853, he married Mary Gleason, who died February 7, 1858, and on October 12, 1859, he married Sarah Gould Williams.

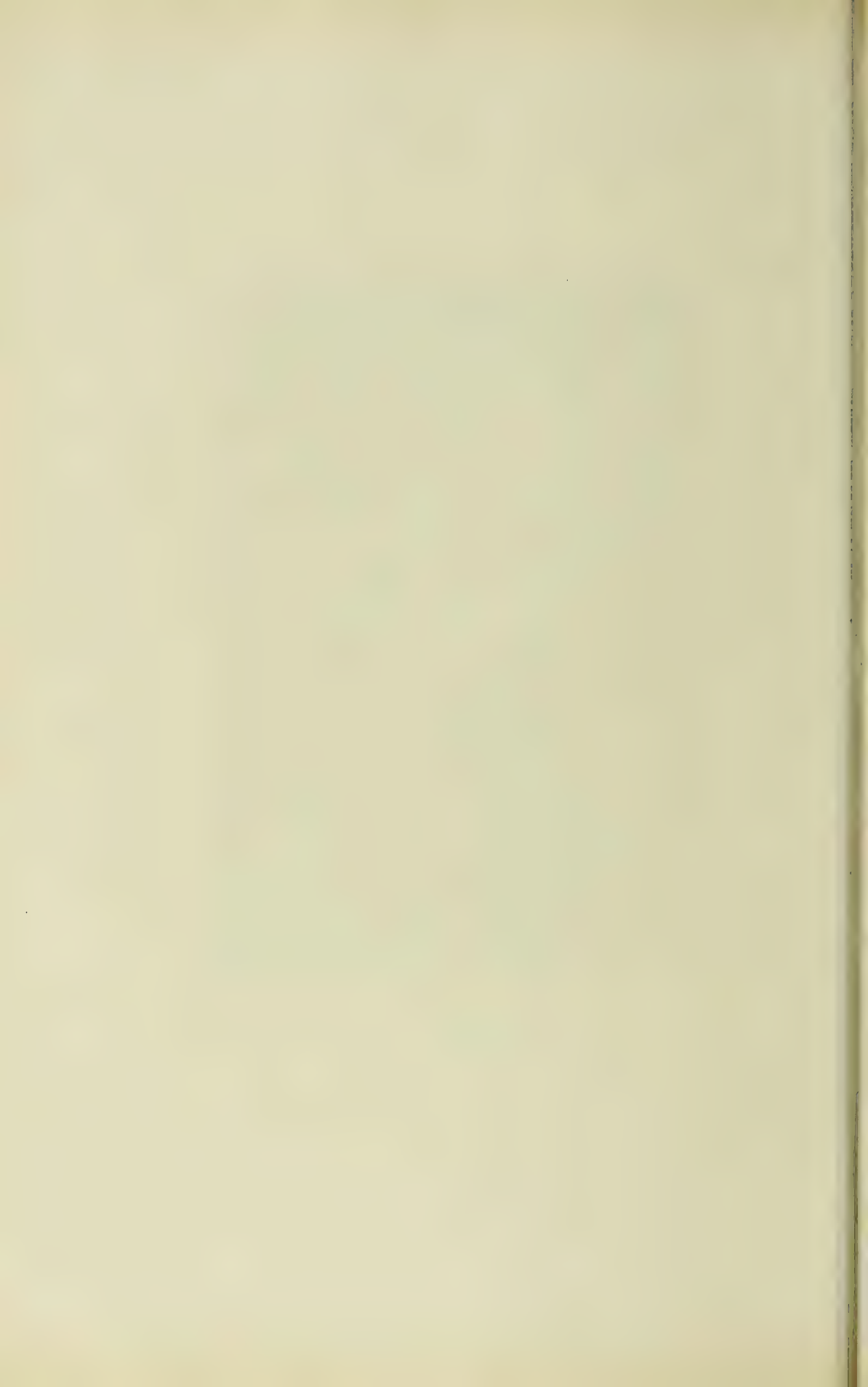
Thus the ancestral line comes down to John Spencer Camp, whose youthful days were spent in Middletown, Connecticut, and whose preparatory course of study was pursued at Durham Academy, after which he entered Wesleyan University and won his A. B. degree at his graduation in 1878, while two years later the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He became a law student in the office of Hon. Samuel L. Warner, of Middletown, and likewise took up the study of Latin as an adjunct to his preparation for the bar, but nature had endowed him with musical talent of high order and because of his love for music he decided to abandon his thought of becoming an attorney. When a youth of fourteen he began studying music and in the course of years had instruction from some of the noted musicians of the country, including Harry Rowe Shelley, Samuel P. Warren, Dudley Buck and Antonin Dvorak, who was for two years director of the National Conservatory of Music in New York. His art first became a source of remuneration to him when



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JOHN SPENCER CAMP





he secured the position of organist in the Davenport church of New Haven at the age of twenty years. At the end of a year he resigned and it was not until another year had passed that he again appeared in public as an organist, his second position being with the Park Congregational church of Hartford, with which he was thus associated until the spring of 1906. At that date he became organist for the First Church of Christ of Hartford and so continued until 1918. Not only as musician but as composer is his name known throughout the country. For ten years he was director of the Hartford Philharmonic Society and the development of that organization was attributable in large measure to his efforts. His compositions include the Forty-sixth Psalm for chorus and orchestra; The Song of the Wind, Ballad, for chorus and orchestra; The Prince of Peace, a Christmas Cantata, solos, chorus and organ; Morning Star, Christmas Cantata, solos, chorus, and organ; The Prince of Life, Easter Cantata, solos, chorus, and organ, to which might be added a long list of miscellaneous anthems and songs. He has written a Spring Song, Chant D'Amour, Zeitgeist overture and Pilgrim Suite for orchestra and a string quartet in G major. He has also lectured on musical subjects in Hartford and vicinity.

Mr. Camp is likewise widely known because of his important connections with musical instrument manufacture. In 1898 he became vice president and treasurer of the Pratt & Cady Company and so continued until 1911, when ill health compelled him to cease his activities in that field. Some months later, when he had recovered, he became treasurer of the Austin Organ Company and fills the position at the present time. He is likewise a vice president of the Society for Savings and he is a trustee of the Howard Bushnell Memorial Association, the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, and the Young Women's Christian Association of Hartford. During his college days he became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and of the Owl and Wand, a society drawing its membership from the senior class. He belongs to the Hartford Club, the University and Twentieth Century clubs, the Congregational Club of Connecticut, the Twilight Club and the Hartford Golf Club. He is also a founder of the National Guild of Organists and for several years served on its council. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. Mr. Camp was married April 8, 1885, to Susie Virginia Healy of Hartford, who died February 7, 1923, in Hartford, leaving no issue. His life work has added to the beauty and the culture of the world and he is today a distinguished representative of that art which, though the most intangible of all the arts, has ever had the most far-reaching influence and power of uplift.

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#### MORRIS OLDER

Morris Older is one of those who, coming to this country from Europe, has made America, and especially Hartford, their own, with heart and soul, and have come to be strong components of the body politic. He was born in Kovna, Poland, August 14, 1879, and was but three years old when his family located in Hartford. Attending the old First District or "Brown" School, he came under the attention of Miss Alida B. Clark, one of the teachers whose memory all of the boys and girls of that district will always call blessed. He went on to the Hartford Public High School, and, while still a boy, found employment on The Hartford Courant. There he won the lifelong friendship of Charles Hopkins Clark, the editor, and also of the men in the various departments. Improving his opportunities, he quickly prepared himself for entrance to Yale Law School and won his degree there in 1904. He was assistant registrar in the school.

Immediately upon becoming a member of the Hartford county bar he took an office in what might be called "Lawyers' Row" of that time, which included the old "Marble Block," first in clerical capacity and then by himself. From this developed a large practice and the eventual establishment of the present law office of Older, Older & Older, in which his nephew, George J. Older, is associated with him.

His personal knowledge and judgment early caused his selection for membership on the Board of Charity Commissioners. He was one of the incorporators of the present Hartford Dispensary and he is a director of the Hartford Community Chest. Likewise he is a director of the United Jewish Charities, and is president of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. He is interested also in the problems of health in general,

is a director of the Hartford Tuberculosis and Public Health Society and of Mount Sinai Hospital. For the city government he was further called upon to act as police commissioner for six years; he was president of the board for a considerable part of this time.

Jewish by ancestral faith, he has been a promoter and supporter of the several Hebrew institutions that have been built up in this city. He is president of Hartford Rebekah Lodge and a member of several other social and benevolent societies.

He married Miss Ethel J. Stodel of New Haven. Their children are: Julia, a writer for the *Courant*; Betty, a student at Syracuse University; Marynn, at West Hartford High School; and Andrew, at West Hartford Junior High School.

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#### ABRAHAM S. ALBRECHT

The Hartford bar finds a worthy representative in Abraham S. Albrecht, who, though one of its younger representatives, has steadily progressed, holding to the high ethical standards of the profession and attaining substantial success as the merited reward of his ability and his loyalty to the interests of his clients. He has his office at 983 Main street in Hartford, having come to this city from New York, where he was born September 29, 1893, his parents being Schaje and Eva (Schachter) Albrecht, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in Austria. They were married in Europe and came to America in 1892, establishing their home in New York city, where they resided for some time and then removed to Atlanta, Georgia. Following the World war they returned to New York, where Mr. Albrecht is now living retired from business, although for many years he was actively connected with the jewelry trade.

At the usual age Abraham S. Albrecht became a public school pupil in New York and passed through consecutive grades until he had completed his education by a high school course in Atlanta, Georgia. He then turned to the study of law, having for some time cherished the ambition of becoming a member of the bar, and in 1915 was graduated from the Atlanta Law School. The same year he was admitted to practice and entered at once upon the active work of the profession, in which he was engaged until the United States entered the World war in 1917. Mr. Albrecht then became identified with the intelligence branch of the United States army and he was also field secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board of the United States army and navy.

Mr. Albrecht has been identified with the Hartford bar since 1920 and his practice here has been one of steady growth and of increasing importance. Many litigated interests have been entrusted to his care and he is not only a capable trial lawyer but also a safe counselor. He belongs to the Georgia Bar Association, the New York County Lawyers Association, the Connecticut Bar Association and the American Bar Association and thus keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and standards.

On the 16th of October, 1920, Mr. Albrecht was married to Miss Ann Fox, of New York city, and they have one son, Kenneth. Fraternally he is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He has gained a wide and favorable acquaintance during the period of his residence in Hartford, where he has labored consistently for the welfare of the city as well as for the advancement of his individual interests.

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#### HOUGHTON BULKELEY

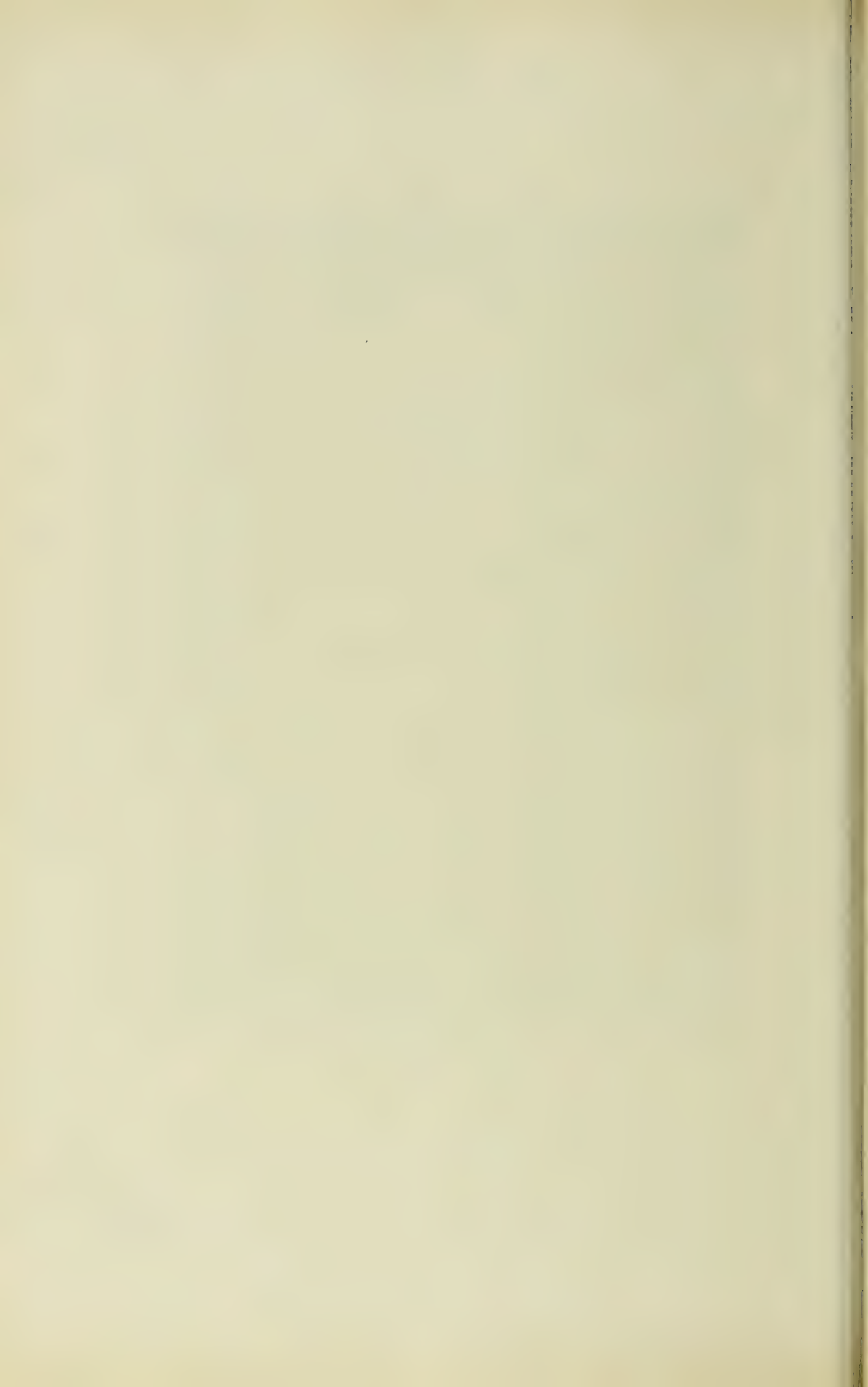
In financial circles of Hartford the name of Houghton Bulkeley is well known and since January 1, 1924, he has been a member of the firm of Putnam & Company. He was born in Fenwick, Saybrook Point, Connecticut, August 9, 1896, his parents being Morgan Gardner and Fanny Briggs (Houghton) Bulkeley, to whom extended reference is made elsewhere in this work, his father having been one of the most distinguished citizens of the state. At the usual age the son became a public school pupil, passed through consecutive grades to the high school and afterward attended





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ABRAHAM S. ALBRECHT



Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Connecticut, and the Roxbury Preparatory School of New Haven. He then matriculated at Yale as a member of the class of 1919.

In the meantime Mr. Bulkeley had become interested in military affairs, enlisting in 1916 in Troop B, Fifth Connecticut Cavalry, with which he did duty as a private on the Mexican border. Soon afterward he was inducted in to the federal service and went overseas on the 7th of October, 1917, his command becoming the One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion, with which he served on the western front, participating in a number of the notable engagements in which American troops played an important part in turning the tide of war. He was raised to the rank of second lieutenant and received his honorable discharge May 1, 1919.

With his return to Hartford, Mr. Bulkeley became connected with Richter & Company, now Putnam & Company, one of the leading securities firms of Connecticut, with membership on the New York Stock Exchange and the Hartford Stock Exchange. Mr. Bulkeley has been a member of the firm since January 1, 1924. His educational training, his inherited tendencies, natural predilection and highly developed powers are constituting strong forces in the success which is rewarding his efforts. He is also a director of the Connecticut Electric Service Company and the Automatic Refrigeration Company.

On the 5th of September, 1917, Mr. Bulkeley was married to Miss Margaret Whitmore, a daughter of William F. and Mary (Lyles) Whitmore, of Hartford. They have become parents of two children: Hope, born February 5, 1920; and Nancy Houghton, born September 18, 1921.

Mr. Bulkeley's social position has always placed him with the leading residents of Hartford and he holds membership in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Country Club, the Fenwick Golf Club, and the Westmore Polo Club. He also has identification with two of the important patriotic societies, including the Sons of the American Revolution and the Military Order of Foreign Wars. Though his business affairs are extensive and important, he has ever found time for public service and as a republican is serving for the second time as alderman of the fourteenth ward, while at the present writing he is president of the aldermanic board. He is also secretary of the Connecticut Bridge and Highway Commission and is active in local political circles because of his recognition of the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. His love for the city of Hartford, which was the home of his ancestors for several generations, is manifest in effective effort for municipal progress and improvement.

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#### J. HAROLD WILLIAMS

J. Harold Williams, member of the bar, is now a partner in one of the oldest law firms of Hartford and one which throughout all the changes in its membership has upheld the highest professional standards and has most closely followed professional ethics. His life history is in keeping with the record of his partners and of his predecessors in this firm.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, December 23, 1893, he spent his youth with his parents, John E. and Geneva L. (Porter) Williams. Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the grade and high schools of Waterbury he entered Yale University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts with honors in June, 1917.

The United States had just entered the World war and eager to see active service Mr. Williams immediately upon graduation joined the Yale Mobile Hospital Unit, which was then being formed in New Haven and was expected to be sent to the front at once. He sailed with the unit in August and after a hazardous trip, due to the presence of German submarines, landed at Liverpool, the unit going from there to Limoges, France, where he spent the winter of 1917-1918 in one of the factories where the famous Haviland china is made, the buildings at that time being used as an army hospital. In the spring the unit went to Paris reaching that city the day of the arrival of the first shells from "Big Bertha," the German rifle which was shelling the city from a distance of about seventy-five miles. After a three weeks' stay waiting for French equipment the unit left Paris and spent the summer and fall of 1918 in active service at the front, being located at the time of the Armistice in territory recently occupied by the Germans. The order to return home came in



December and the unit sailed in January. Upon their arrival at the home shores the members were honorably discharged from the service and Mr. Williams returned to the Yale Law School, arriving just in time to enroll for the second semester. There he remained until he received the degree of LL.B. in June, 1920, and in the same month was admitted to practice before the courts of the state. The following September he moved to Hartford and became associated with the law firm of Gross, Gross & Hyde. In 1926 he was admitted as a partner, at which time the firm name was changed to Gross, Hyde & Williams.

On the 5th of June, 1926, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Martha Erna Worden von Schultz, a daughter of Carl and Marie (Streuli) von Schultz, of Hartford, and moved to West Hartford. Mr. Williams is a member of the Second Church of Christ in Hartford (South Congregational), the University Club of Hartford, the First Company Governor's Foot Guards, and along strictly professional lines enjoys membership in the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations, thus keeping in close touch with the progressive purposes and the high standards of the profession.

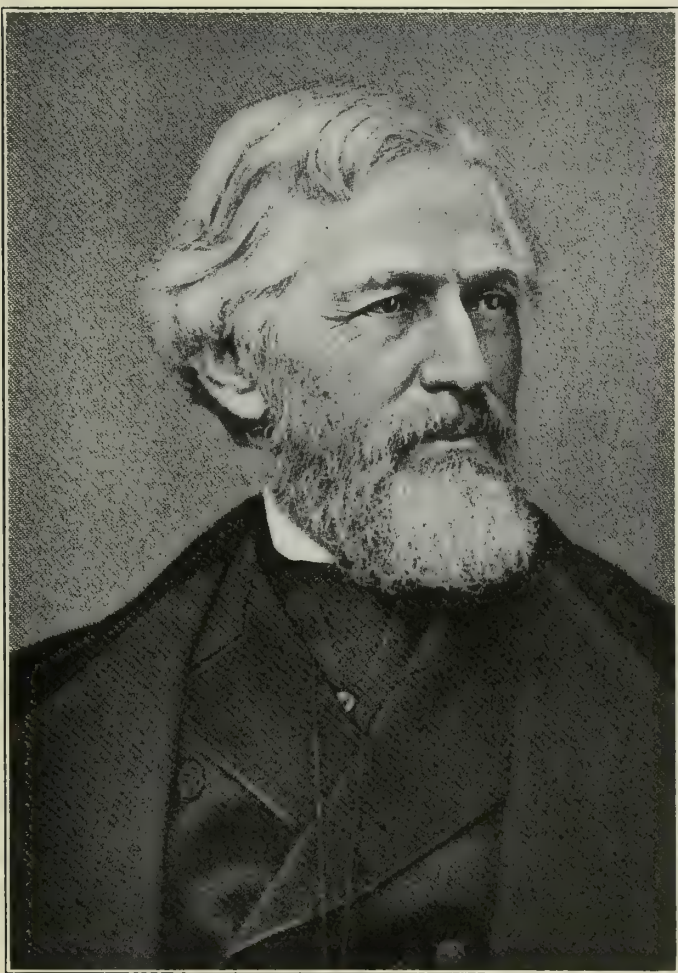
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#### HON. JAMES LELAND HOWARD

On the official roster of Connecticut appears the name of James Leland Howard, who at one time was lieutenant-governor of the state. His name also figures on the records of the leading business men and manufacturers of New England and upon the membership rolls of the Baptist church, in which he was a notably distinguished and influential worker. His entire life activity constituted a valuable service to his fellowmen in many and varied fields.

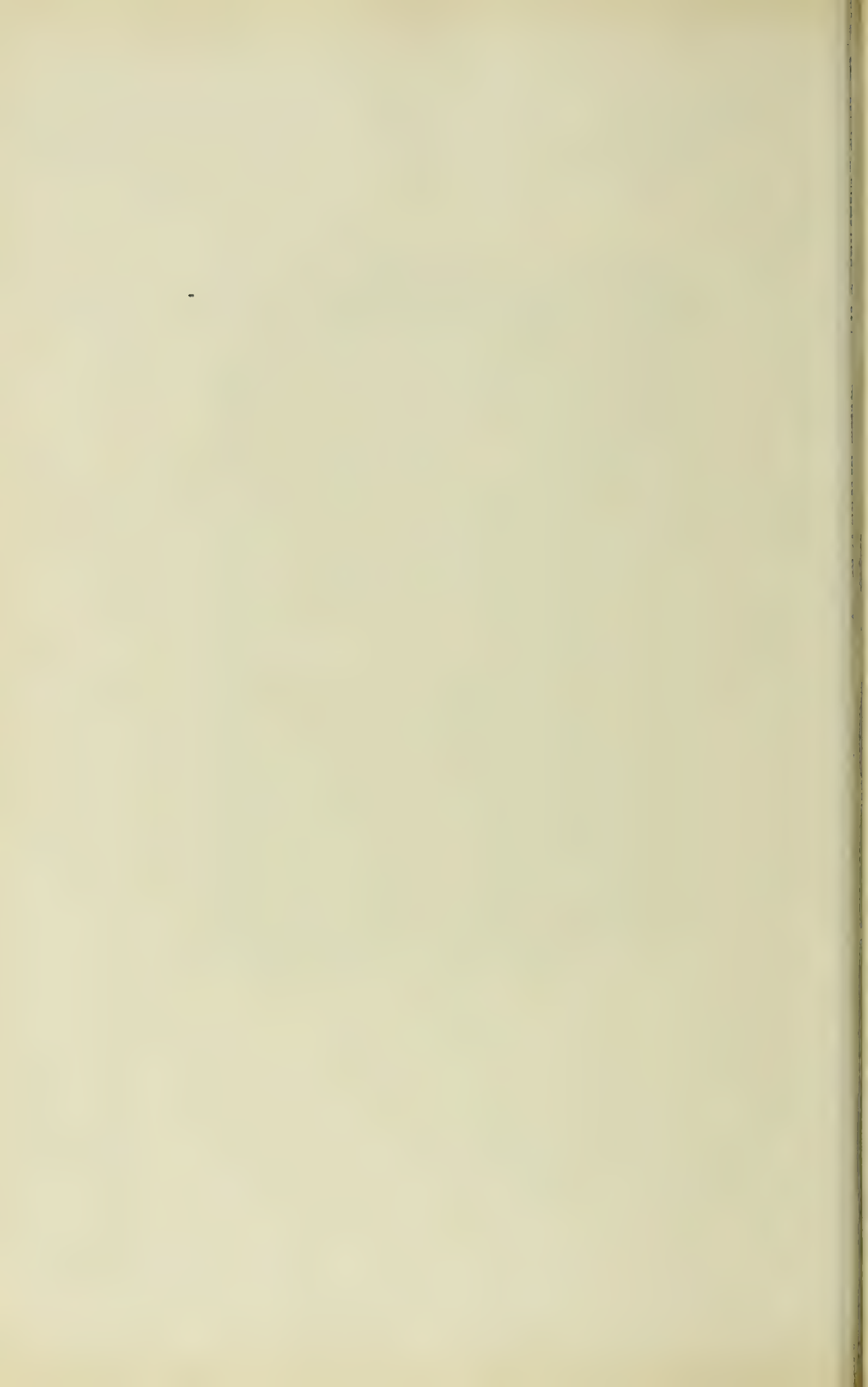
A native of Vermont, he was born in Windsor, January 19, 1818, and was one of the four sons and four daughters whose parents were the Rev. Leland and Lucy (Mason) Howard, the former a prominent clergyman. The mother was a daughter of Captain Isaiah Mason, of Ira, Vermont. The Howard family is of English origin and was established in Massachusetts prior to 1650, since which time representatives of the name have borne helpful and oftentimes distinguished part in the development of New England.

James Leland Howard was the eldest son in his father's family and after being accorded the privilege of obtaining a practical business education he entered upon a mercantile career in New York in 1833, being at that time only fifteen years of age. His residence in Hartford dated from 1838, and at all times actuated by a laudable ambition, he became a member of the firm of Hurlburt & Howard in 1841, the senior partner being Edmund Hurlburt. They conducted a carriage and saddlery hardware manufacturing business on Main street and after a time Mr. Howard acquired the interest of his partner and was joined by his brothers under the name of James L. Howard & Company. This firm was one of the first in the United States to engage in the manufacture and sale of railroad car trimmings and furnishings, along which line they soon built up an extensive and profitable business. They owned a business block and factory on Asylum street, erected in 1846, and gradually their trade expanded until theirs became one of the foremost manufacturing and commercial enterprises of the city. About 1876 the business was incorporated, with James L. Howard as the president, and in that office he continued until his demise. The high standards which he instituted on the establishment of the business were always maintained and the product of the house became known throughout the entire country. Because of the success which he achieved as a manufacturer Mr. Howard was enabled to make large investments and this constituted him a prominent figure in the local financial field through more than a half century. In 1854 he was elected a director of the Phoenix National Bank and in 1864 he aided in the organization of the Travelers Insurance Company, now the largest organization of the kind in the world. At the outset he was chosen one of the directors and so continued throughout his remaining days. His activities and interests extended into still other fields, for he became vice president of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a director of the firm of Landers, Frary & Clark of New Britain, a director of the Springfield Waste Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, while for many years he was a director and president of the Hartford City Gas Light Company. Various other business con-



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HON. JAMES L. HOWARD





cerns profited by his sound judgment and keen business discernment displayed during his service as a director. He made large investments in Springfield, Massachusetts, and it was in his counting room that the conferences were held that resulted in the organization of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, his interest in that subject dating from the time when he had acted as a life insurance agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, as early as 1846. Mr. Howard was thus instrumental in establishing and promoting some of the chief business interests not only of Hartford but of New England—interests that featured largely in the steady and continuous development of this section of the country.

On the 1st of June, 1842, Governor Howard was married to Miss Anna Gilbert, a daughter of the Hon. Joseph B. Gilbert, at one time state treasurer of Connecticut. They became parents of five children: Alice, who is now the widow of Hon. E. B. Bennett, mentioned at length on another page of this work; Anna, who died at the age of two years; Julia, the deceased wife of Walter R. Bush; Edith Mason and Mary Leland. In 1861 they removed to the Collins Street home which was long the family residence.

From early manhood Mr. Howard was deeply interested in politics and considered it an obligation to support his views at the polls and to labor for those interests which he deemed essential to public welfare. He voted originally with the whig party and in 1856 joined the ranks of the newly organized republican party, of which he continued a firm advocate throughout his remaining days. He was first called to public office in 1850 when elected councilman from the old first ward, thus serving until 1853. He filled the office of alderman in 1854 and again from 1860 until 1862. In 1860 he became one of the original board of park commissioners and remained a member thereof until 1867, doing much to further the park system of the city. He served on the board of police commissioners from 1862 until 1865 and he was a member of the aldermanic board at the time when Rev. Bushnell started the agitation for a park in the center of the city, which resulted in the establishment of the present Bushnell Park. Mr. Howard strongly advocated the plan and throughout his life he was a loyal supporter of every cause which he believed would prove of public benefit. In 1886 he was elected lieutenant-governor of Connecticut and by virtue of the office became president of the senate, in which he won uniform esteem by his urbanity, fairness and courtesy as a presiding officer. He rendered valuable service as a member of the high school committee and as such selected the site upon which the present high school building now stands. He was made a member of the building committee together with the late Hon. James G. Batterson and they planned and supervised the erection of the first building on the site which he had chosen on Hopkins street. This structure was afterward destroyed by fire, and Governor Howard and Mr. Batterson were again associated as members of the building committee which erected the present building.

It would be an incomplete picture of this man if failure were made to make reference to his active and valuable service as a member of the Baptist church. His opinions always carried weight in the councils of the church and his labors were far-reaching and effective. It was in 1841 that he joined the First Baptist church and following his election to the office of deacon in 1857 he continuously served in that capacity until his demise. At the time of his death he was also a trustee of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, which several years before had conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. He was chosen first president of the Connecticut Baptist Social Union and filled the position for several terms. He presided as president over the Connecticut Baptist Convention from 1871 until 1876, was president of the American Baptist Home Mission Society from 1890 until 1893, of the American Baptist Publication Society from 1881 until 1884 and of the Connecticut Baptist Education Society. He was likewise one of the managers of the American Missionary Union, and every phase of the church work in its development along constructive lines received his endorsement and support. Furthermore, he was president of the board of trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, was a trustee of the Shaw University of Raleigh, North Carolina, of the Spellman Seminary at Atlanta, Georgia, and the Newton Theological Seminary of Newton, Massachusetts. At his death one of the local journals characterized him as "a man of genial temperament, kindly in voice, look and manner and with a never-failing sense of humor. His smile was always pleasant and his greeting cordial. One of his marked characteristics was his love for dumb animals and his great interest in nature. He had a

large acquaintance in the state and was well known in New England." His life reached out along lines of helpfulness and of usefulness into many sections and will not have reached its full fruition until the lives of those who came under his influence and guidance have ceased. Governor Howard had attained the age of eighty-eight years when called to his final rest on the 1st of May, 1906.

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#### TERRY JOSEPH CHAPIN

For twenty-three years Terry Joseph Chapin has been a member of the Hartford bar, and while he had a partnership relation for a time, he has practiced alone since 1912 and his high standing is the direct result of natural and acquired ability. Born in Enfield, Connecticut, June 8, 1881, he is a son of Joseph Terry and Sarah (Barber) Chapin, farming people of that place. The ancestral line is traced back to colonial days, the family being one of the oldest in this section of Connecticut, its representatives contributing to the substantial development and upbuilding of the state through all the intervening years from the time of the first settlement down to the present.

After attending the schools of Enfield, Terry J. Chapin became a student at Yale, there pursuing the classical course which won him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902. Attracted to the legal profession, he entered the New York Law School and is numbered among its alumni of 1904, in which year he won the LL. B. degree. While engaged in pursuing his law studies he taught school in Summit, New Jersey, and thus met the expenses of his college course. In 1904 he was admitted to practice at the bar of New York and in 1905 at the Connecticut bar. In the latter year he took up professional work in Hartford as the associate of the late Joseph L. Barbour and subsequently was connected with the firm of Bill & Tuttle. In 1906 he entered into partnership with James B. Henry, under the firm style of Chapin & Henry, and was thus engaged in practice until 1912, when he withdrew from the firm and has since practiced independently. His ability is recognized by the general public. He has proven his power to cope with intricate and involved legal problems and has won many verdicts favorable to his clients, so that his business has constantly increased and his position at the Hartford bar is now a most creditable one.

On the 1st of January, 1907, Mr. Chapin was married to Miss Jessie Douglass, a daughter of Edward O. and Melvina (Crowell) Douglass, of Suffield, Connecticut, and they now have a son, Douglass, born November 2, 1911. Their social position is an enviable one and Mr. Chapin is furthermore identified with the City Club of Hartford, the Suffield Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. He also has membership in Jeremiah Wadsworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the spirit of loyalty manifested by his Revolutionary war ancestor also finds expression in his relation to the public good. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. He is clerk and treasurer of the First Congregational church of Enfield. That he and his family connections have reason to be proud of their ancestral record and that the family spirit is strong within them is shown in the fact that there exists today a Chapin Family Association, of which Terry J. Chapin is the secretary and treasurer, and, like his forebears, he is leaving a most creditable and commendable impress upon the history of his native state.

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#### EDWARD W. BRODER

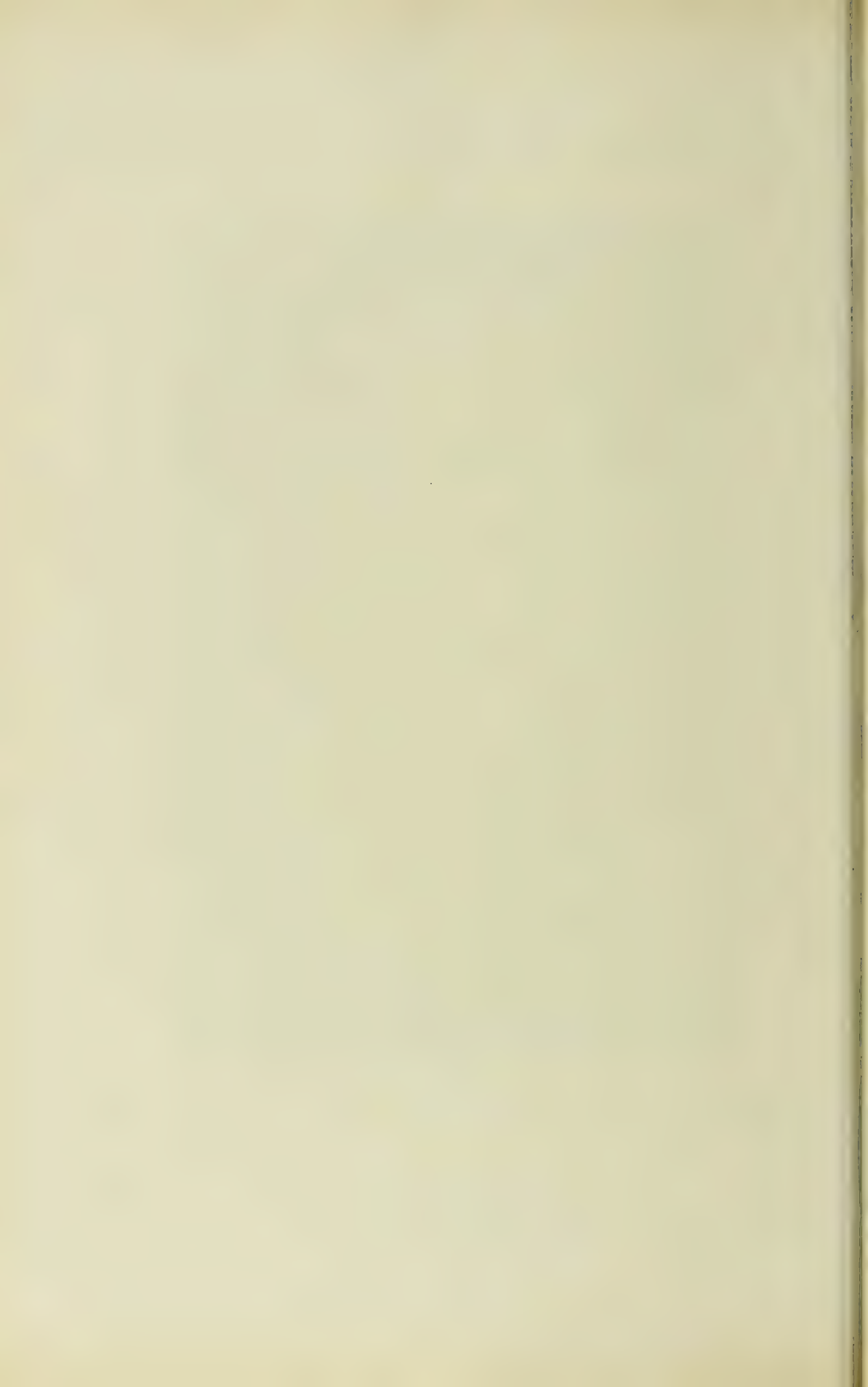
Edward W. Broder, lawyer and lawmaker, has been equally competent in the application of legal principles and in framing the laws which govern the action of the public and regulate the affairs of state. His sense of duty and honor is high, and no hope of personal success can make him deviate from the ethical standards of his profession.

Mr. Broder was born in Rockville, Connecticut, July 23, 1881, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Jane (Nolan) Broder, of that place. In his youthful days Edward W. Broder attended the public schools until graduated from the Rockville high school in 1901. Ambitious to secure a broader education as a preparation for life's prac-



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tical and responsible duties, he then entered Amherst College and is numbered among its alumni of 1905, in which year the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. It was three years later when he won his LL.B. degree from the Harvard Law School, but in December, 1907, he had been admitted to the Massachusetts bar, and in June, 1908, to the bar at Rockville. His identification with law practice in Hartford dates from October, 1908. He began practicing independently and has always remained alone, so that capability and individual merit have constituted the strong elements in his growing success. He now has a large and distinctively representative clientele and stands very high as a member of the bar. It has ever been characteristic of him that he has prepared his cases with great thoroughness and he never loses sight of any minor point while giving due stress and attention to the more salient points of his argument.

Mr. Broder has also gained distinction in public life. He is a democrat in politics and was nominated and elected by his party to the state senate, representing the first senatorial district in the sessions of 1919 and 1921. No one questioned his devotion to the best interests of the state during his service in the upper house of the general assembly. He was also appointed a member of the state board of arbitration and mediation by Governor Baldwin and received two appointments to the office by Governor Holcomb. Thus through his public activities as well as in the field of his profession Mr. Broder has contributed to the welfare and constructive interests of his state.

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#### ROBERT C. GLAZIER

Advancing step by step as the result of his constantly expanding powers and developing strength in business, Robert C. Glazier is now an outstanding figure in financial circles as president of the Society for Savings of Hartford. His broad vision enables him to readily discern between the essential and the non-essential in all business transactions and he has ever held to the highest standards in safeguarding the interests entrusted to his care. Hartford numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred May 17, 1870, his parents being Isaac and Clara Safford (Mather) Glazier, the former a native of Willington, Connecticut, and the latter of Suffield, this state.

The Glazier family is of English origin and was established on American soil at an early period in the settlement of this country. The first representative of the name in America was John Glazier, who was born in England about 1600 and was one of the first settlers of Lancaster, Massachusetts. His wife was Elizabeth George, daughter of John George, one of the founders of the Baptist church in Boston, who was likewise one of the original settlers of Lancaster, Massachusetts. In the maternal line Robert C. Glazier traces his ancestry directly back to the Rev Richard Mather, noted divine of Lowton, Winwick Parish in Lancashire, England, who was born in 1596 and sailed for New England in 1635, setting at Dorchester, Massachusetts. The noted Cotton Mather was also of this line. The Glazier family was represented in the Revolutionary war by Silas Glazier, great-great-grandfather of Robert C. Glazier, who responded to the Lexington alarm as a Minute Man and marched to the relief of Boston. Mr. Glazier also has ancestral connection with the Norton, Porter, Hathaway, Safford, Lawrence, Burnham and Chandler families, all of whom came from England between 1631 and 1641 and settled in New England. Another of his Revolutionary war ancestors was Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Safford, who while in command of Colonel Warren's regiment brought his men in a forced march to the second battle of Bennington, and thus through his aid the battle was won.

Isaac Glazier, the father of Robert C. Glazier of this review, was a prominent dealer in oil paintings, conducting his art store where the Hartford Trust building now stands. The public school system of his native city afforded Robert C. Glazier his educational opportunities and following his completion of a course in the Hartford high school by graduation as a member of the class of 1887 he immediately started out in the business world, turning his attention into those channels in which he has always directed his efforts. His initial position was with the old Charter Oak National Bank, and gradually working his way upward, he became assistant cashier of that institution. In 1907 he was made treasurer of the Riverside Trust Company, with

which he remained for fifteen years, contributing in substantial measure to the development of its business until 1922, when he withdrew from that institution to become the vice president and trust officer of the Hartford-Aetna National Bank. There he continued for five years, since which time he has been associated with the Society for Savings as treasurer and as president, having been elected as chief executive officer on the 15th of June, 1927. In this connection a Hartford paper said: "Mr. Glazier is highly regarded in Hartford business and financial circles and his selection as treasurer of the Society for Savings is looked upon as particularly fortunate." In every position that he has filled he has measured up to the full requirements thereof and in the discharge of his duties has manifested unremitting diligence combined with the utmost loyalty. Since 1909 he has been a trustee of the Society for Savings. His sound judgment is recognized in all business affairs and he has ever followed progressive methods and constructive activity.

On the 22d of April, 1912, Mr. Glazier was married to Miss Mary Skinner Chapin, of Greenwich, Connecticut, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Chapin, who was a manufacturer of New York city. In public and civic affairs Mr. Glazier has ever taken a deep and helpful interest and for three years he served on the old board of councilmen and for two years as alderman from the fourth ward. In the latter office he was made chairman of the committee on ways and means, the predecessor of the present finance board. He has also served as treasurer of the Arsenal school district and as a member and treasurer of the high school committee, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion and one whose ideals find embodiment in practical effort for their adoption. For several years he was a director and treasurer of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and he is a director of the Hartford Public Library and of the Connecticut Children's Aid Society. In all public affairs, as well as in the conduct of business interests, he has displayed a spirit of marked advancement resulting in the successful accomplishment of his purposes, and thus it is that he is numbered among the foremost residents of Hartford.

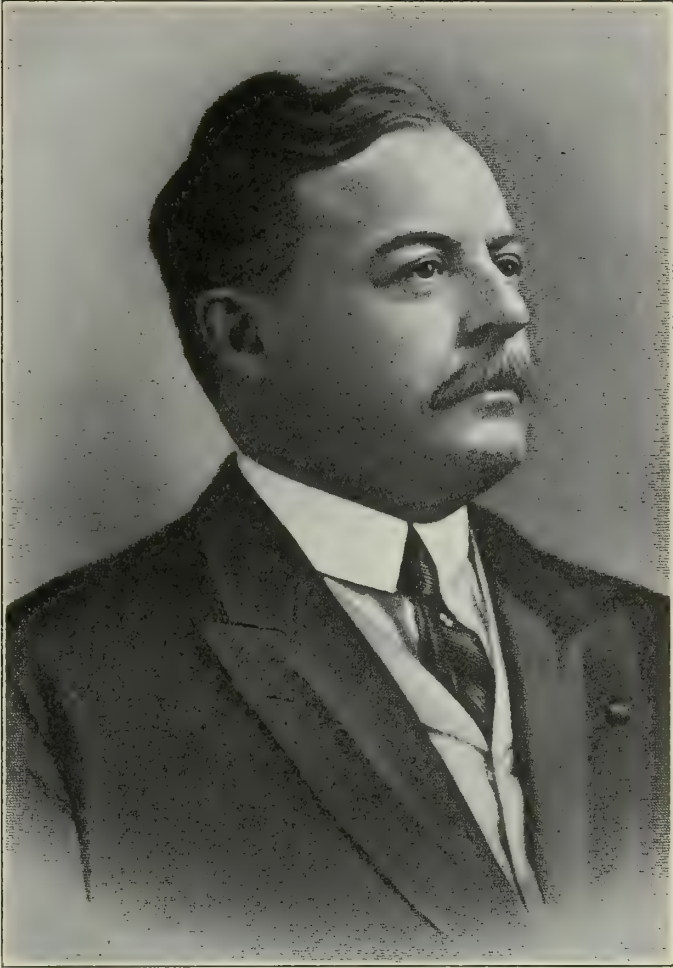
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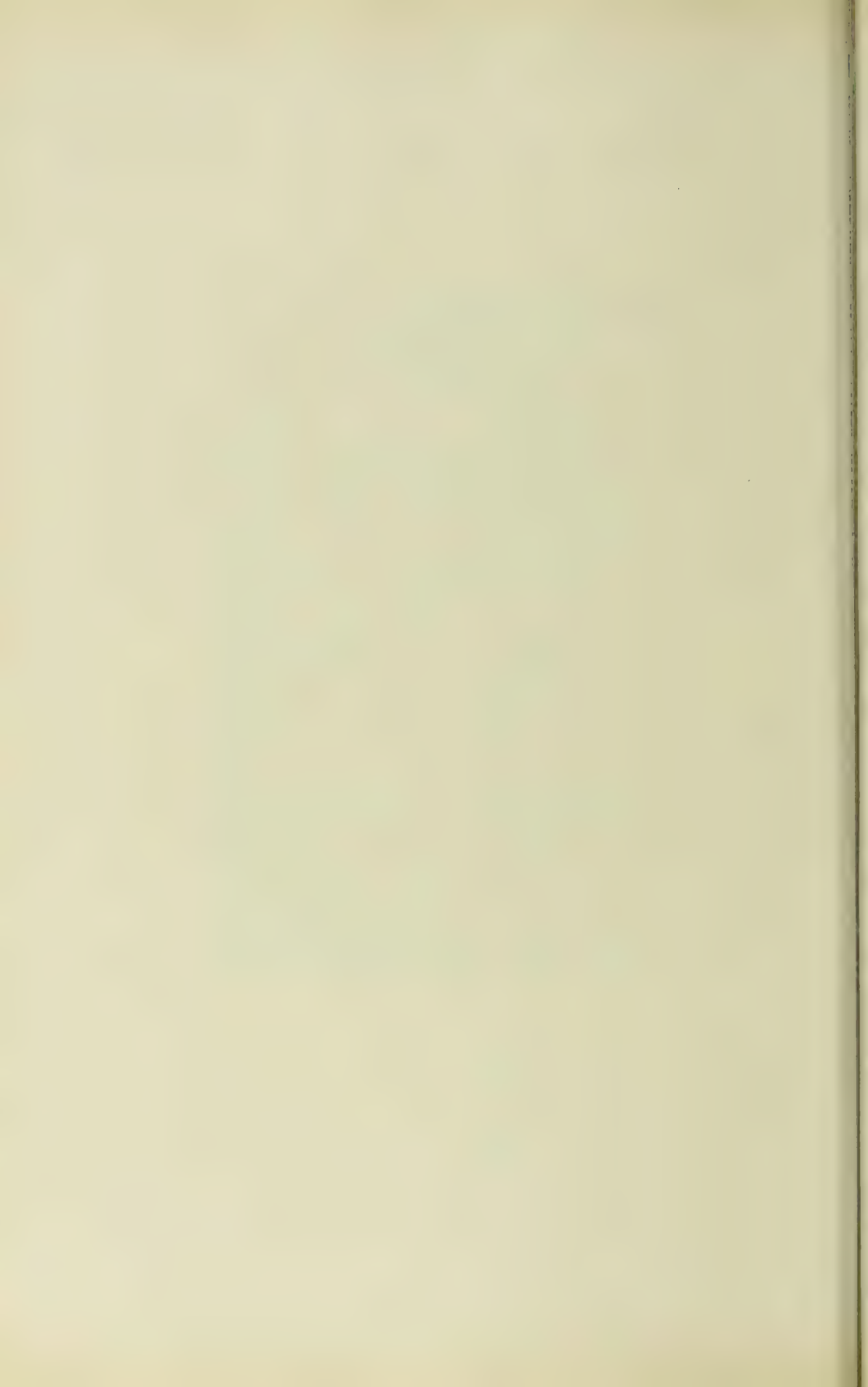
Patriotically a soldier by instinct and inheritance, Lucien Francis Burpee was a jurist by education and training. He was of the seventh generation from Thomas Burpee who came to this country from England. His father was Colonel Thomas Francis Burpee of Rockville, a woolen manufacturer who had held office in the old state militia and who raised one of the first companies in response to Lincoln's call for troops in 1861. The company was turned back because the quota was full, and the then Captain Burpee raised another which went out with the Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers. On Governor Buckingham's request he accepted appointment as lieutenant colonel in the Twenty-first, in which the governor was taking a special interest, and for most of his period of service acted as colonel, his commission as such reaching him just before his death. He was mortally wounded at Cold Harbor, June 9, 1864. Governor Buckingham wrote his epitaph: "In the hour of national peril he gave his life to his country, leaving this testimony: that he was a pure patriot, a faithful soldier and a sincere Christian." Colonel Burpee's wife was Adeline M. Harwood of Rockville, also a descendant from an old colonial family, tracing her ancestry back to the Harewoods and Lascelles of England.

From this union there were two sons, Lucien Francis and Charles Winslow. The elder was born in Rockville, October 12, 1855. Though the burden of family maintenance fell partly upon him and he was handicapped by near-sightedness, he went to Yale after graduating at the local high school and won honors in the class of 1879. In addition to acquiring a Phi Beta Kappa stand, he was an editor of the Yale Record and of the Yale Literary Magazine and a member of Skull and Bones. Hamilton College gave him the degree of LL. B. After a further course at the Yale Law School he began practice in Waterbury with former Congressman S. W. Kellogg and was his partner till his corporation practice had increased to such an extent that he established his own office. He served as prosecuting attorney, corporation counsel and for several years as judge of the City Court. In 1909 he was appointed judge of the Superior Court and was promoted to the Supreme Court bench in 1921, where he continued till his death May 9, 1924. He removed to Hartford in 1915 and occupied





LUCIEN F. BURPEE



the Francis Gillette house on Forest street till shortly before his death when he made his residence on Steele road.

He enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard in 1874. After absence from his college courses he became a lieutenant in Company A of the Second Regiment, Waterbury, and went through the grades to colonelcy, commission for which he held till retirement in 1899. For the Spanish war he recruited his regiment to the required maximum and offered it to Governor Cooke. The regiment not being called upon for service, he accepted appointment as lieutenant colonel in the United States Volunteer Army and served as judge-advocate on the staff of General Miles through the Porto Rico campaign and later with General James H. Wilson. He received honorable mention "for distinguished service" and the medal awarded by Congress for foreign service.

When in March, 1917, the Legislature created the Military Emergency Board to establish and maintain an armed force for the protection of Connecticut's great munition plants and other property, Governor Holcomb appointed Colonel Burpee president of the board with B. M. Holden and Major J. Moss Ives the other two members. What the Connecticut State Guard thus established became, with its six large regiments, uniformed, armed and well drilled, and how Connecticut led her sister states is a matter of general history, for which Governor Holcomb gives General Burpee the credit, and the general gave it to Governor Holcomb and the spirit of the officers and men. At the same time he was a member of the Council of Defense and was called upon by the government to act in special capacity to supervise the secret service work within the state. It was upon the war department's suggestion that he accepted the appointment of major-general, as befitting the strength and government-recognized worth of the Connecticut forces. Meantime he was continuing his duties on the bench. The long hours of work, and without vacation, were largely the cause of his death, for he had been a man of exceptionally strong physique.

Governor Holcomb said of him: "The people of the state may never fully realize the extent of their obligation to General Burpee, and it is certain the state never can repay the debt it owes him."

He was a member of the Sons of Veterans (commander of the Connecticut Division 1885-87); of the Society of the Loyal Legion of the United States; of the Society of Foreign Wars; of the Military Order of the United Spanish War Veterans (junior vice-commander in 1891); Society of the Porto Rican Expedition; Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War (commander of Connecticut Commandery in 1910), and of the Sons of the American Revolution. He belonged to military clubs in New York and to social clubs in Waterbury, New Haven and Hartford.

His first wife whom he married in 1882 and who was the mother of his children, was Lida Wood of Cornwall, New York, daughter of Stephen W. and Catherine C. B. Wood, of colonial descent. She died in 1889. In 1904 he married Irene A. Fitch, of Canaan, daughter of Martin P. and Exene (Tobey) Fitch, a descendant of Roger de Knapp, knighted by Henry VIII in 1540. His children are Lida of New Canaan who married John S. Ellsworth of Simsbury; Helen, wife of the late Dr. Walter M. Silleck of New York, and Thomas Francis of Newark, New Jersey, who married Edith A. Roberts of New Rochelle, New York.

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#### EDWARD JAMES DALY

Since 1922 Edward James Daly has practiced at the Hartford bar as a member of the firm of Forward & Daly, although his association with the senior partner in law work dates from 1915, or the year in which he was admitted to the bar. He was born in Hartford, March 29, 1892, and is a son of James R. and Catharine (Deegan) Daly, of this city. At the usual age he became a public school pupil, mastered the three R's and the usual branches of learning which constitute the public and high school curriculum and then became a student in Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, which conferred upon him the LL.B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1914. In January of the following year he was admitted to the bar and his early professional experience came to him through work in the law office of John F. Forward, whose recognition of the ability, commendable ambition, diligence and enterprise of the young man led to his admission to a partnership relation in 1922 under



the present firm style of Forward & Daly. More and more largely, as the years have advanced and his experience has increased, he has contributed to the success of the firm, which now enjoys a large clientele of a distinctively representative character whereby Mr. Daly has been connected with much notable work in the courts and out of them as an advocate and counselor. He filled the position of assistant United States district attorney in 1920 and 1921, which has been his only public office, as he has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties and his work as the secretary of the Lakeland Company of Hartford and as a director of Pierce, Incorporated, also of this city.

Mr. Daly enlisted in 1917 in the aviation section of the Signal Corps, became a second lieutenant in February, 1918, and was discharged in the Texas aviation field, December 22, 1918. He has always voted the democratic ticket and his interest in community affairs is such that his aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further all measures for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Hartford Club, while along professional lines his association is with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar associations, whereby he keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and practice, and at no time does he ever falter in his allegiance to the highest professional ethics and standards.

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#### GEORGE SEYMOUR GODARD

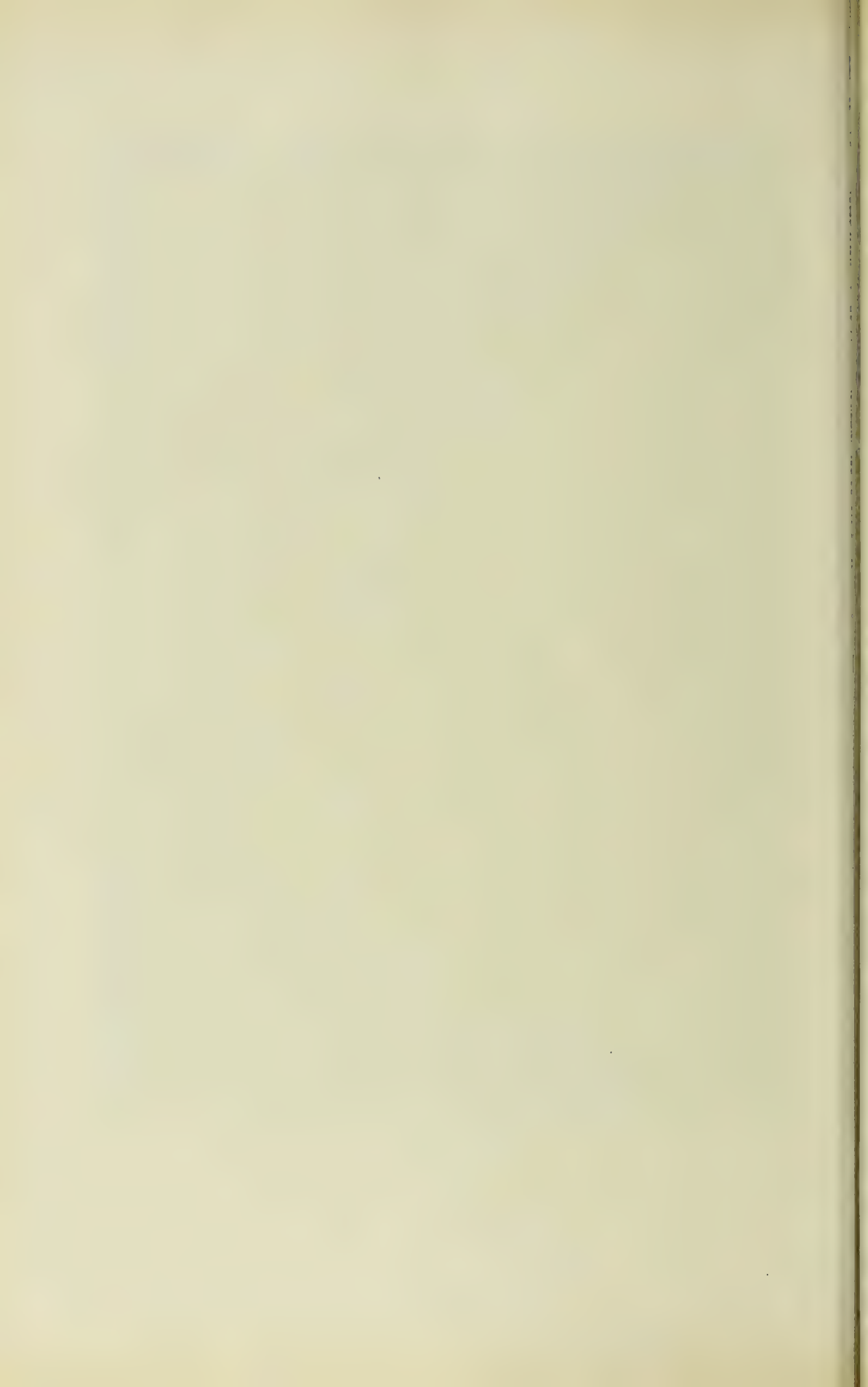
For twenty-eight years George Seymour Godard has been state librarian of Connecticut and his career illustrates the old adage that the boy is father to the man, for as a lad he loved the orderly arrangement of his school books and of the home library, and when still a youth was given charge of the Sunday school library. With the development of his powers he has risen to prominence in this field and his long retention in his present office indicates pronounced fidelity as well as ability.

There is back of Mr. Godard a long line of Connecticut ancestors who have held to the highest ideals of manhood and citizenship. He is a direct descendant of Daniel Gozzard (or Godard), who prior to 1646 left his home in England and became a resident of Hartford. Moses Godard of the same line served in the Revolutionary war. His father, Harvy Godard, married Sabra Lavinia Beach, and it is on the maternal side that George S. Godard traces his ancestry to John Case, who came to the new world from Gravesend, England, on the ship Dorset, landing September 3, 1635. He, too, became a resident of Hartford, and though he later resided for a time in the state of New York, he returned to Connecticut, becoming a resident of Windsor in 1656, and of Simsbury about 1669, his name appearing on the list of those to whom land was granted in the first division of public lands at Simsbury in 1667. Harvy Godard was an extensive owner of farm property and woodland in Granby and vicinity, and in addition to cultivating his fields, operated a sawmill, grist mill and cider mill, known locally as the Craig Mills. He likewise took active part in public affairs, representing the town of Granby in the general assembly, and his prominence is further indicated in the fact that he was the first master of the Connecticut State Grange. His home was ever open for the reception of his friends, who were almost as numerous as his acquaintances. He was extremely hospitable, generous and social, and kindness characterized his every act.

George S. Godard was the third in a family of five sons and a daughter, and his youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy, for he assisted in the various duties incident to the development of his father's large landed interests, and also in the operation of the mills, whereby he gained a knowledge of life's opportunities and values. He also displayed aptitude in his studies, completing a course at Wesleyan Academy, in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in 1886, after which he entered Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, there winning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892. He afterward studied in Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and gained the Bachelor of Divinity degree on his graduation from Yale in 1895, while the honorary Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him by his alma mater in 1916, and by Trinity College in 1919. During his college days he became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon. Long before he had completed his collegiate



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training he was having practical experience in that field of labor which he has made his life work. He was chosen a director and the first librarian of the Frederick H. Cossitt Library in 1890, near his home at North Granby, and he has never ceased to feel a deep interest in that institution, still being chairman of the board. In 1898 he was chosen by Dr. Charles J. Hoadly, state librarian, to assist him in the state library, then housed in the state capitol. Following the demise of Dr. Hoadly two years later, in 1900, Mr. Godard was chosen his successor, and has now entered upon his twenty-eighth year of service in that capacity. Under Mr. Godard, reorganization has been effected and many improvements made. The library is now splendidly housed in a substantial building which is architecturally an ornament to the city, and constitutes one of a group of state buildings of which the capitol is the center. This State Library and Supreme Court building, planned by Chief Justice Samuel O. Prentice and State Librarian Godard, and developed by that well known architect, Donn Baber, of New York, but a son of Connecticut, is a model of its kind. This building houses the state supreme court and State Library, which is most comprehensive in its scope and activities, as shown by the fact that it includes the Connecticut supreme court law library; legislative reference department; department of local history and genealogy; archives department; depository of public records; examiner of public records; depository of Connecticut state, town, municipal and society official publications; depository for the official publications of the United States, the several states of the Union, the Canadian government and provinces, the Australian government and colonies, and other sections of the British empire; library exchange agent for Connecticut state publications; exchange agent for the Connecticut geological and natural history survey publications; custodian of portraits of governors; custodian of state library and supreme court building; and permanent depository of historical and genealogical gifts to the state. Among these gifts are the following: (a) Sherman W. Adams collection of official rolls and lists relating to the French and Indian war; (b) Dorence Atwater collection of manuscripts relating to Andersonville; (c) William F. J. Boardman collection of books and manuscripts relating to genealogy; (d) Brandegee collection of portraits of chief justices of the United States; (e) Stephen Dodd collection of manuscripts relating to the early history of East Haven; (f) Enfield Shaker collection; (g) Sylvester Gilbert collection of papers relating to the American Revolution; (h) Charles Hammond and H. M. Lawson collections of manuscripts relating to the early history of the town of Union; (i) Colonel Edwin D. Judd collection of Civil war military rolls and papers; (j) Dwight C. Kilbourn collection of books, pamphlets and manuscripts relating to Connecticut and New England; (k) Ellen D. Larned collection of books and manuscripts relating to New England; (l) Daniel N. Morgan historical collection including table on which Emancipation Proclamation was signed; (m) Deacon Lewis M. Norton collection of manuscripts relating to the town of Goshen; (n) Senator Orville H. Platt collection relating to finance, Indians, and insular affairs; (o) Captain John Pratt collection of military papers, 1778-1824; (p) Major E. V. Preston collection of Civil war military rolls and papers; (q) Colonel Daniel Putnam letters; (r) Governor Joseph Trumbull manuscripts; (s) Gideon and Thaddeus Welles collection of American newspapers from 1820 to 1840; (t) Charles T. Wells collection of books relating to New England; (u) Robert C. Winthrop collection of manuscripts relating to early Connecticut; (v) Samuel Wyllys collection of manuscripts relating to witchcraft and other crimes in early Connecticut; and the Trumbull papers recently returned by the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Mr. Godard's close connection with library interests has naturally led to his membership in the National Association of State Libraries and the American Association of Law Libraries, both of which have honored him with their presidency; the American Library Association and the American Historical Association, in both of which he has served on important committees, including the joint committee of law and state librarians upon a national legislative reference service, of which he has been chairman since 1909; the public affairs information service, the Law Library Journal, the index to legal periodicals, and the committees on public documents and public archives. Mr. Godard likewise holds membership in the Connecticut Historical Society; is vice president from Connecticut of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society of Boston; a fellow of the American Library Institute; has served as historian and governor of the Connecticut Society of Founders and Patriots of America, and deputy governor general and counsellor general of the national society. Mr.

Godard is president of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution, and a member of various committees of the national society. He is also a member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars, and an honorary member of the Connecticut Society of the Order of the Cincinnati. He has served as a trustee of the Wilbraham Academy and in the Wesleyan University Alumni Council, and is a member of the board of trustees, having served as its secretary for five years.

Mr. Godard is editor of the Connecticut State Records, and is in charge of the Connecticut State Military Census and custodian of the Connecticut State Library and the Supreme Court building. He has also been closely identified with the Connecticut Congregational Club, and the Hartford Get Together Club, having served as president of both.

Mr. Godard is as pleasantly situated in his home life as he is in his professional career. His marriage to Miss Kate Estelle Dewey, daughter of Watson and Ellen Bebe Dewey, on June 23, 1897, has been blessed with three children: George Dewey, born August 8, 1899; Paul Beach, born February 17, 1901; and Mary Katharine, born October 3, 1903. The same spirit of hospitality which characterized his father's home is manifest in his own. He is identified with the Center Congregational church, with the various Masonic bodies, and is a well known figure in the University, City and Twentieth Century clubs. Connecticut has reason to be proud of the record and the accomplishments of George S. Godard, whose activities have been a stimulus to the historical and intellectual development of the state.

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#### WILLIAM EDWIN SESSIONS

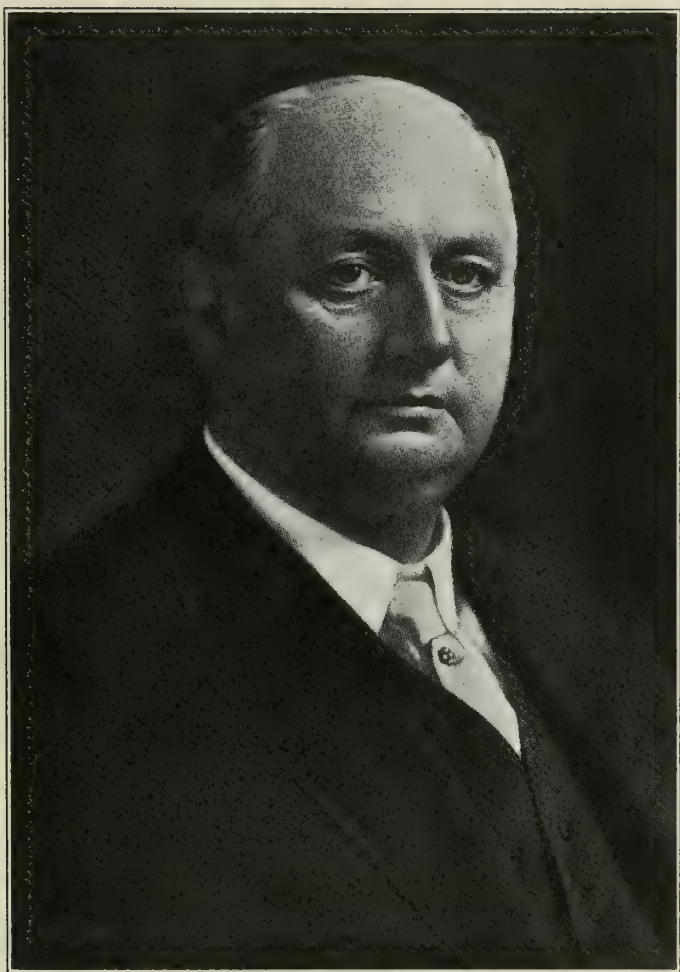
The late William Edwin Sessions was born in Bristol, Connecticut, February 18, 1857, and was therefore in the sixty-fourth year of his age when he passed away on the 27th of August, 1920. The first twelve years of his boyhood were spent in the little Village of Polkville, three miles from the center.

His father, John Humphrey Sessions, who married Miss Emily Bunnell, was a manufacturer. He was one of the few men who gave Bristol the start on its enviable career of enterprise and prosperity, and was a powerful factor in its growth and success. He was a man of unblemished character, public-spirited, and an ardent advocate of the higher moral and educational development of his own community. He was a strong churchman and a devoted Methodist. He often refused public office, but served one term in the state legislature. He was an incorporator and president of the Bristol National Bank, and president of the Bristol Water Company. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy-one.

William Edwin Sessions was the younger of his two sons. He was descended on his father's side from Alexander Sessions, who settled in Plymouth Colony in 1639, and was also a descendant of Francis Cook of the Mayflower, who was a signer of the Mayflower compact and who passed away in 1663; he was a descendant, too, of James Chilton of the Mayflower, who died at Provincetown, Massachusetts, in 1620. In June, 1878, Mr. Sessions married Miss Emily Brown. They had two sons: Joseph B., born in 1881; and William Kenneth, born in 1887. Both are mentioned at length on other pages of this work.

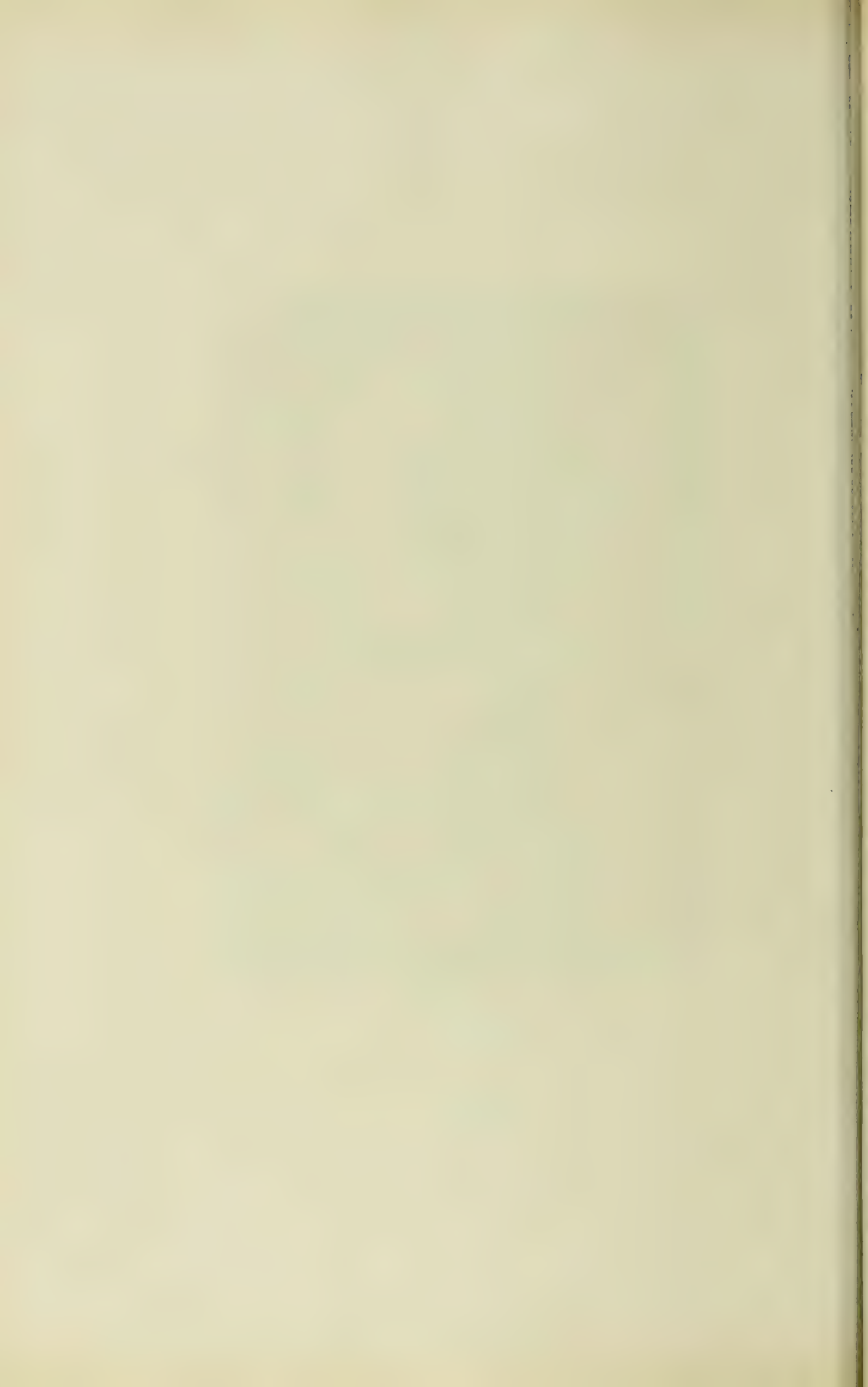
Bristol was always the home of William E. Sessions; he attended the public schools there and was graduated from the Hartford public high school in 1876. His mind was strongly set on a business life and therefore he at once entered his father's office, and so started on a career marked with sagacity, industry and success. He was by nature urbane and courtly. Though not a college man, he was a man of marked intelligence and culture. He traveled at home and abroad, was a reader of good literature, a student of art and a musician. The music hall in his own home on Bellevue avenue contained a pipe organ and grand piano for his own diversion and pleasure, and that of his many friends.

Mr. Sessions had a wonderful faculty for business. In 1879, two years after entering his father's office, he started in a separate concern with his father, organizing the Sessions Foundry Company, of which he became president. The business was small, employing about twenty men when they purchased it of the Bristol Foundry Company. Mr. Sessions conducted it for sixteen years on Laurel street, in the center of the town, where it grew so rapidly that in 1895 it had outgrown the



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three acres of land which was all that was available. Mr. Sessions then conceived the idea of buying the large tract of thirty acres now occupied by the business on Farmington avenue and building a large and modern foundry plant. The site is an ideal one for such a business. Mr. Sessions also purchased most of the adjoining land in order to provide building lots for his workmen and control the character of the neighborhood. No saloon could possibly exist within five minutes' walk of the works. The men were encouraged to own their homes, which many of them do. The handsome office of granite, the neat yet majestic buildings, the splendidly kept grounds, make it appear almost like an educational or philanthropic set of buildings rather than an iron foundry. Mr. Sessions treated his men kindly and well, so that strikes and labor troubles were unknown to them. Every summer he gave them a fete on the grounds, which was an evening of music, refreshments and social pleasure, when the men and their families came together to the number of three thousand, and for one night in the year they were "*the people of the city.*"

In the summer of 1902, the E. W. Welch Manufacturing Company of Forestville, a village in the town of Bristol, was about to go into the hands of a receiver, which meant the closing of the clock factories which had been running for many years, and thus leaving most of the villagers without means of support. Mr. Sessions was urged to take the presidency of the concern and save it if possible. This seemed impossible, as he was already a man of many cares and responsibilities. Finally, however, he yielded to the earnest solicitations and became the president and principal owner of the business which is now known as the Sessions Clock Company. In two short years several large new buildings had been erected, new machinery put in and the output more than doubled—a truly remarkable achievement.

Mr. Sessions organized the Bristol Trust Company and was serving as its president at the time of his death. This is probably the only bank anywhere that was built by one man at his own expense. When the bank was organized Mr. Sessions turned over the beautiful and unique building to the Company for one-third of what he had paid for it and he also subscribed for one-half of the capital stock.

Like his father before him, Mr. Sessions was a strongly religious man. He joined the Prospect Methodist Episcopal church when twelve years of age and became president of the board of trustees and vice president of the official board of that church. He had a marked fondness for children and was superintendent of the Sunday school, one of the largest in the state, with over seven hundred and fifty members. The Sunday school became truly a modern, vigorous and prosperous institution. He was a true friend and liberal supporter of the church he so much loved. He was also a trustee of Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, and served on some of its most important committees. For many years, also, he was in charge of the Mount Hope Sunday school, which met in a little chapel on Chippins Hill, four miles from Bristol, in a sparsely settled district of the town, whither he drove Sunday afternoons to conduct the services which meant so much to the people of the neighborhood. His charities and benefactions were generously and wisely bestowed. Mr. Sessions was a total abstainer, never having taken intoxicating drinks in any form. He was always a republican in politics. He felt compelled to refuse political offices, both local and state, that were offered to him. He was at one time a director of the Bristol National Bank, and a former president of the Bristol Water Company before it was taken over by the city. He was greatly interested in all movements looking toward the welfare of the people and the advancement of Bristol and of the nation.

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#### CAPTAIN JOHN HALE THACHER

The same spirit of loyalty which prompted Captain John Hale Thacher in young manhood to march forth with the "boys in blue" to defend the Union was manifest throughout his entire life. In every relation he was faithful—a quality that was notably manifest in his forty years' connection with the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company. He was nearing the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Hartford, October 29, 1846, his parents being Sheldon Parks and Gabrielle (Hale) Thacher. His youthful days were devoted to the acquirement

of an education until the 1st of August, 1862, when as a youth of but sixteen years he enlisted in the Twentieth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers and went to the front. His loyalty and his valor equaled that of many a veteran of twice his years and he continued actively in the service until March 10, 1864, when he received his honorable discharge owing to physical unfitness for further service. When the news was received that General Lee had surrendered to General Grant and his forces, it was Captain Thacher who rang the bell in the Old State House in Hartford to notify the people of the city that the war had ended, and again on the 11th of November, 1918, when the armistice was signed whereby the hostilities of the World war ceased, it was again Captain Thacher who climbed the stairs in the same old historic building and rang the bell that proclaimed peace in the world.

His was ever an active and useful career. In 1870 he entered the employ of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company as cashier and his association therewith continued for a period of forty-four years, when he resigned. At the conclusion of four decades of connection with the corporation, in 1910, he was given a silver tea service. Having resigned his position with the insurance company, he went to California, where he remained for some time, but his love for his home city drew him back to Hartford, where his remaining days were passed. Following his return he was made a member of the executive board of the Soldiers' Home and also one of its trustees, while subsequently he was chosen chairman of the board. On the 1st of March, 1919, he was appointed superintendent of the home, with the rank of colonel, but declined to accept the position. He ever had the keenest interest, however, in the welfare of the Civil War veterans and did everything in his power to further their interests, being long an honored and valued member of Robert O. Tyler Post, and assistant adjutant-general of the Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., for twenty years.

Captain Thacher was married twice. At the age of twenty-two years he married Alice M. Perry, of Hartford, who died in January, 1892, and of that marriage one son is living, Sheldon Perry, a resident of Detroit. In 1896 Captain Thacher married Martha B. Spencer, of St. Louis, a daughter of Captain Edward and Charlotte G. (Shute) Spencer, who survives him. Captain Thacher was a faithful follower of Masonic teachings and had membership in St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. The sterling worth of his character was recognized not only by his brethren of the fraternity and his business associates but by all with whom he came in contact. Each year of his active career marked off a full-faithed attempt to know more and to grow more—to be of greater service to the corporation which he represented and to his fellowmen,—and the consensus of public opinion attests the sterling worth of his character. He passed away August 3, 1927.

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#### DAVID A. WILSON

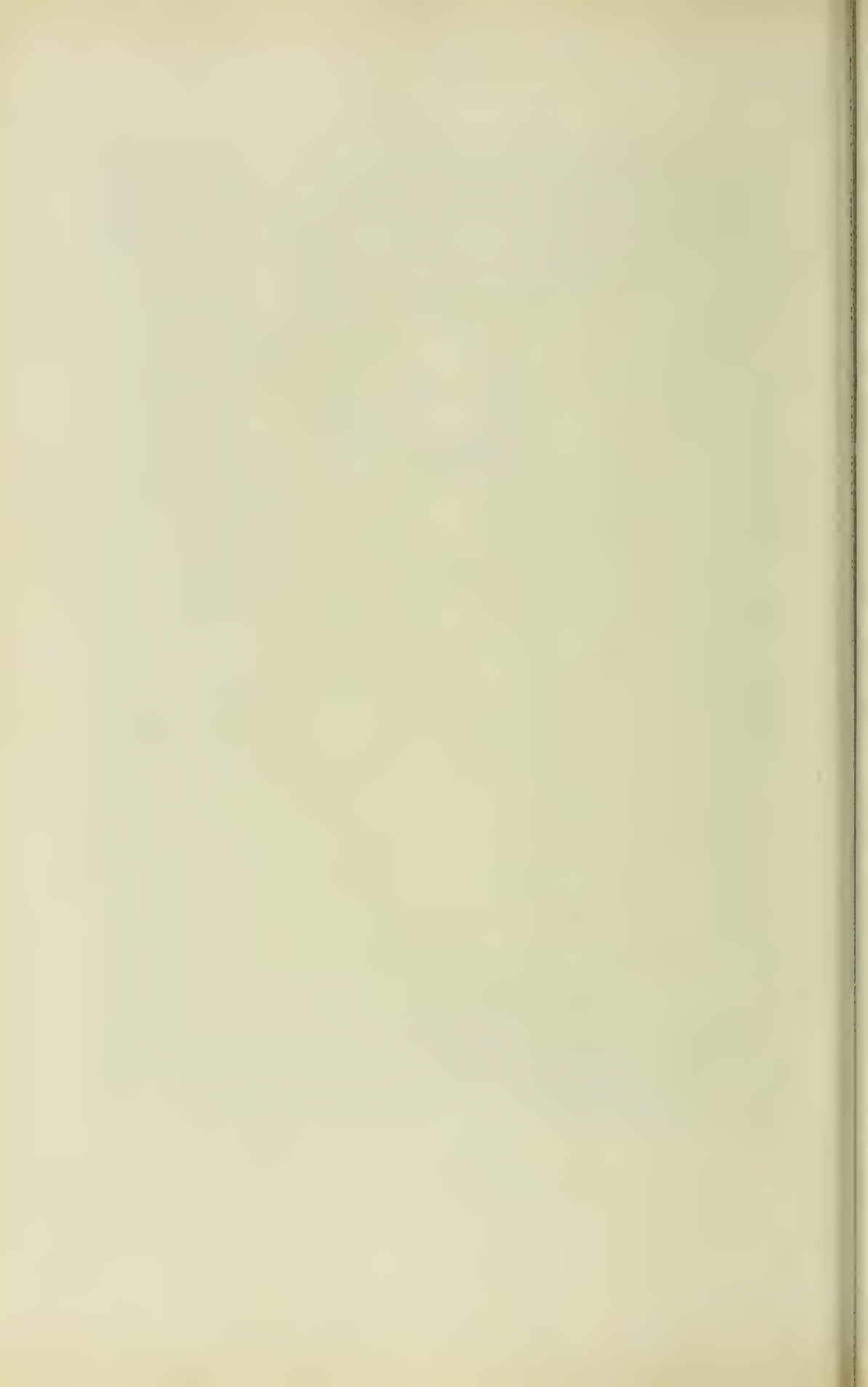
With civic affairs, as well as with the practice of law, David A. Wilson of Hartford is closely connected. He is, however, a native of Massachusetts, having been born at Becket on the 11th of September, 1881, his parents, Thomas and Bridget (O'Brien) Wilson, being farming people of that locality. The son enjoyed the advantages of a good public school education at Westfield, Massachusetts, where he mastered the branches of learning taught in the high school, and this served as an excellent foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, for it was his desire to become a member of the bar and with this end in view he entered the Yale Law School, which enrolled his name among its graduates of 1909 and conferred upon him the LL. B. degree, cum laude. He was president of his class and an editor of the Yale Law Journal. With his admission to the bar the same year Mr. Wilson opened an office and began practice in Hartford, remaining alone until 1912, when he entered into partnership with the Hon. Augustine Lonergan. That association was maintained until 1914, when Mr. Wilson was appointed postmaster of Hartford. He assumed the duties of the office in April, 1915, and by reappointment served continuously until the 1st of August, 1923, conducting the affairs of the post office in a most business like and systematic manner and thus winning the commendation of his fellow townsmen. He had previously





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DAVID A. WILSON



been called to public office in his appointment as associate judge of the Hartford police court, being named for that position by Governor Simeon E. Baldwin and serving in that capacity from 1913 until 1915. This does not, however, cover the entire scope of his public service, for in 1911-12 he represented the sixth ward as alderman in the city council and during the latter year was president of the board, making a most competent presiding officer. His loyalty to the interests which he has represented has always been a distinctive feature of his office holding.

On the 23d of November, 1913, Mr. Wilson was married to Katharine Gill, of Southington, Connecticut, and their children are: Mary Alice, born October 23, 1914; and David A., Jr., born October 17, 1917. Mr. Wilson has membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Foresters of America. He has always voted with the democratic party. In the path of his profession he has membership with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar associations and thus keeps in touch with the work and with the ideals of professional service. His steady progress has caused him never to regret his determination to become a member of the legal profession in Hartford.

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### THOMAS A. SHANNON

Mastering the lessons of life day by day until his postgraduate work in the school of experience has placed him with the men of wide business knowledge and ability, Thomas A. Shannon is now occupying the responsible position of vice president of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, active in controlling its affairs and establishing its policy, which at all times has been such as to command uniform confidence and patronage. He was born September 8, 1866, in the city which is still his home, his parents being John and Ellen (Carney) Shannon, who were natives of Ireland, whence they came to America in 1847, settling in Hartford. The father worked in Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company for some time but passed away in 1873. The mother is also deceased.

Thomas A. Shannon attended the schools of Hartford but was only seven years of age at the time of his father's death and when a lad of but thirteen years faced the necessity of providing for his own support. He entered the employ of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company in 1879, but the organization met with misfortune and in 1886 went into the hands of receivers, Isaac W. Brooks and Edmund A. Stedman taking charge of the business. Mr. Shannon remained with them until the business was closed out in 1893, after which he continued in the employ of Mr. Stedman, who was the president and treasurer of the Fidelity Company, a business which was afterward conducted under the name of the Fidelity Trust Company and subsequently was merged with the United States Bank and Security Trust Company under the style of the United States Security Trust Company. Again a merger was effected with the Hartford Aetna National Bank in 1927 and today the business of the consolidated institution is carried on under the name of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Shannon has made steady progress through all the passing years. He was assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust Company and after it was merged with the United States Bank and Security Trust Company he was made vice president and has continued to hold that office throughout all the successive changes. He has contributed in large measure to maintaining the substantial methods upon which the business of the bank has been conducted, recognizing ever that that institution is most worthy of confidence and support that most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors. Aside from his connection with the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company he is a trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank.

On the 17th of November, 1896, Mr. Shannon was married to Miss Hannah Hayes, of Hartford, and they have two children, Madeline U. and Thomas A., Jr. With public activities and progressive movements in Hartford Mr. Shannon has been closely, helpfully and prominently associated for many years. He has served as clerk of the board of fire commissioners and as a clerk of the common council of Hartford and also on the board of water commissioners and Meadow Development Commission, while during the World war period he was a member of the selective service board, representing the third district. He is a trustee and treasurer of the



Hartford Disabled Veteran's Camp Fund. He has also been treasurer of the special building committee for the Knights of Columbus and is treasurer of St. Francis Hospital Extension Fund and one of the hospital directors. He has also filled the office of treasurer of the Hartford South School District since 1905 and has been a director of the Hartford Community Chest. He is likewise a director of the Chamber of Commerce and all organized efforts for the benefit and upbuilding of the city along the lines of material, intellectual, social, civic and moral improvement receive his strong endorsement and earnest support. For thirty-two years he has been the valued and efficient secretary of the Hartford Lodge of Elks and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Maccabees, the Foresters and also of the Lions Club. He is likewise identified with the American Chapter of the Institute of Banking and keeps in touch with the highest standards and purposes of the banking fraternity. There are few men whose life records indicate more clearly the possibilities for successful accomplishment than does that of Thomas A. Shannon. Dependent upon his own resources from the early age of thirteen years, he struggled on through difficulties and obstacles, conquering each and from the victory gaining strength and inspiration for later encounters. When determination, perseverance and ability are arrayed against drawbacks and trials the result is almost absolutely certain. The former are invincible—they know no defeat—and it has been through the possession of these qualities that Mr. Shannon has risen from humble surroundings to the field of large enterprises and continually broadening opportunities until he now ranks with the leading financiers and bankers of his native state.

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#### FULLER F. BARNES

Alert, energetic and with clear vision as to future business conditions, Fuller F. Barnes is wisely directing the interests of the Wallace Barnes Company and, moreover, has voice in the wise management and capable direction of many other business interests. He has been a lifelong resident of Bristol, where he was born March 6, 1887, and in his veins are the mingled strains of English and Scotch blood received from his parents, Carlyle F. and Lena (Forbes) Barnes, although the ancestral lines of both were early established on American soil. Carlyle F. Barnes succeeded his father in the presidency of the Wallace Barnes Company and was thus closely associated with industrial activity in Bristol to the time of his death, in April, 1926.

It was into this same field of business that Fuller F. Barnes entered after the completion of his education, which was acquired by study in the Bristol schools, his high school course being supplemented by study in the Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and at Yale University, which numbers him among its 1910 alumni and which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree. He became associated with the Wallace Barnes Company as its treasurer and in 1913 his duties and responsibilities were increased when he was also made general manager, acting in the dual capacity until the death of his father, when he was elected president. He has since been the executive head of the business and various other commercial and manufacturing enterprises profit by his keen discrimination and sound judgment. He is now a director of the American Silver Company, the Bristol National Bank, the American Trust Company of Bristol and Dunbar Brothers Company of Bristol. He is also widely known outside of his native city as a director of the American Piano Supply Company of New York; the William D. Gibson Company of Chicago, Illinois; Wallace Barnes Company, Ltd., of Hamilton, Ontario; the Root-Veeder Corporation; the Associated Spring Corporation of Delaware, of which he is also president; Barnes, Gibson, Raymond, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan, of which he is president; and still other important business concerns. He is the treasurer and a director of the Washburn Wire Company of Phillipsdale, Rhode Island, and New York, and vice president of the American Electrical Works of Phillipsdale, Rhode Island.

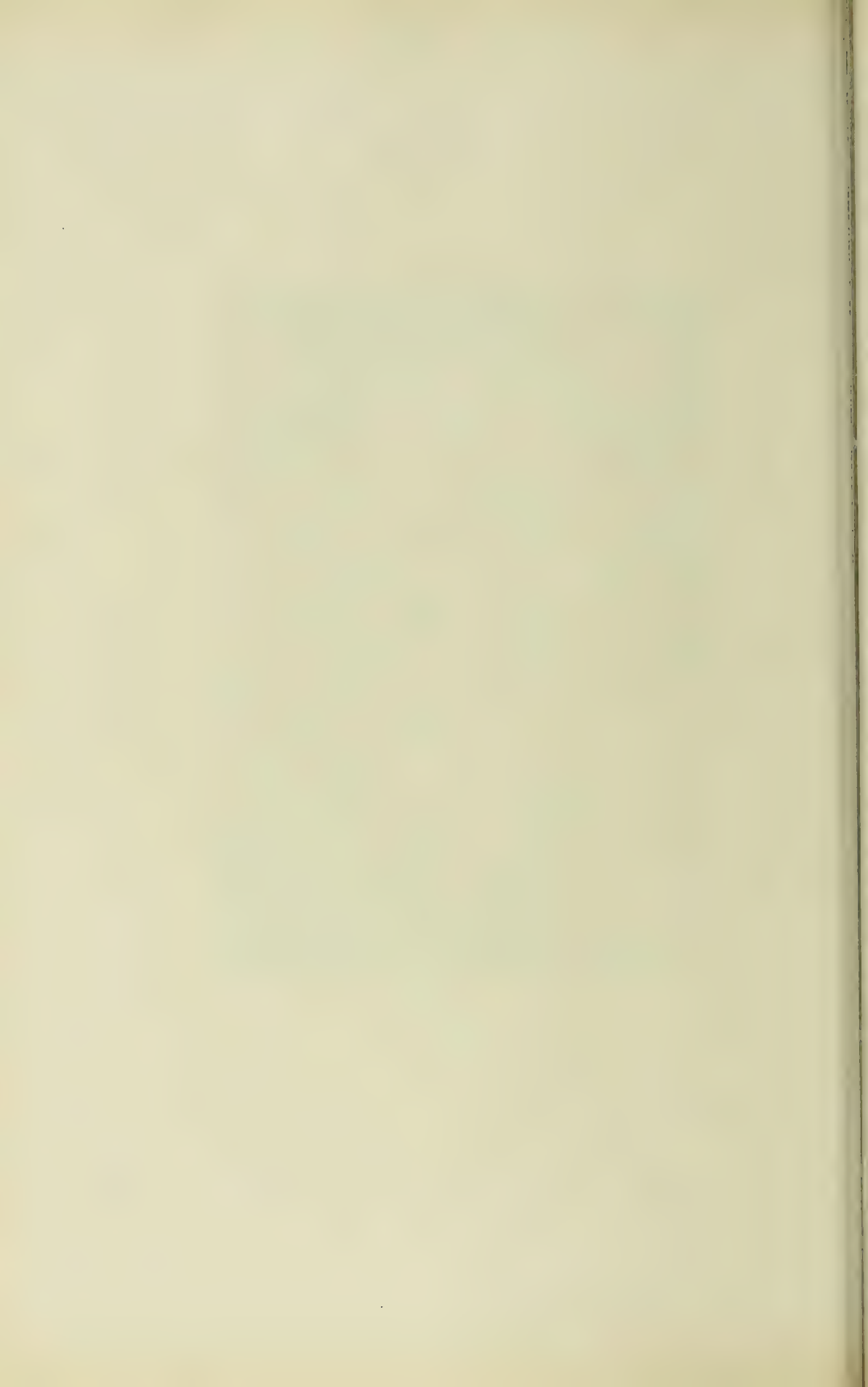
On the 1st of October, 1913, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle A. Ives, of Bristol, and their family now numbers four children: Edward F., Louise F., Carlyle F. and Aurelia Ives.

Mr. Barnes has always voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. During the World war he was a member of the Spring Division of the War Industries Board of Washington and during the period of hos-



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ilities his company did ninety-five per cent war work for the United States government and its allies. In recognition of his services Mr. Barnes received proper mention from the chief of ordnance in Washington. He is a consistent follower of Masonic teachings and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He likewise belongs to Bristol Lodge, No. 1010, B. P. O. E. He has membership in the Society of Mechanical Engineers and in the Beta Theta Pi Club of New York city, while in organizations more strictly local in character he is identified with the Country Club of Farmington, the Shuttle Meadow Club of New Britain, the Bristol Club and the Hope Club and the Wannamoisett Club of Providence, Rhode Island. The extent and importance of his business interests have made him widely known, while his social connections have brought him warm friendships, kindly regard and the high respect of those with whom he is associated.

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#### EDWARD J. MYERS

On the roster of Hartford's attorneys appears the name of Edward J. Myers, who was admitted to the bar in 1917 and through the intervening period of more than a decade has practiced continuously in Hartford, his course being marked by steady progress. He is a native son of Connecticut, his birth having occurred in Collinsville, January 16, 1893, his parents being Thomas F. and Anna (Holloway) Myers. His high school course completed in his native town, he then entered Trinity College and was graduated with the class of 1914, gaining the Bachelor of Arts degree. Attracted to the legal profession, he next entered the Yale Law School in New Haven and his LL. B. degree was won in 1917. The same year he won admission to the bars of both Massachusetts and Connecticut, and locating in Hartford, he immediately began to practice by entering the office of B. M. Holden, a prominent attorney of this city, there remaining until 1918. He was afterward associated with E. W. Broder, in whose office he continued until 1923, since which time he has practiced alone, and it needs no gift of prophecy to foretell that his will be a successful future by reason of what he has already accomplished and the qualities which he displays as both advocate and counselor. He is a young man of sound judgment and keen discrimination and his deductions are logical, his reasoning sound and his presentation of a cause clear and forceful. He has come into close relations with his fellow members of the bar through his connection with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar associations.

Fraternally Mr. Myers is an Elk. During his college days he became identified with the I. K. A. and Delta Phi at Trinity and with the Phi Alpha Delta at Yale and he maintains pleasant connections with his classmates and other college friends through his membership in the Trinity Alumni Association and the Yale Alumni Association. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the University Club and the Wampanoag Country Club. He is now widely and favorably known in Hartford and is numbered among the young men to whom the city is looking for the promotion of stability and of progress in the work of the courts.

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#### FRANCIS SPENCER GOODWIN

Francis Spencer Goodwin bears a name that has been closely associated with the history of Connecticut and of New England through many years and, like his forebears, he has taken prominent part in shaping public interests of Hartford, while his business and financial interests are extensive and important, his time being devoted to the activities of the firm of J. J. & F. Goodwin, handling the family estate. Born in Hartford, October 19, 1878, he is a son of the Rev. Francis Goodwin, mentioned at length on another page of this work. Public and private schools of Hartford accorded him his early educational advantages and he afterward studied in St. Paul's School at Concord, New Hampshire, while his college course was pursued in Yale University, where he won his Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1903. He at once took up the task of managing the business and invested interests repre-

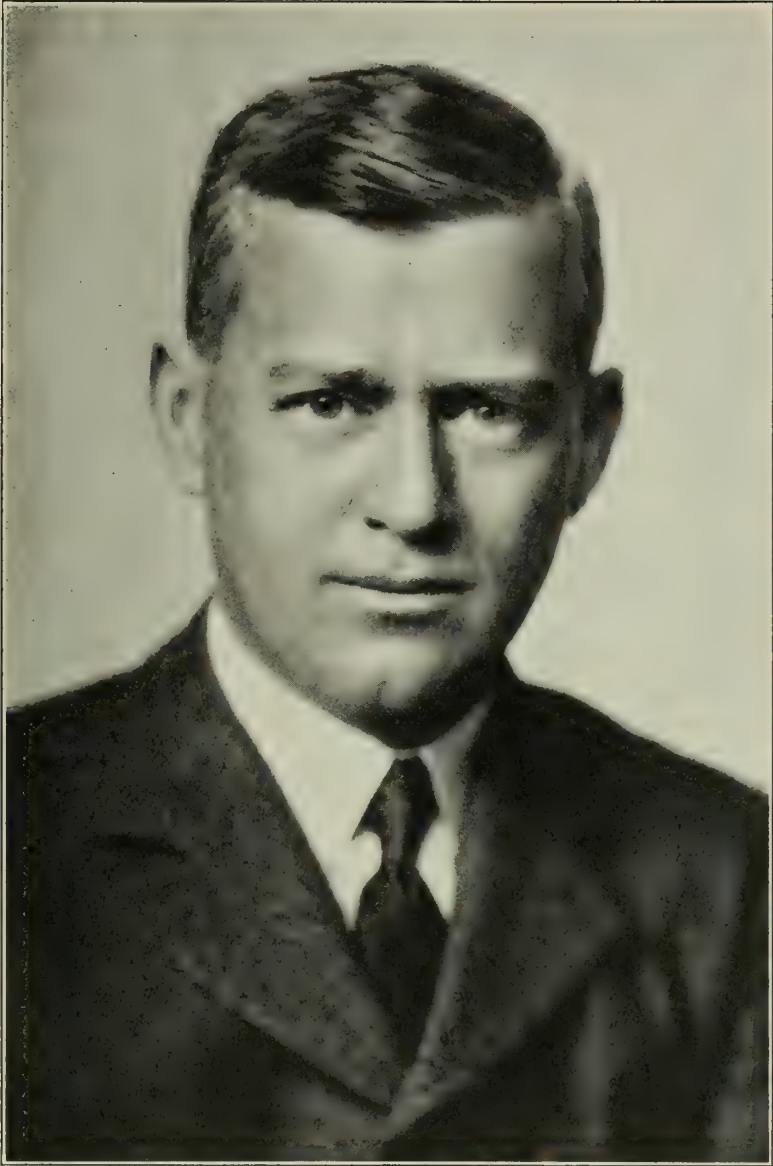
sented by the Goodwin estate and he is prominently known in financial circles as a director of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company and of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company. He is likewise director and secretary of The Collins Company and a director of the E. G. Whittlesey Company.

On the 1st of November, 1922, Mr. Goodwin was married to Miss Helen Whittlesey, a daughter of Edgar G. and Alice G. (Smith) Whittlesey, of Hartford. His social prominence is indicated in his membership connection with the Hartford and Hartford Golf clubs, the Country Club of Farmington, the Wampanoag Country Club, the University Club of New York and the New York Yacht Club. Politically a republican, he has been called upon for important public service, representing his district in the state senate in the sessions of 1921 and 1922. He was water commissioner of Hartford in 1913 and 1914 and acted as president of the board in the former year. He is now a member of the park commission of Hartford and was president thereof in 1921. He takes active interest in promoting the park and boulevard system of Hartford, whereby the beauty and attractiveness of the city has been greatly enhanced. His civic spirit is furthermore evidenced in his service as a trustee of the Handicraft Schools of Hartford and of the Watkinson Farm School.

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#### THOMAS HEWES

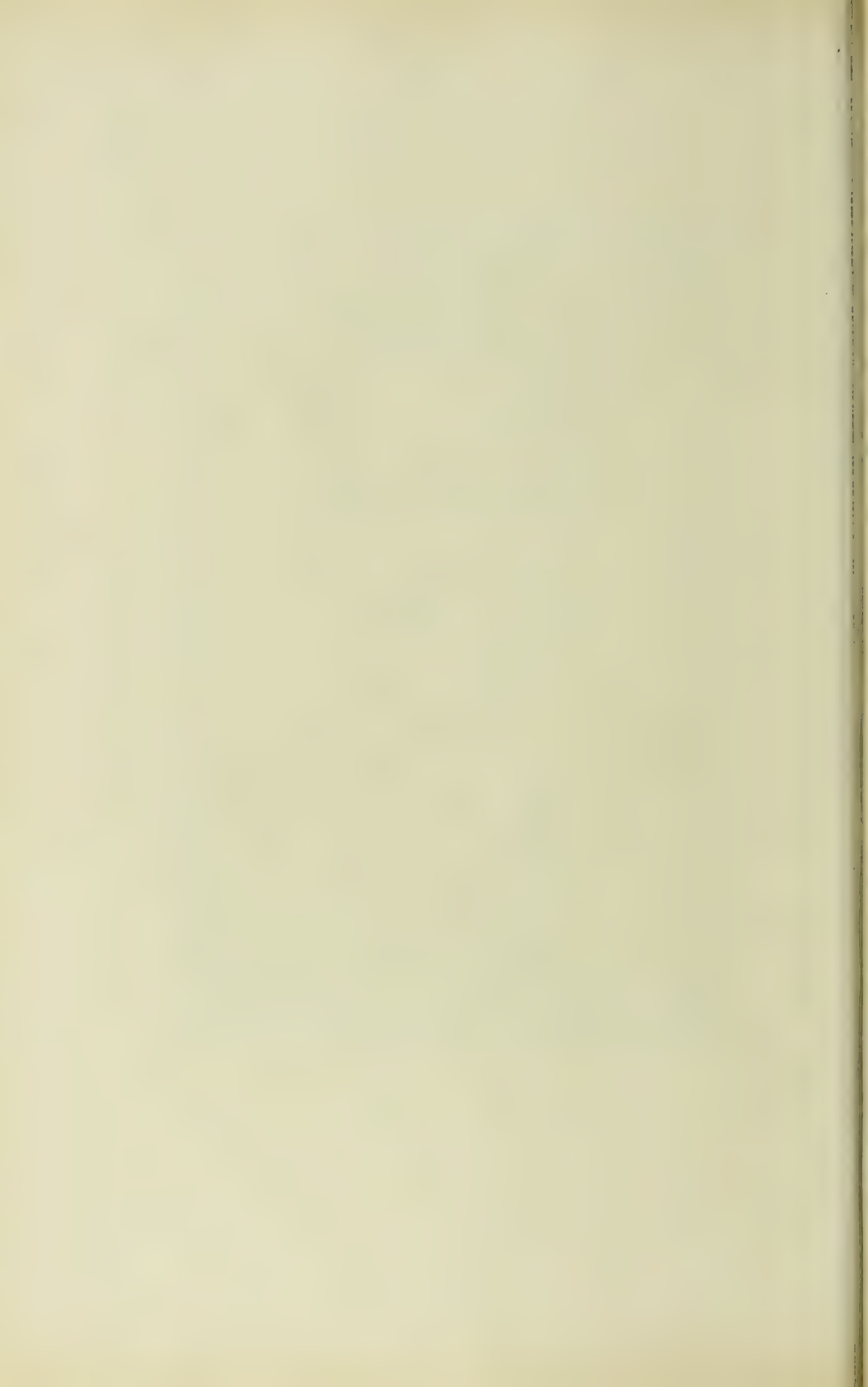
After preliminary training, Thomas Hewes, a Yale man, is successfully engaged in law practice as senior partner of the firm of Hewes, Phillips & Lindsey, specializing in corporation and patent law. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, May 27, 1888. Since the early settlement of America the family of which he is a representative has been found in the new world. The ancestral line is traced back to William Hewes, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1600, and who in turn was descended from Gwaithwoyde, Lord of Powis, who was a son of Gwyde, Prince of Cardigan. The family coat-of-arms is: Azure, a lion rampant or. The crest: A lion couchant or. In the course of years a branch of the family was established in England, and William Hewes, previously mentioned, removed from his Somersetshire home to London about 1649, owing to the disturbed conditions brought about by Cromwell. His son, William Hewes, came to America on one of the first four ships with William Penn in 1674, being a subscriber to the Delaware lands. He married Sarah Berger, and their son, Joseph Hewes, born in 1709, married Annie, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Giles) Worth, of Herefordshire, England. Aaron, brother of Joseph, was the father of Joseph Hewes, who signed the Declaration of Independence and was a member of the Continental Congress from North Carolina. Edward Hewes, son of Joseph and Annie (Worth) Hewes, was born in 1741 and married Mary Stubbs, born in 1751. He died in 1826, and his wife in 1830. They were parents of John Hewes, who was born in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1781, and about 1801 removed to Baltimore, where he became connected with the Federal Gazette, later the Baltimore American. In 1825 he founded and became the first president of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Baltimore and so served until his death. His wife, Rachel Thomas Ellicott, was a daughter of Elias Ellicott, of the distinguished Maryland family of that name. Their son, James Ellicott Hewes, was connected with the Ellicott enterprises in Baltimore and afterward became a general merchant and later a wholesale dealer in butter and cheese in that city. He married Gulielma Krebs Warner, and their son, Meyer Lewin Hewes, was born in Baltimore, June 14, 1861. In 1877, when but sixteen years of age, he secured employment in the fire insurance office of Proud & Campbell of Baltimore and in 1882 became associated with R. Emory Warfield, then district agent of the Continental Fire Insurance Company in Baltimore. Mr. Hewes was afterward special agent for the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Company of England and was next secretary of the Howard Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore, which combined with the National Fire Insurance Company, becoming the United Fire Insurance Company, of which Mr. Hewes was secretary until it liquidated in 1901. He then came to Hartford as agency superintendent of the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company, and in the winter of 1909 founded the Standard Fire Insurance Company, of which he became president. He became a member of the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Farmington Country clubs. He was married November 14, 1883, to Virginia Sumter Smith, daughter of John D. and Mattie (Blas) Smith.



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THOMAS HEWES





Thomas Hewes, the second of three sons, his brothers being James Ellicott and Philip Hewes, was graduated from the Hartford high school in 1906 and then enrolled as a student in Yale University, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1910. He completed a course in the Yale Law School in 1912, receiving the LL. B. degree cum laude, and following his admission to the bar was in the law office of Robinson, Robinson & Cole until 1917. In May of that year, the country having entered the World war, he was appointed secretary of the Connecticut State Council of Defense, but resigned that position to enlist as a volunteer in the regular army October 30, 1917, when he became a member of the Three Hundred and First Artillery at Camp Devens, of which he was made corporal. Later he was transferred to the Ordnance Department to assist in organizing the civilian personnel of that department, an endeavor being made at that time to secure as officers all persons in the county with knowledge of civil service procedure. Mr. Hewes was then appointed second lieutenant and assigned to duty as head of the civilian personnel section of the Bridgeport district of the ordnance department. In September, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery, ranking from January of that year, and was honorably discharged at the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, December 14, 1918.

Mr. Hewes returned to Hartford and joined Richard Phillips in organizing the firm of Hewes & Phillips, which has since become Hewes, Phillips & Lindsey. He has concentrated his efforts and attention upon corporation law and law relating to labor disputes. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention of 1916 and has attended state conventions as a delegate. In 1915 he was elected to the state legislature and was made a member of the committee on corporations. For two years he served on the democratic state central committee and was a member of the Connecticut civil service commission from 1917 until it was abolished in 1921. In 1915, through legislative appointment, he became judge of the borough court of Farmington, and was reappointed in 1917, serving until he joined the army. In 1927 he was appointed by the governor to be a member of the commission to revise the general statutes of the state.

About 1914 Mr. Hewes established the first organized form of free legal aid to poor litigants in Connecticut, as a committee of the Charity Organization Society of Hartford, the work being supported by members of the Hartford county bar. In 1915, while a member of the general assembly, he secured the amendment of the law relating to home rule for cities and boroughs by granting permission to them to establish legal aid bureaus of their own. He interested the board of aldermen of Hartford in establishing a legal aid bureau in Hartford in 1916, which is still in existence. This was the first municipal enterprise of its kind in Connecticut, and really in the east. Since 1920 Mr. Hewes has been chairman of a committee of the State Bar Association on legal aid, and the committee was successful in amending the law relating to public defenders by providing for their appointment annually by the judges of the superior court, thus putting the position of public defender on a parity with state's attorney. This was the first state-wide system of public defenders in the country. The committee has also endeavored to secure the enactment of a law providing for small claims courts. In the 1927 general assembly special bills were passed establishing courts in Hartford and Stamford. These were the first small claims courts in Connecticut. Mr. Hewes has contributed many articles to the press and magazines on the subject of legal aid to poor litigants. He has also served as chairman of the committee on citizenship of the State Bar Association and is now president of the Hartford County Bar Library Association. In the town of Farmington, where he resides, Mr. Hewes originated the idea of a town forest as a memorial to the men and women in Farmington in the great war. This forest was created and made possible by public subscription and by an appropriation of town money. This is the first time in Connecticut where a town has undertaken to appropriate money for this purpose. Mr. Hewes is now serving as trustee of the town forest, as a member of the board of education and as vice chairman of the board of finance.

In 1911 Mr. Hewes married Genevieve Chase, daughter of Charles E. Chase, of Hartford, and their children are Thomas Chase, Helen, Charles Ellicott and Patricia. Mr. Hewes holds membership in St. James' Parish Episcopal church, while his wife adheres to the Congregational faith. He is a member of the American Legion, has

served as governor of the Yale Publishing Association, and is a member of the Scroll and Key Society of Yale and the Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon. He has membership in the Yale Club of New York, Graduates Club of New Haven, Hartford Club and Farmington Country Club. He is vice president and director of the Connecticut Children's Aid Society, a director of the Charity Organization Society, and was formerly president and a director of the Travelers Aid Society and a director of the Hartford Branch, George Junior Republic. He is a director of the Morris Plan Bank and The Sesamee Company and is vice president and director of the Fenn Manufacturing Company.

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#### BASIL G. AUSTIN

Among the valued residents that England has furnished to Connecticut in recent years is numbered Basil G. Austin, the vice president of the Austin Organ Company and therefore one of the prominent representatives of industrial and art interests in Hartford in 1852 and entered upon a clerkship in the city post office under Ezra Hamill and love for music. His father in a primitive way, having had no previous training, had engaged in building organs for local churches in England. It was in the year 1893 that Basil G. Austin came to the United States to join his brother, John T. Austin, who had become the founder and promoter of the Austin Organ Company of Hartford. Prior to this time Basil G. Austin had worked as an organ builder in England, gaining considerable knowledge of the business, and joining his labors to the activities of his brother in this field, they have developed an enterprise which is second to none in the country. They have been the builders of some of the largest and the finest organs found in the United States. These include the organs of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, of the Medinah Temple in Chicago and of many of the largest and best auditoriums as well as many of the leading churches throughout the length and breadth of the land. Basil G. Austin is now the vice president of the company and as such is giving his attention largely to the executive control of a business that has developed into one of the chief industries of New England and, moreover, their output has set the standard for excellence and tonal beauty in organ construction.

On the 19th of October, 1904, Mr. Austin was married to Miss Clara L. Shea, a daughter of Charles W. and Cornelia (Andrews) Shea, of Hartford. They now have three children: Basil Frank, born March 19, 1908; Lucille, born in November, 1912; and Janette Goodwin, born in March, 1916.

Mr. Austin since becoming an American citizen has given his political allegiance to the republican party. That he has membership in the Hartford Club and the Hartford Canoe Club indicates his social nature and also something of the character of his recreation. Business affairs have made heavy demand upon his time and energies, but he has wisely improved his opportunities and now ranks with the prosperous residents of his adopted city.

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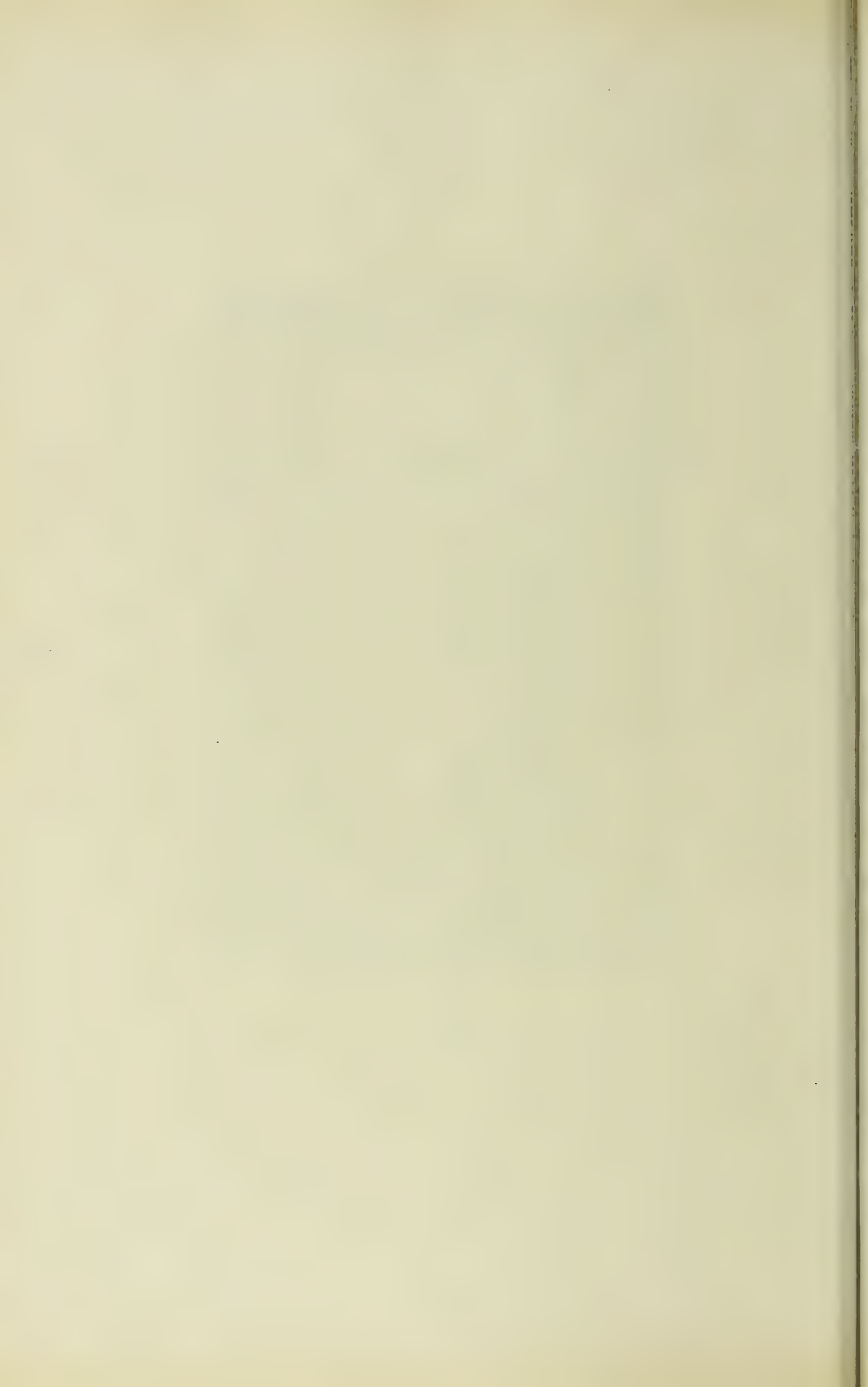
#### MICHAEL THOMAS KEENA

Michael Thomas Keena, assistant chief of the Hartford fire department and a native of the city in which he still resides, was born December 22, 1876, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Kenahan) Keena, who were natives of Ireland and in early life became residents of Hartford, where both passed away. The son pursued his education in parochial schools of this city and later secured employment in the Bee Hive, there remaining for four or five years. On leaving that position he entered the employ of the Hartford Cycle Company, with which he continued until 1898. In that year he enlisted in Company H of the First Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He had had previous military training, for in 1895 he enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard and his regiment was mustered into the United States army for service in the Spanish-American war. He left Hartford, October 31, 1898, and remained with the regiment until mustered out in the following October with the rank of corporal. Returning to Hartford, he was unable to secure employment and then





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went to Bridgeport, where he worked for six months. Coming back to Hartford, he was connected with the Electrical Vehicle Company, in whose employ he remained until appointed a regular member of the fire department. In May, 1900, he had been appointed a substitute in the fire department and on the 1st of January, 1901, was appointed a regular member, being assigned to Chemical Company No. 9. In 1908 he was promoted to the captaincy of that company and was so serving when motor equipment was installed, at which time the company became known as Squad A. In November, 1913, Mr. Keena was advanced to the position of second deputy chief and in 1919 was promoted to first deputy, while in October, 1924, he became assistant chief. Thus he was rapidly advanced in recognition of his efficient service and is now active in control of a fire-fighting system that ranks with the best in New England.

On the 15th of August, 1910, Mr. Keena was married to Miss Mary Agnes Sleeth, of Hartford, and they have two sons, Joseph William and Thomas Eugene.

Fraternally Mr. Keena is connected with Burdette Camp of the Spanish War Veterans and with the Foresters of America. He also belongs to the Elks Club and to the Veteran Fire Association of Hartford. His entire course has been marked by fidelity to duty and high endorsement is given by all who know aught of his record.

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#### WILLIAM CORNELL SCHEIDE

William Cornell Scheide, conducting a general insurance business in Hartford under the name of Wm. C. Scheide & Company, Inc., was born in St. Louis, Missouri, a son of Dr. Hamilton and Virginia (Cornell) Scheide, who were residents of St. Louis. He obtained a public and high school education at Green Bay, Wisconsin, and in July, 1886, became connected with the insurance business as a clerk in an agency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1897 he was appointed resident secretary at New York of the Royal Exchange Assurance of London, which position he resigned in 1904 to establish his own business. He came to Hartford in 1910 as United States manager for the Balkan National Insurance Company of Sofia, Bulgaria, and likewise for the Prussian Life Insurance Company of Berlin, Germany. He also represented other European insurance companies until the outbreak of the World war, when those companies ceased to function owing to the conditions incident to a state of war.

On the 12th of October, 1893, Mr. Scheide married Miss Isabelle Cutter, of San Francisco, and their children are: Lester Beach, an architect; Edward C., a naval aviator; and Philip W., an insurance man now living in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Scheide is a republican in politics, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. He is a director of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company. He has membership in the Hartford Club, the Dauntless Club and the Bankers Club of New York.

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#### EMOR A. SMITH

As district commercial superintendent of the Southern New England Telephone Company, Emor A. Smith is the head of the telephone interests in Hartford. A native of the neighboring state of Rhode Island, he was born at Providence, August 17, 1864, a son of Jenks Appleby and Harriet James (Medbury) Smith, and was educated in the Providence public schools. After school hours he worked in various ways and in 1881 he took up telephone work with the Providence Telephone Company, thoroughly acquainting himself with the business. His connection with the Southern New England Telephone Company dates from 1883. He was first employed at New Haven, and in the latter part of that year he was transferred to Hartford as operator and repairman, here continuing until 1886, when he was made manager of the company's interests in Norwalk. There he continued until 1888, when he returned to New Haven as chief operator, acting in that capacity until 1891, when he became manager in Meriden. For six years his duty necessitated his residence at that place,



after which he was promoted to chief operator and wire chief in Hartford, so continuing until 1903, when he became exchange manager and in 1910 was made district commercial manager, and later district commercial superintendent, which is his present title and which makes him the head of the telephone company in Hartford. He has studied and is familiar with every phase of the telephone business from line construction to executive management and is actuated by the highest standards of public service, making the telephone system a public utility of the greatest worth to Hartford and its connecting lines.

Mr. Smith was married June 10, 1891, to Miss Anna C. Murray, daughter of James and Catherine (Morgan) Murray, of Norwich, Connecticut.

Politically Mr. Smith is a staunch republican. He was president of the board of aldermen from 1903 until 1907 and acting mayor during the absence of Mayor William F. Henney in Europe. In 1905 he was elected to the house of representatives. He holds membership in the Hartford Club, of which he is now the secretary, and he is also a well known member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and an honorary member of the Hartford Rotary Club. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., of Norwalk; the Royal Arch Chapter of Norwalk; and Hamilton Council, R. & S. M., of Meriden. He is a charter member of A. H. Hall Council of the Royal Arcanum, of which he is past regent.

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#### EDWARD GIDDINGS DUNBAR

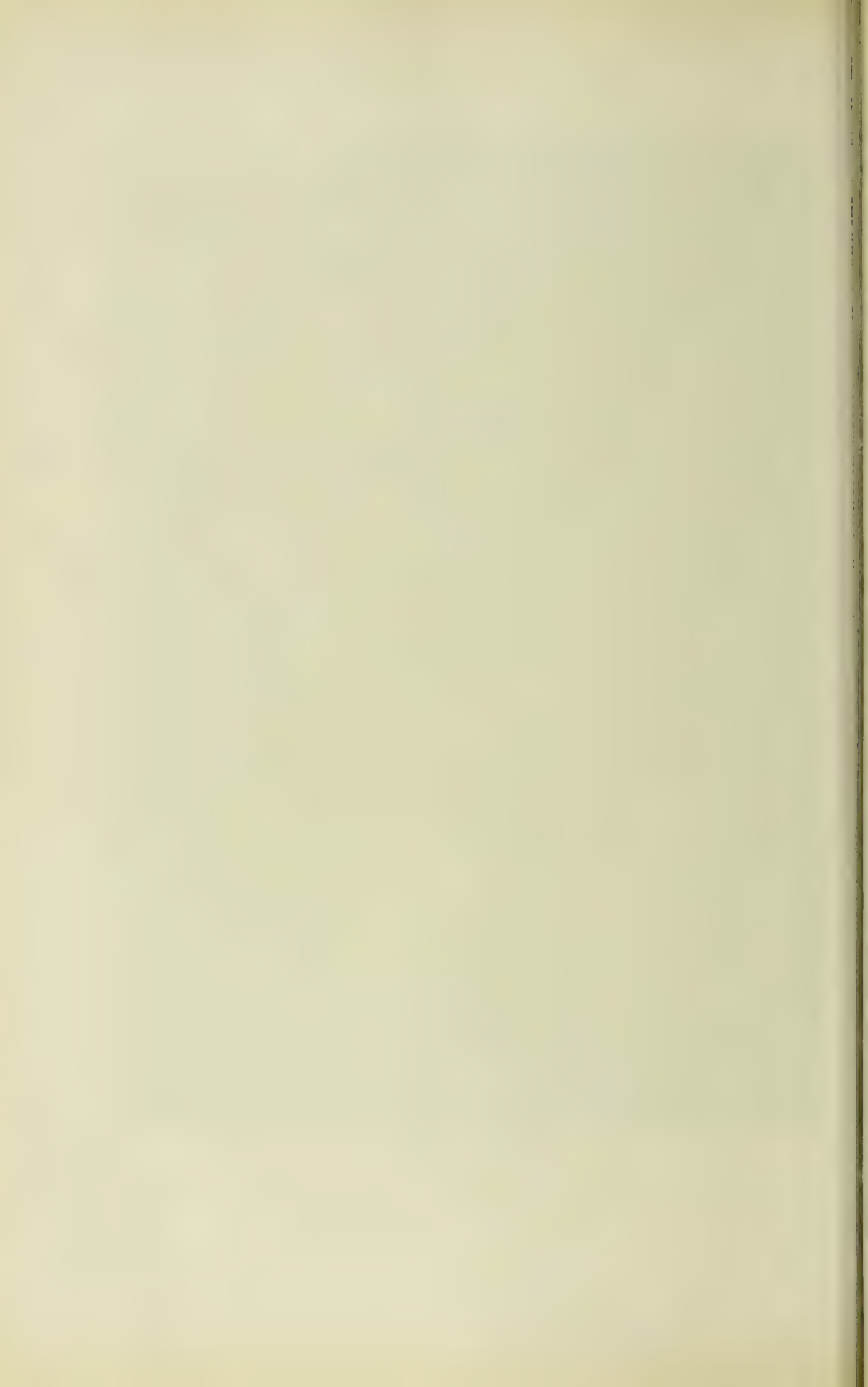
When a man has rounded out the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, when his life work has been successfully accomplished and the physical powers begin to diminish, there ceases to be felt the deepest regret at his parting, especially if one has the Christian faith that the individual passes on to a higher, broader existence; but when a man who has not yet reached middle life is taken from the scene of earthly activities, especially if he has contributed in notable measure to the welfare and progress of his community, a sense of almost overwhelming sorrow comes to the district in which he lives. Such a feeling engulfed Bristol when it was learned that Edward Giddings Dunbar had been called from this life. Reared and educated here, active in its business circles and standing at all times for those things which he believed to be right and just between his fellowmen and for those movements which made for progress, it seemed that he should have been spared for many years to come. His course had added new luster to the untarnished name of a family that was represented on American soil from an early period in the colonization of the new world.

Edward Butler Dunbar, father of Edward Giddings Dunbar, was born in Bristol, November 1, 1842, and was of Scotch lineage, the family name being derived from the ancient city of Dunbar, Scotland. The first representative of the family in America was Robert Dunbar, who left the land of hills and heather to become a resident of Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1655. The direct ancestor of Edward Butler Dunbar through three succeeding generations was named John Dunbar, the third John having been born in 1724. He had five sons who served with the American army in the Revolutionary war, one of these being Miles Dunbar, the great-grandfather of Edward Butler Dunbar. Butler Dunbar, the grandfather, served as a musician in the War of 1812 under John Buckingham and subsequently settled in Bristol, where he became identified with clock manufacturing. His son, father of Edward Butler Dunbar, was a manufacturer of clock springs and trimmings in Bristol and was instrumental in the erection of the Bristol town hall. He also aided in organizing the fire department, and in 1862 he represented Bristol in the general assembly. He married Julia Warner of Farmington.

Edward Butler Dunbar was educated in the common schools of Bristol and in Williston Seminary of East Hampton, Massachusetts. When seventeen years of age he became assistant manager of the hoop-skirt factory of Dunbar & Barnes, of New York, of which his father was a partner, and after two years the son was made head manager of the business, which was abandoned three years later when the hoop skirt was no longer in fashion. Returning to Bristol, he joined the firm of Dunbar Brothers, manufacturers of clock springs, and was active in developing the business to one of the important productive industries of the county. He also became



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vice president of the Bristol Savings Bank. Moreover, he exerted a widely felt influence in public affairs and did much to further improve the fire department which his father organized, serving for many years as chairman of the board of fire commissioners. He was actively interested in educational affairs and was chairman of the Bristol high school committee, doing everything in his power to further the interests of the school. He always voted with the democratic party, was a member of the town committee for twenty years, and during six years of that period served as its chairman. In 1869 and again in 1881 he served in the general assembly, and in 1884 was elected state senator, to which office he was reelected in 1886, doing valuable work as chairman of many important public and municipal committees aside from his work in the legislature and senate. He took an advanced stand concerning labor problems, and especially child labor, and was an unfaltering supporter of many progressive public measures. He was at one time vice president of the Bristol Board of Trade and of the Free Public Library Board. Fraternally he was connected with Reliance Council No. 753, Royal Arcanum, and he was long a consistent and faithful member of the Congregational church, in which he held office, while for four years he was president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bristol. He was married December 23, 1875, to Alice Giddings, of Bristol, and they became parents of three children. Edward B. Dunbar passed away May 9, 1907.

His son, Edward Giddings Dunbar, born in Bristol, May 20, 1892, obtained a public and high school education and when his textbooks were put aside started out in the business world by entering the employ of his father, who was then president of Dunbar Brothers, pioneer manufacturers of clock springs. Parental authority was not exercised to give him an easy berth in business. He resolutely set to work at the task of mastering the trade in principle and detail and as the years passed he more and more largely assumed executive management and control, ultimately becoming president of the company, which through three generations has figured as one of the most important business interests of Bristol. From time to time he introduced improvements and instituted innovations in the manufacture of the product and in the expansion of the trade relations of the house and his plans, definitely formed, were ever carried forward to successful completion. He, too, was well known in financial circles, being a director of the Bristol National Bank and of the American Trust Company. He owned the land where is now located the Chippanee Country Club, of which he became a charter member, and maintained a beautiful and highly developed farm there. He labored untiringly in behalf of the agricultural interests of the state, accomplishing many valuable results for the farmer, and was for years president of the Farmers Association of Connecticut. The spirit of progress actuated him at every point in his career and his course was one of steady advancement.

On the 3d of September, 1918, in Bristol, Edward Giddings Dunbar was united in marriage to Miss Cora Belle Hurst, a daughter of Francis Hurst, and a happy married life was brought to a close when on the 7th of December, 1925, at Bristol, Edward G. Dunbar passed away at the comparatively early age of thirty-three years. It seemed that he should have been spared for a long time to come, as he had made for himself a prominent position in the business world and was contributing largely to the material development and to the progress of his community along many other desirable lines. Fraternally he was connected with the Elks lodge of Bristol and also belonged to the Knights of Pythias. He was deeply interested in the religious progress of his community and was a very active and earnest worker in the First Congregational church, his entire career measuring up to the highest standards of Christian manhood and citizenship.

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#### THOMAS W. RUSSELL

Thomas W. Russell, a Yale man who started in the business world at a salary of fifteen dollars per month and who has eagerly grasped and utilized the chances for advancement, is now general agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, with offices at 50 Lewis street in Hartford. His entire life has been passed in this city, where he was born September 1, 1880, his parents being Thomas W. and Ellen (Fuller) Russell, the former a native of Colerain, Massachusetts, and the latter of Boston. They were married in Boston in 1876 and removed to Hart-

ford, where the father had become identified with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company on its organization in 1865. In fact he was one of its organizers, served as its secretary until 1876 and in that year became president of the corporation, so remaining until his death in 1901 and contributing in notable measure to the steady development of the business. He also figured prominently in public affairs and left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the history of city and state. He served as a member of the Hartford common council and for one term represented his district in the state legislature. He had wide acquaintance in social as well as insurance circles and he and his wife, who passed away in 1907, enjoyed the warm friendship of all who knew them.

Thomas W. Russell pursued his preliminary education in the public schools of Hartford and afterward entered Yale, being there graduated in 1901 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. His initial step in the business world was made as an office boy of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company of Hartford in 1902, with a salary of fifteen dollars per month. In March, 1903, he established an insurance business on his own account, representing the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, and through the intervening years he has developed and conducted a lucrative business covering Hartford county and the northern part of New Haven county. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of life insurance and his continued experience and undaunted enterprise have brought him to the front in this connection. He is today one of the board of directors of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, also of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, the Morris Plan Bank, the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company and also the Steele & Johnson Manufacturing Company of Waterbury.

Mr. Russell has also rendered important public service, ever recognizing the duties as well as the privileges and opportunities of citizenship. He served in the common council for three years, covering the period from 1906 until 1908 inclusive, and was alderman during the succeeding two years, acting as president of the aldermanic board. He also rendered important service to the nation as state fuel administrator of Connecticut from August, 1917, until June, 1919, and in 1922 he was elected to the state legislature for a two years' term. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, for at all times he has been actuated by the utmost devotion to the general welfare.

On the 16th of January, 1913, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Mason, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. They are the parents of three children: Dorothy, born August 13, 1914; Thomas W., Jr., whose natal day was July 19, 1916; and Judith Davol, who was born October 9, 1918. The family reside at No. 85 Bloomfield avenue in Hartford and their social position is an enviable one. Mr. Russell is widely known in club circles, having membership in the Hartford, Hartford University, Hartford Golf, New Britain, Waterbury, Hartford Yacht and New York Yacht Clubs and also in the Yale Club of New York. He is likewise a member of the East Haddam Fish and Game Club, the Dauntless Club and the Fishers Island Club—associations which indicate the nature of his recreation. He likewise belongs to the Phi Beta Kappa and the Elihu Club and his social qualities render him a favorite in these organizations. Those who know him well—and he has a wide acquaintance—speak of him as a man whose course has at all times been commendable and whose sterling worth of character has established him high in the regard of his fellow citizens.

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#### J. HENRY McMANUS

J. Henry McManus, as head of the McManus Company, is conducting a large and profitable insurance business in Hartford, and one of the secrets of his success is indicated in the fact that he has never dissipated his energies over a broad field, for with the exception of a brief period at the outset of his business career he has always concentrated his efforts and attention upon insurance and steady progress has resulted, until he has now reached the goal of success.

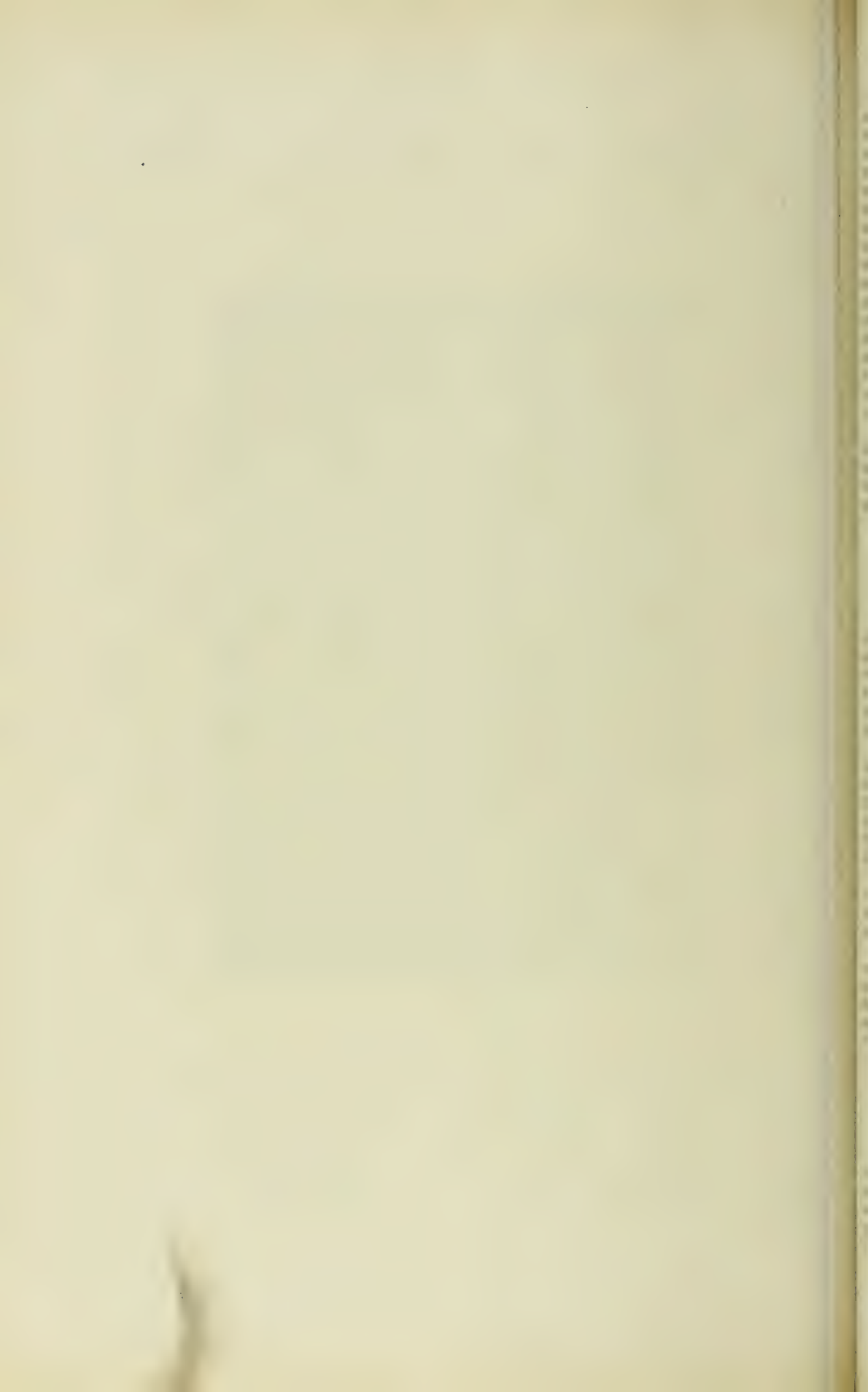
Mr. McManus, born in Hartford, June 9, 1877, is a son of John C. and Maria (Corcoran) McManus, of this city, where the father was well known as a prominent contractor. When his pre-school period had passed, the son steadily advanced through



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successive grades in Hartford's public schools and completed the course by graduation from the high school with the class of 1894. He was then a youth of seventeen years and toward the business world he turned his attention with the object of providing for his own support, and whatever prosperity has since come to him is the direct reward of his labors. He began work as an office boy with the Hartford Trust Company and remained with that corporation until 1900, winning promotion from time to time until he was acting as bookkeeper when he severed the relation. Turning to insurance in 1900, he was special agent for the state agency, life and accident department of the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford until 1903, when he established business on his own account, opening a general insurance office. Year by year he has progressed until he ranks today with the leading insurance men of this city. He conducted his agency independently until 1907, when the firm of McManus & Holcombe was organized and continued the business until 1910, when a third partner was admitted under the firm style of McManus, Holcombe & Kennedy. In 1920, with the withdrawal of Mr. Holcombe, the firm name of McManus & Kennedy was assumed and was thus continued until July, 1927, when the present McManus Company took over the business, of which J. Henry McManus has continued as the head for a quarter of a century.

Mr. McManus is a member of the City Club and the Wampanoag Country Club. His interest in the material progress and development of the city is shown in his connection with the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He is a public-spirited man, well known and highly esteemed by reason of what he has achieved and the manner of its attainment, for his course has at all times measured up to high business standards.

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#### ALBERT J. MARKS

Albert J. Marks, practicing at the Hartford bar as a member of the firm of Gilman & Marks, enjoys a reputation that has been won through earnest, honest labor, and his standing in the legal profession is a merited tribute to his ability. As few men have done, he has seemed to realize the importance of the calling to which he has devoted his energies and has met his responsibilities and obligations in a most creditable manner. His birth occurred in Hartford, June 29, 1895, his parents being Leopold and Nettie (Leopold) Marks. The father died in 1910.

At the usual age Albert J. Marks entered the public schools and attended the high school of Hartford before entering the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for the purpose of studying law. There he was graduated with the class of 1917 and the same year was admitted to the bar, after which he was employed by the law firm of Hyde, Joslyn, Gilman & Marks until 1919 and later continued with Tuttle, Gilman & Marks until 1920, when he became a member of the firm of Gilman & Marks and has since remained in this connection.

On the 21st of April, 1925, Mr. Marks was married to Miss Mary L. Hydeman, a daughter of Marcus and Caroline (Lehmayer) Hydeman, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and their home has been brightened and blessed by the presence of a little son, Albert J., Jr., born September 29, 1926.

Politically Mr. Marks is a republican but does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his undivided time and attention upon his professional interests. He is a member of the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations and his close conformity to the highest ethical standards of the profession has brought him the good will and respect of his brethren of the legal fraternity and has established him as a valued citizen here.

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#### GEORGE HARRY COHEN

George Harry Cohen, assistant United States attorney, with offices in the Federal building in Hartford, and also a member of the law firm of Cohen & Cohen, was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, February 5, 1892, his parents being Abraham and Sarah (Grodziensky) Cohen. He attended the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the Hartford Public High School with the class of 1908. In Trinity College he received further scholastic training and won his Bachelor

of Arts degree in 1911. He then studied at Yale and the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him in 1912, while in 1914 he received from Yale the Doctor of Philosophy degree in languages, being one of the youngest upon whom that degree has ever been conferred. He began his preparation for the bar as a student in the Yale Law School, was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1917 and in the same year was admitted to practice, but soon afterward all personal and professional interests were put aside that he might give his service to his country. He enlisted on the 23d of November, 1917, in the infantry division of the United States army, and was stationed at Camp Devens. In March, 1918, he was made a corporal in the Sixth Company, Second Battalion, Depot Brigade, and on the 1st of May, 1918, was transferred to Camp Joseph E. Johnston at Jacksonville, Florida, and soon afterward was assigned to the quartermaster's officers' school, where three weeks later he was made an instructor. On the 7th of July he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and on the 1st of October became a first lieutenant, being discharged with that rank on the 10th of December, 1918, just a month after the signing of the armistice.

When the country no longer needed his military service Mr. Cohen returned to Hartford and entered upon the practice of law in association with his brother, Naaman Cohen, mentioned elsewhere in this work. On the 1st of January, 1919, he was appointed special assistant United States attorney and in 1922 was made the regular assistant United States attorney, in which position he is still serving, while at the same time he continues in the practice of law as a member of the firm of Cohen & Cohen, with offices at 750 Main street. In 1920 he and his brother established the Connecticut Hebrew Record, an English weekly, which they published and edited for three years in Hartford, when they sold the paper to the Jewish Advocate of Boston, George Harry Cohen having acted as editor during that period, with his brother as assistant editor.

Mr. Cohen is very widely and favorably known in Hartford by reason of his ability and many admirable qualities. He holds membership in Hartford Lodge No. 188, F. & A. M., and also is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, the Alpha Mu Sigma, the American Philological Society, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Connecticut Editorial Association, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, the Independent Order of B'rith Abraham, the Jewish Publication Society and the Hebrew Home for Children, of which he is the vice president. He is also one of the national directors of Young Judaea in New York. His activities thus cover a broad scope and have been of far-reaching importance. He is a member of the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut State Bar Association and ranks high in Hartford not only as a lawyer but as a citizen and as a man.

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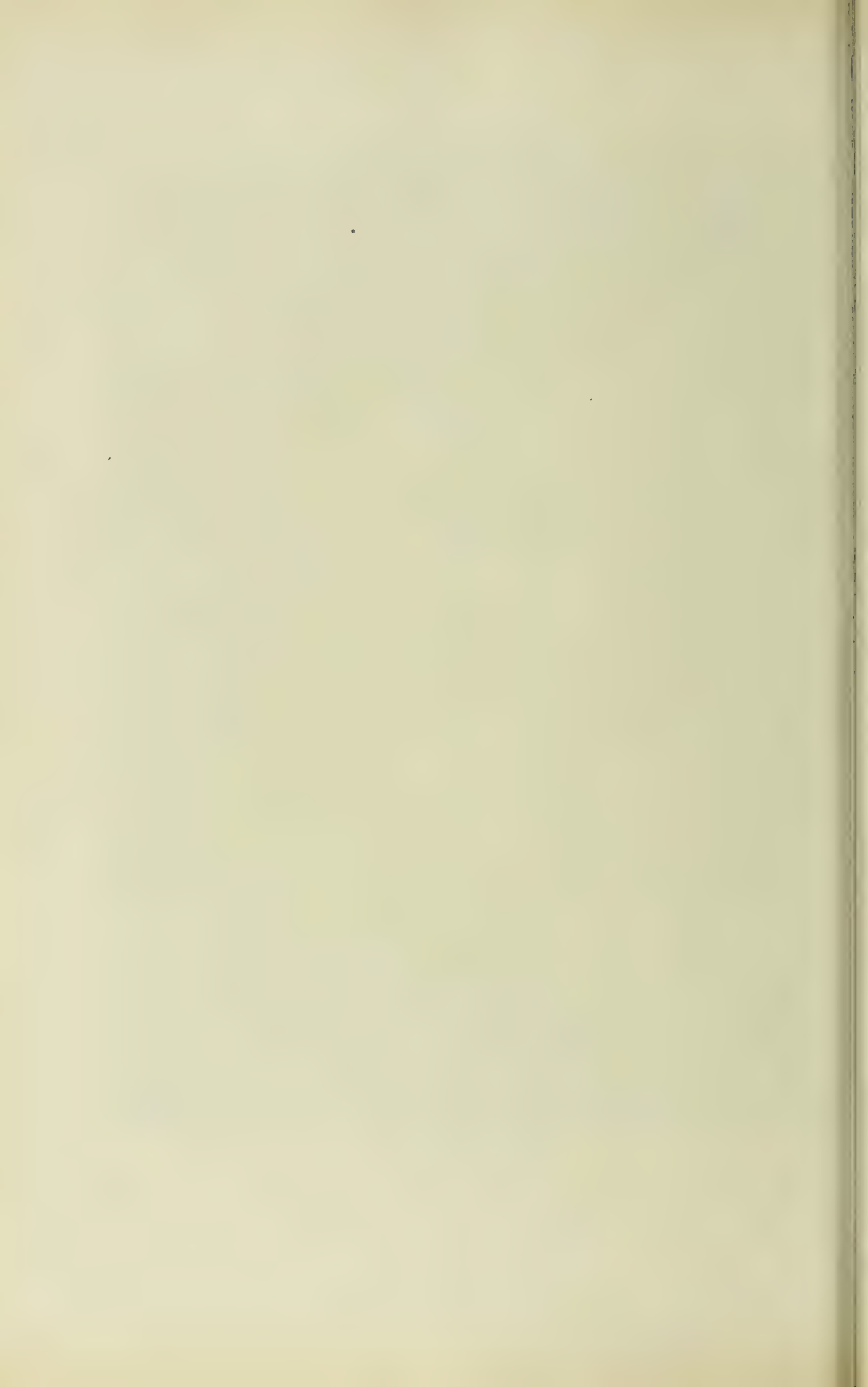
"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," wrote the Psalmist many centuries ago, and it was that heritage which Coe Corwin Hawkins left to his family when he passed away on the 16th day of October, 1926. He had made for himself a creditable place in the business circles and in the public life of Hartford, but most of all he had endeared himself to his fellowmen by traits of character which were most pleasing and which won him the high respect and enduring friendship of many. They valued his companionship because he was a likable man, courteous, kindly and pleasant, and it is those traits of character which make the world a good place in which to live.

Coe C. Hawkins was born in Otisville, New York, November 6, 1881, and was a son of Joshua Corwin and Margaret Anne (Johnson) Hawkins. The family is of English lineage, tracing their descent from Robert Hawkins, who came from England on the good ship *Anne* in the middle of the seventeenth century and settled at Boston, Massachusetts. Joshua Corwin Hawkins, the father of Coe C. Hawkins, was born on the old Hawkins homestead in the town of Mount Hope, May 26, 1842, and was the youngest of the five children of Eliab and Clarinda (Mullock) Hawkins and a grandson of Samuel Hawkins, Jr., who was born at Stonybrook, Long Island, March 14, 1752, and became the owner of the homestead farm in Orange county, New York, in 1785. He married Miss Eunice Osborn, who belonged to the Osborn family long connected with Otisville, New York, but now extinct, and she was of German lineage.





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Prior to taking up the occupation of farming Samuel Hawkins, Jr., was a sea captain, but for many years devoted his attention to the tilling of the soil, and at his death, on the 25th of November, 1822, he left the homestead to his son Eliab, who was there born March 4, 1802, and who was married April 10, 1824, to Miss Clarinda Mullock, a daughter of Jesse and Amy (Raynor) Mullock. He died August 9, 1896. In the Mullock line the ancestry is traced back to Jeremiah Mullock, the original spelling of the name being Mullex. He was born June 24, 1711, in County Down, in the province of Ulster, Ireland, and was of Scotch ancestry. Jeremiah Mullock died near Otisville, New York, December 24, 1802. Jesse Mullock, son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Ward) Mullock, married Amy Raynor, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Higbee) Raynor. The former was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1719 and died in Goshen, New York, in 1804. He was a son of Gabriel Raynor, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1654. The Raynor family were large landholders in the neighborhood of Sugar Loaf and Florida, New York, prior to the Revolutionary war, but the family name became extinct in December, 1900, with the death of Miss Frances Raynor, whose father, Gabriel Raynor (II), was a brother of the maternal grandmother of Joshua Corwin Hawkins.

Joshua Corwin Hawkins spent three years, from 1871 until 1874, in Waverly, New York, where he was assistant baggage transfer agent for the Erie and Lehigh Valley Railroads, and he then became a tiller of the soil, taking up his abode on the old homestead farm which had been purchased by his grandfather and was inherited by his father. Joshua C. Hawkins was married November 13, 1879, to Mrs. Margaret Ann (Johnson) McWilliams, a daughter of James Thomas and Sarah Ann (Avery) Johnson, of Bridgeville, Sullivan county, New York. Mrs. Margaret Hawkins passed away April 9, 1914. By her marriage she had become the mother of three children: James Johnson, Coe Corwin and Eva J. Hawkins.

Coe Corwin Hawkins supplemented his preliminary education by study in the Ramsdell Business College at Middletown, New York, and then entered the employ of the Drake & Stratton Company, railroad contractors of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, becoming assistant superintendent in the construction of railroad yards at Conway, Pennsylvania. His residence in Hartford covered a period of about twenty years, and on his arrival he entered the employ of the Sturtevant Company, manufacturers of poultry and veterinary remedies. He became vice president and general manager and was afterward elected president and treasurer of this company, proving a capable business man of sound judgment and keen discrimination, so that his labors became a vital force in the continued success of the business.

On the 21st of June, 1904, at Middletown, New York, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Miss Helen Prior, who was born November 5, 1884, and they became parents of a son, Corwin Prior.

Mr. Hawkins was a member of Hoffman Lodge, F. & A. M., of Middletown, New York, and attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry, also holding membership in Washington Commandery, K. T., and in the Mystic Shrine. He closely followed the teachings and high purposes of the craft and was recognized as one of its most loyal exemplars. His military record covered service with the Fifth Separate Company of Newburgh, New York. In matters of citizenship he was always progressive and loyal and during the World war period was a member of the city council's soldiers' athletic fund committee and worked hard to provide athletic equipment for Hartford's men in the service. He was also greatly interested in the Boy Scout movement and at one time was a district commissioner, having fourteen troops under his care. His political endorsement was always given to the republican party and he served as chairman of the eighth ward republican committee. He also filled the office of alderman, serving from 1918 until 1922 and giving most thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement during that period. He also was a member of the city board of finance during his aldermanic term and he served on the boxing commission by appointment of Mayor Newtown C. Brainard. He was likewise chairman of the committee on education while serving as alderman and a member of the committee on city planning and claims. He carefully studied the situation in all matters relating to the public welfare and his labors were effective and far-reaching, the city at all times benefitting by his efforts. He belonged to the Hartford Republican Club and also to the City Club and at all times was keenly appreciative of the social amenities of life. Death came to him suddenly October 16, 1926. With his wife and a group of friends he went to Amherst, Massachusetts, to

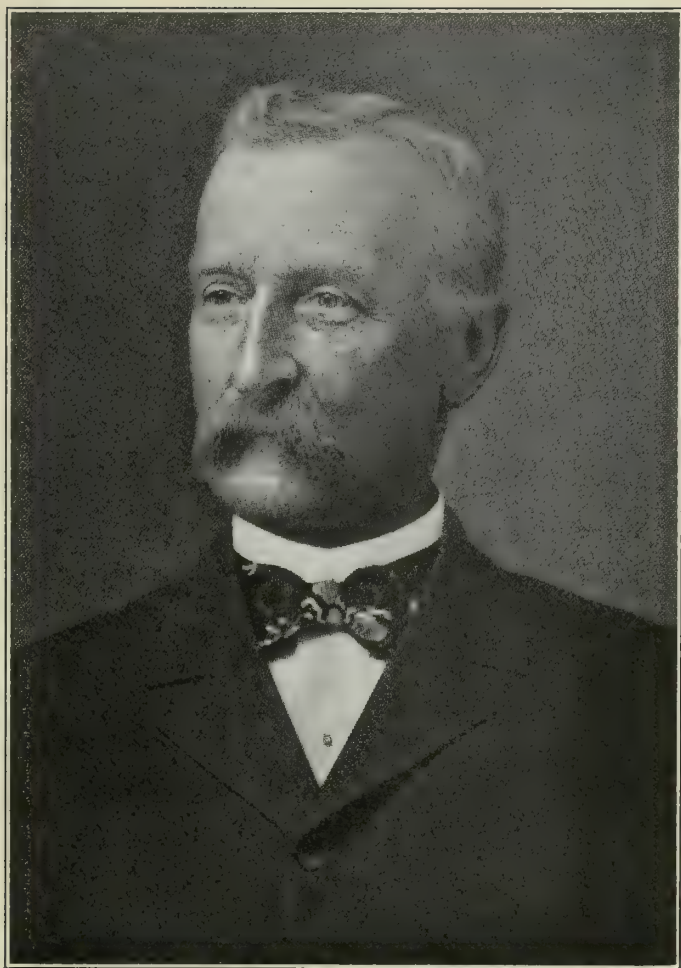


attend the football contest of Storrs College, in which his son was a student and at the time a member of the college eleven. There Mr. Hawkins, who had been suffering from a severe cold, suddenly collapsed and within a short time had passed away. His death was the occasion of exceedingly widespread regret, for in every relation of life his course had commended him to the confidence, the good will and the friendship of those with whom he was associated. During the time of the funeral service the office of the board of fire commissioners was closed and the flags remained at half-mast on the several fire houses. The many and beautiful floral offerings which were sent attested in no uncertain manner his high standing among his fellowmen, and the funeral services were attended by the governor, the mayor and many of the most distinguished citizens of Hartford and Connecticut, as well as by the various Masonic organizations and official bodies with which he was identified. The board of fire commissioners adopted the following resolutions: "In the death of Coe C. Hawkins, there passes an active, useful life. Interested as he was in the civic, social and industrial life of the city, having served as a member of the board of aldermen for four years, and on important committees on war work; having a warm heart for the boys, he was an active worker in the Boy Scout movement; he was a pleasant associate and prominent in fraternal and benevolent orders; he was loyal to his associates, and demonstrated his integrity on all occasions. He was untiring in his efforts in all his interests and gave unselfishly of his time; he was thoughtful, considerate and charitable, and in his humble manner added to the good and welfare of the community. The board of fire commissioners will miss a pleasant, pleasing personality in their future work." It will be long ere his absence ceases to be felt in the organizations which knew and honored him, but most of all is he missed in the household where as a devoted husband and father he found his greatest happiness in ministering to the pleasure and welfare of his wife and son.

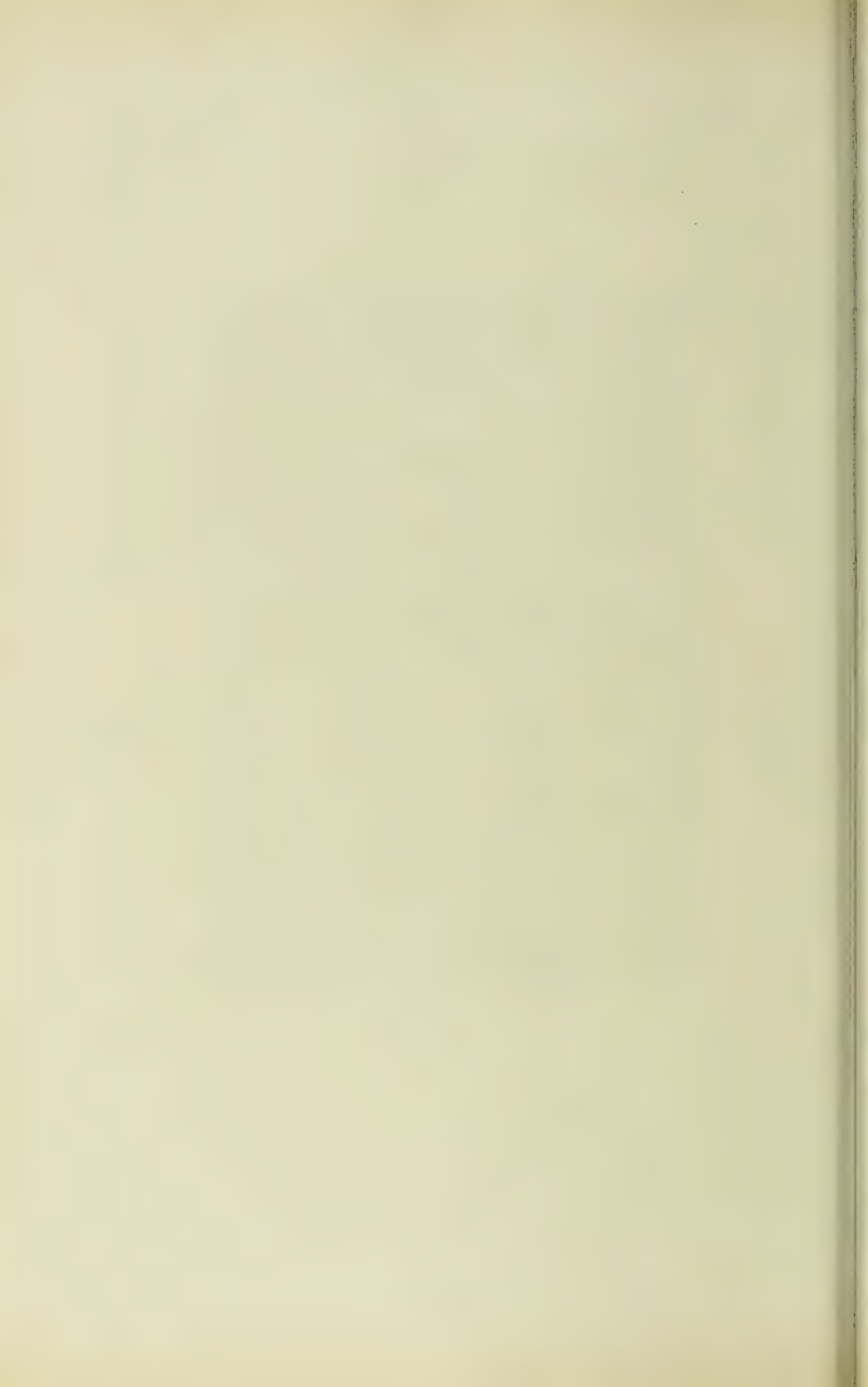
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#### NORMAN ADELBERT BARNES

Seventeen years have passed since Norman Adelbert Barnes was called from this life, but those who were associated with him bear testimony to the valuable part which he played in promoting the upbuilding and industrial growth of Southington. He had many qualities which won him the confidence and good will of the public to an unusual degree and thus his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Mr. Barnes was born at Marion, in the Town of Southington, August 18, 1843, and passed away March 8, 1911. He traced his ancestry back to Stephen and Mary Barnes, who were among the first settlers of Branford, Connecticut, and afterward lived at Southington, the successive generations of the family being represented by Benjamin, Jonathan and Joel H. Barnes, the last named being the father of Norman Adelbert Barnes. He was a carpenter and builder and was also connected with public affairs in his town as the incumbent of several official positions. He married Anna B. Clark, who proved a model wife and mother, devoting every effort to rearing her son in ways that would lead to his development along physical, mental and moral lines. She saw to it that he had plenty of time for reading and study and also that through practical experience he should learn the value of industry. He acquired a public school education and also attended the Lewis Academy in Southington. Taking up the profession of teaching, for several months he received the weekly stipend of but three dollars and from that sum provided for his own support. He continued to teach for seven years, spending two years of that period as superintendent of the Southington schools, and imparted readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. Thinking to find a broader field of labor, however, he accepted a position as accountant with Amon Bradley & Company, with which concern he remained until the business was discontinued. He afterward spent two years as a member of the mercantile firm of M. N. Woodruff & Company but severed that connection to become secretary and treasurer of the Aetna Nut Company, which has lately passed out of existence. At a subsequent period he was associated with mercantile interests in Southington and New Haven until 1880, when he became secretary and treasurer of the Atwater Manufacturing Company, filling the dual position for about three decades, when he became president of the company and continued as the chief executive officer to the time of his demise. He was active in promoting this enterprise, which features as one of the foremost industrial



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concerns of Southington, and he also won a substantial measure of success which ranked him with the prosperous residents of the town.

On the 9th of October, 1873, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Alice Barnes Bradley, a daughter of Amon Bradley. She passed away in 1897, survived by one son, Bradley H., now a leading business man of Southington. The family circle was again broken by the hand of death when Norman A. Barnes passed away. He had been a devoted member of the First Baptist church and he gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. Fraternally he was a Mason, having membership in Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., of Southington, of which he served as treasurer. The cause of education ever found in him a warm friend and stalwart champion and he held many offices in connection with the schools, serving at different times as chairman of the town school committee, as secretary of the school board, as a trustee of the Lewis high school and as president of the board of education. He was also one of the regents of the Lewis high school and believing, as he did, that education is one of the bulwarks of the nation, he did everything in his power to further the interests of the schools and to provide the youth of the county with excellent educational opportunities. He had a wide acquaintance and all who knew him recognized the fact that he possessed many sterling qualities. He was known and honored as a substantial and successful business man whose example should serve to inspire and encourage others; as a citizen of marked devotion to the general good, and as a husband and father who found his greatest happiness in providing for the welfare of those of his own household.

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#### BRADLEY H. BARNES

Bradley H. Barnes, son of Norman A. Barnes, mentioned above, and his successor as one of the executives of the Atwater Manufacturing Company, was born at Southington on the 27th of January, 1883, and was here reared, having the advantage of excellent home training as well as of a thorough education. He attended the public schools, mastering the work of successive grades, and Lewis high school, and later became a student in the Pequod Business College at Meriden, Connecticut. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Atwater Manufacturing Company and there gained his initial business experience, working his way steadily upward through industry and diligence until he is now one of the chief executives of the business, being the vice president. Nor does this limit his activities, for he is widely known in business circles, being a director of the Atwater Corporation, of the Southington Hardware Company, the Southington Bank & Trust Company, a trustee of the Southington Savings Bank, and vice president and director of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association. He is also a trustee and on the executive board of the Hospital Corporation of Southington and one of the board of governors of the Automobile Club of Hartford. He is a member of the Southington Country Club, the City Club of Hartford, the National Geographic Society, and the Southington Club, having served three years as vice president of the latter.

Mr. Barnes was married October 5, 1910, to Miss Leila H. Upson and they occupy an enviable social position, the hospitality of their home being greatly enjoyed by an extensive circle of warm friends. Thus it is that Bradley H. Barnes is widely and favorably known in both social and business connections and is making a most creditable record in carrying forward a business of which his honored father was formerly the head.

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#### HENRY J. GALLAGHER

Henry J. Gallagher was a representative of that class of men who owe their success not to any fortunate combination of circumstances, or to any outside aid or influence, but to industry and determination supplemented by laudable ambition and guided by sound judgment. Practically his entire life was passed in Hartford, although he was born in New York city in 1862, a son of James and Elizabeth (Carmichael) Gallagher, the former a native of New York city and the latter of Nova Scotia. During his boyhood he came to Hartford, Connecticut, and here took up

the trade of tool making, in which line of business he engaged for some time, becoming well known as a representative of industrial interests here. Finally he entered the insurance field, holding the responsible position of manager of the Philadelphia General Casualty Company for a number of years, having his offices in the Mutual building on Main street. During the World war he put aside personal interests and went to Washington in the service of the government, spending two years in connection with the salvage department. After the close of hostilities in Europe he returned to Hartford, but here his health failed rapidly.

It was on the 30th of June, 1889, that Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage to Susan A. Boyle, of this city, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Bailey) Boyle. They had one son, Harry Richard, who was born in Hartford in 1893, pursued his education in the schools here and for some time was a salesman with the Walkover Shoe Company of Hartford, but during the World war he enlisted on the 1st of October, 1918, in the Medical Corps and was stationed at Camp Greenleaf in Georgia. On the 22d of October of the same year, just three weeks after his enlistment, he passed away of influenza. Mr. Gallagher never recovered from the great blow that his son's death was to him. When he retired from the government service he did not resume his insurance business, as his health would not permit. Instead he became assistant manager of the Grand theatre in Hartford and was acting in that capacity until he passed away November 25, 1925. His death was deeply regretted, for he had made many friends through the long period of his residence here. He was very active from time to time in labor union circles and he was a prominent member of the Hartford lodge of Elks, of which he served as exalted ruler. Those who knew him found him genial and companionable, so that his friendship was greatly prized by all with whom he was associated.

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#### ROBERT A. BOARDMAN

Robert A. Boardman, well known in banking circles of Hartford as vice president and cashier of the First National Bank, illustrates in his career what can be accomplished by determined purpose intelligently directed. It seems a far step from bank messenger to executive office, but the steady growth of his powers, combined with diligence and loyalty to duty, have constituted the path whereby Robert A. Boardman has reached his present position. Born in Hartford, November 20, 1875, he is a son of Charles H. and Margaret (Allen) Boardman, who were also born in this city, where they spent their entire lives. The father followed the occupation of farming and passed away July 4, 1889.

His son Robert was then but fourteen years of age. He had attended the public schools and when he had completed his high school course in Hartford became a student in the Yale Scientific School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. In vacation periods he had been employed in banks, and in October, 1897, he became associated with the First National Bank of Hartford as a messenger. He earned his promotions, working up step by step, each advancement bringing him greater responsibilities but also wider opportunities, and in 1916 he was given the post of assistant cashier. He acted in that capacity for six years, and in 1922 became cashier, while in 1926 he was elected vice president and now holds the dual position, his close attention to the interests of the bank, his capability in management and his sound judgment concerning business affairs being strong elements in the continued growth and expansion of the business of this institution. In addition to his other interests he is a director of the South Windsor Cemetery Association, Incorporated.

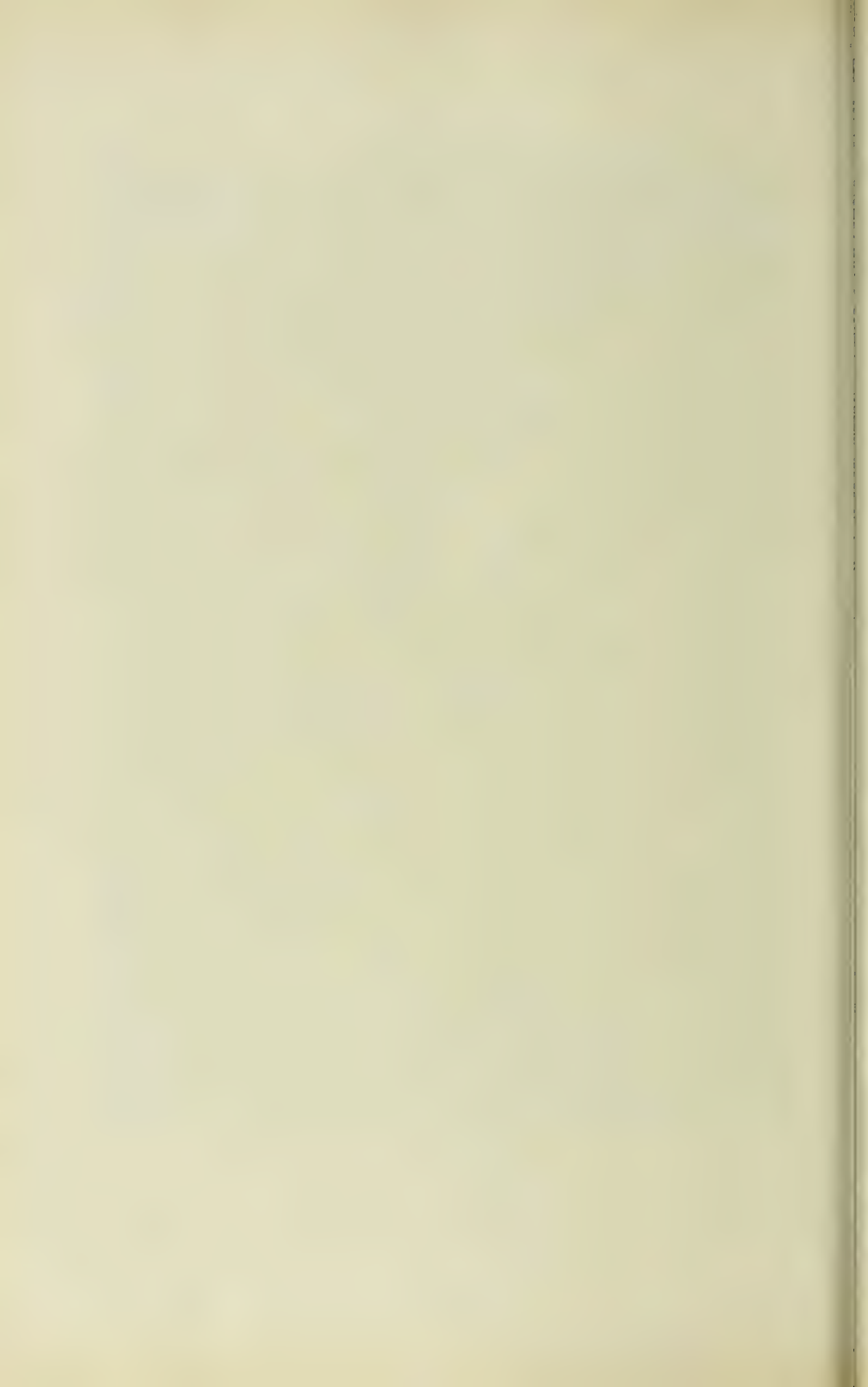
On the 15th of September, 1904, Mr. Boardman was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Hunter, a daughter of Davis S. and Eliza (Lovett) Hunter, of Brooklyn, New York, and they now have two children: Margaret Allen, born May 25, 1907; and David Hunter, born January 23, 1910.

Mr. Boardman has membership in the City Club, while his connection with the Sequin Golf Club indicates something of the nature of his recreation in leisure hours. He gives stanch support to the republican party and has served as town clerk of South Windsor, where he makes his home. His life record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do. Anyone may cultivate the qualities that have



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been outstanding features in his career—qualities of determination, perseverance, diligence and fidelity, whereby he has reached a place of executive control in connection with one of the strongest banking institutions of New England.

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#### NAAMAN COHEN

The law firm of Cohen & Cohen occupies a creditable position at the Hartford bar, where Naaman Cohen has practiced continuously for more than a decade in association with his brother, George Harry Cohen. The former was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, July 11, 1893, and at the usual age he became a public school pupil there, while following the removal of the family to Hartford he continued his studies in the Hartford Public High School, from which he was graduated in 1910. His further educational training was received in Trinity College, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913 and the Master of Arts degree in 1915. He was a student at the Yale Graduate School in 1913-14 and received his LL.B. degree from the Yale Law School in 1917. The thoroughness with which he prepared for his chosen calling foreshadowed his course as an attorney of Hartford. He was admitted to the bar in 1917 and joined his brother in a partnership that has since been maintained. For some time he and his brother were associated in the publication of the Connecticut Hebrew Record, an English weekly which they established in 1920 and which in 1923 they sold to the Jewish Advocate of Boston. They have always labored earnestly and effectively for the welfare of those of their race and yet their interest in public progress has not been limited to racial connections. Naaman Cohen is a broad-minded man of clear vision and of strong and creditable purpose. He has membership in the Masonic fraternity and is a loyal follower of the teachings of the craft. He also belongs to the B'nai B'rith and his college fraternity is the Phi Beta Kappa. He has membership in both the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut State Bar Association and many of his fellow members of the legal fraternity speak of him in terms of high regard.

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#### KENNETH L. MESSENGER

On the list of Connecticut's officials appears the name of Kenneth L. Messenger, who is state commissioner of child welfare, in which connection he is rendering signal service to the commonwealth. Connecticut numbers him among her native sons, he having been born in Winsted, May 26, 1892. His parents were Merritt and Alice (Tallmadge) Messenger, natives of North Canton and of Burrville, Connecticut, respectively. The father was a clock maker who in later years engaged in the life insurance business.

Kenneth L. Messenger attended the public schools and was graduated from the Gilbert school of Winsted in 1909, after which he was employed in connection with an insurance business in Hartford but later became interested in landscape gardening, which he followed for some time at the Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst, Massachusetts. While there he was a member of the College Senate and business manager of the College Annual, also assistant manager of the College Glee Club, a member of the Inter-fraternity Council and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. While in his third year at college, however, he had a nervous breakdown and after regaining his health he entered the employ of the J. B. Rice Seed Company of New York, the largest wholesale seed concern in the country. There he remained for about two years and it was during that period that he became more and more largely interested in social service work, to which he finally decided to turn his entire attention. In April, 1921, he became actively associated with the Boston Children's Aid Society, with which he remained for four years, his work being in connection with the placing of problem boys in foster homes. This brought him into contact with the juvenile court and the Judge Baker Foundation, headed by Dr. Healey and Dr. Bronner. In 1924 he became associated with the New York School of Social Work, receiving a scholarship based upon his past efforts in the social service field. His activities there were highly specialized in psychiatric social work

and after a year thus spent in the eastern metropolis he removed to Louisville, Kentucky, to become director of the social service department of the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home, which is a large institution caring for four hundred and fifty dependent children. His duties covered the investigation of all children's cases sent to the home, with investigation of the homes of relatives or of foster homes in which the children were placed, together with the supervision of the children after they had left the institution. In September, 1927, he was appointed by the state department of public welfare of Connecticut to his present position as commissioner of child welfare. The commission had heard of Mr. Messenger's good work in other places and the office was tendered him upon his merit. He has studied the child problem from every possible angle and is constantly seeking to broaden the field of his usefulness by further investigation and research work. He is a member of the American Association of Social Workers, a member of the executive committee of the same organization in Hartford and was vice chairman of the children's section of the State Conference of Social Workers for 1928.

Mr. Messenger was united in marriage to Miss Marie Fuller, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two daughters, Katherine and Alice.

Fraternally Mr. Messenger is a Mason. He was the first scout master of the Boy Scouts in one troop of Louisville, Kentucky, and he takes the keenest interest in everything that tends to protect and develop the youth of the country. Whatever has to do with child welfare is of deep concern to him and he seeks ever to give the child his normal opportunity for home training and happiness. His labors have indeed been far-reaching, effective and beneficial and he is proving a most competent director of child welfare work in Connecticut.

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#### WILLIAM KENNETH SESSIONS

A central figure on the stage of activity in Bristol, William Kenneth Sessions is well known as the executive head of a large clock corporation, with which he has been identified for eleven years, and also exerts a strong and beneficial influence in community affairs. He was born February 21, 1887, in Bristol, and represents one of its oldest and most prominent families. His parents were William Edwin and Emily (Brown) Sessions, and extended reference to his father may be found on another page of this work.

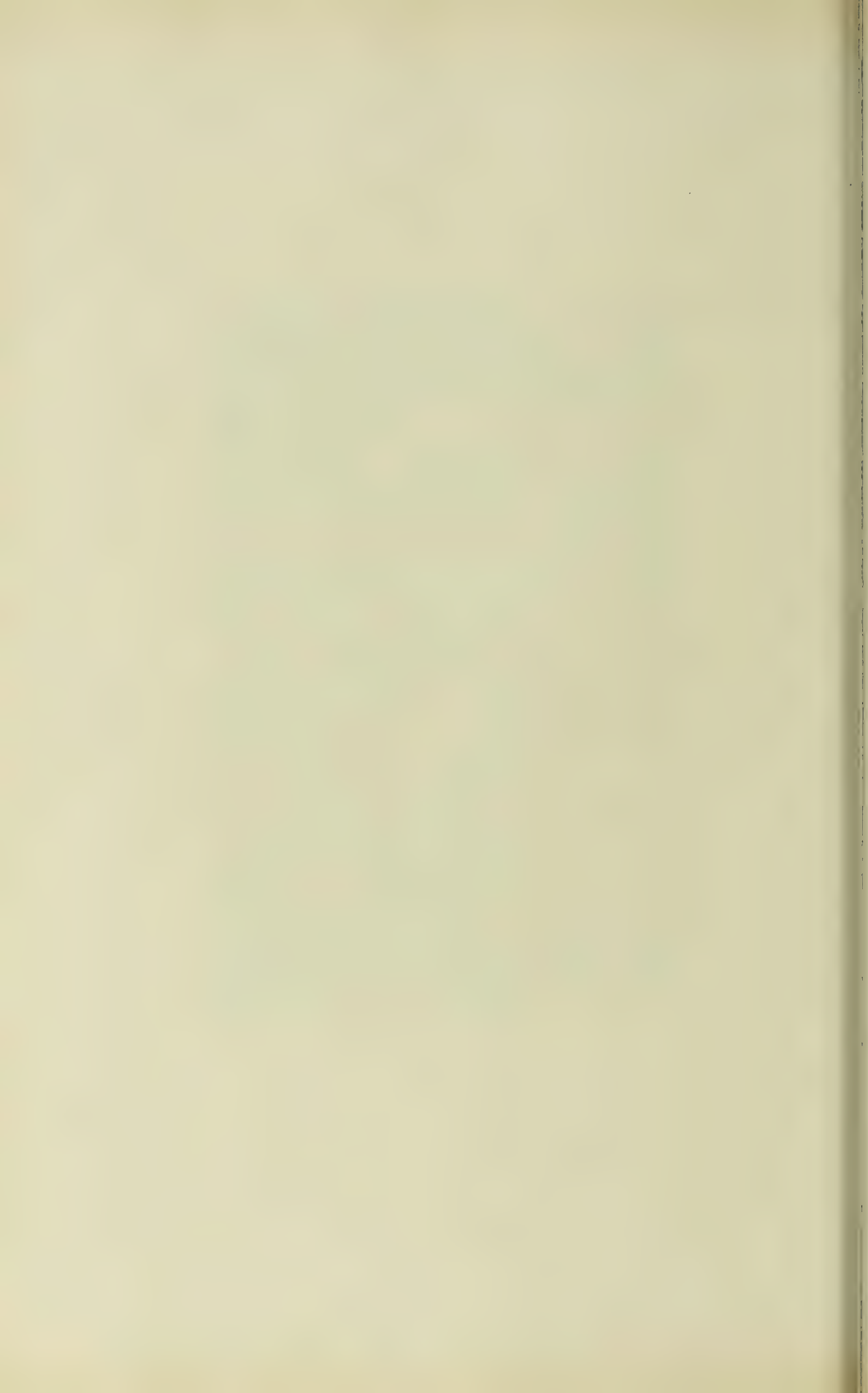
In the acquirement of an education William K. Sessions attended the local schools and for two years was a student in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut. At the age of twenty he entered the Sessions Foundry, becoming a clerk in the pattern department, and later joined the clerical force of the general office, with which he was connected for two years. His rapidly maturing powers led to his selection for the vice presidency in 1909 and subsequently he assumed the duties of president. In 1917 he left the foundry and became treasurer of the Sessions Clock Corporation, which had been taken over by family interests in 1902. This was originally known as the E. M. Welch Manufacturing Company, makers of clocks, and in 1902 the affairs of the firm were about to go into the hands of a receiver. A meeting of the stockholders was called and as his family was heavily interested in the firm the father of William K. Sessions undertook the task of reorganizing the business. At that time the style was changed to the Sessions Clock Corporation, of which William Edwin Sessions was elected president and A. L. Sessions was made treasurer, while E. A. Freeman acted as secretary. The present officers are: William Kenneth Sessions, president; R. H. Jackson, vice president; and C. B. Sanford, secretary. Large plant additions were erected in 1918 and in 1920. The plant is thoroughly modern and completely equipped for the manufacture of all types of clocks, including Westminster chimes. The firm employs highly skilled craftsmen, and the products of the factory have a wide sale, comparing favorably with the best on the market. No detail of the work escapes the observation of Mr. Sessions, who maintains a high standard of efficiency in the operation of the industry, and is also a director of the Bristol Trust Company, the Sessions Foundry Company, the Bristol Brass Corporation and the Terryville Trust Company.

Mr. Sessions was married October 27, 1909, in Bristol, to Miss Marjorie Alice Goodenough, by whom he has two children: William K., Jr., who was born September





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4, 1914; and Emily G., born November 7, 1920. Both are natives of Bristol and public school pupils.

In the organization of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sessions took a prominent part and served for many years as one of its directors. He is also connected with the Boys Club and is a fire commissioner, and a leading spirit in every project for civic growth and betterment. The Chippanee Country, Rotary and Bristol clubs, also the Country Club of Farmington, number him among their valued members, and in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree. Courteous in manner and of genial, sympathetic disposition, Mr. Sessions readily wins friends and is highly esteemed in the community in which his life has been spent.

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#### EDWIN STEPHEN COWLES

On the ancestral record of Edwin Stephen Cowles, who is prominent in insurance circles of Hartford, appear the names of some who served in the Revolutionary war, but long antedating the struggle for independence the family was founded in the new world. John Cowles, the American progenitor of the family, who was a native of England and one of the early settlers of Hartford, Connecticut, located in Farmington not longer after 1640 and was one of the organizers of the church there in 1652. He was a farmer and he represented Farmington in the general assembly in six sessions. In 1659 he signed the articles leading up to the establishment of the settlement of Hadley, Massachusetts, and was one of the six family heads to settle that portion of the town now Hatfield in 1660. He was probably born about 1598 and died in Hadley in September, 1675. To him and his wife, Hannah, was born a son, Samuel Cowles, their eldest child, in 1639. Timothy Cowles, second son of Samuel Cowles, was born November 4, 1666, in Farmington. After his marriage he settled in East Hartford, Connecticut, where he owned a lot extending three miles in length east of the Connecticut river. His home was on the east side of Main street south of Gilman's brook, where he was located as early as 1700, and died August 30, 1736. In 1701 he was collector of the Third Ecclesiastical Society of Hartford, and in 1718 was a deacon of that church. He married, in 1689, Hannah Pitkin, born 1666-67, who died before March 31, 1728, and who was a daughter of Hon. William and Hannah (Goodwin) Pitkin, of East Hartford. The latter was a daughter of Ozias Goodwin.

Joseph Cowles, second son of Timothy and Hannah (Pitkin) Cowles, was born in East Hartford, January 13, 1695, and there died February 20, 1775. He was collector of the Ecclesiastical Society in 1728. His wife, Mary Goodwin, who was baptized January 18, 1702, died August 14, 1770. Abijah Cowles, fourth son of Joseph Cowles, was born in East Hartford, August 10, 1734, and resided on the old family homestead, which he inherited, his death there occurring December 10, 1782. On the 16th of March, 1763, he had married Martha Smith, who was born October 10, 1739, and died April 4, 1814. Her eldest son, Stephen Cowles, born in East Hartford in 1765, was a resident of Marshfield, Vermont, as early as 1800, in which year he took the freeman's oath there. In the following year he purchased land but was driven out by the Indians during the War of 1812. He lived for a time at Manchester, Connecticut, and about 1834 removed to Hilliardville, Hartford county, where he was employed in the woolen mills. He married Patty Reed and died May 30, 1847. Their eldest son, Stephen Cowles, born November 27, 1796, in East Hartford, lived in Suffield, Connecticut, where he was justice of the peace and died August 26, 1878. He was married October 1, 1820, to Thankful Hatheway, who was born December 16, 1799, and died May 1, 1874.

Major Frank Cowles, the third son of Stephen and Thankful Cowles, was born in Suffield, Connecticut, April 27, 1835, and after attending the public schools studied in the Connecticut Literary Institute. On his eighteenth birthday he became a clerk in a country store at Windsor, his salary to be thirty-five dollars for the first year, forty dollars for the second, forty-five dollars for the third and fifty dollars for the fourth year; but so valuable was his service that the second year he was paid seventy-five dollars and in the third year was admitted to a partnership in the firm of Loomis & Spencer to receive one-fifth of the profits. Later he was head clerk for L. A. Brown and afterward engaged in business on his own account in partnership



with John S. Pomeroy, under the firm style of Cowles & Pomeroy. A year later he purchased his partner's interest and was joined by his cousin under the firm style of F. & A. F. Cowles. In 1863 Major Cowles removed to Hartford and was bookkeeper for J. W. Danforth & Company, being admitted to partnership in 1868, his association with that business covering fifty years. In 1908 the business was incorporated under the name of the J. G. Lane Company and Mr. Cowles continued as president from that date until his retirement in 1913. In 1878 he promoted and organized the Connecticut Travelers' Association, of which he was president for five years. He and his wife attended the Congregational church of Hartford and he belonged to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., while politically he was a democrat. In 1868 he became a member of the Governor's Foot Guard, so continuing for eight years, and in 1876 became a member of the Governor's Horse Guards. He was captain thereof from 1881 until 1886 and for five years thereafter was major of that organization. He belonged to the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. On the 29th of October, 1857, he wedded Emeline Narcissa Stebbins, who was born September 23, 1836, and died in 1906. She was a daughter of Edwin Cooley and Angeline Hannah (Holcombe) Stebbins, of Windsor, Connecticut.

Thus the line of descent is traced down to Edwin Stephen Cowles, son of Major Frank and Emeline Cowles. He was born in Poquonock, November 5, 1865, attended the grade and high schools and when his textbooks were put aside secured a position with the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Company, with which he continued from 1881 until 1892. His identification with insurance interests dates from the latter year, when he entered into partnership with Charles E. Bayliss under the firm style of Bayliss & Cowles. Later he was a partner of Fred D. Rathbun and since 1894 has conducted business independently. In December, 1892, he was made manager of the Hartford branch of the Great-American Insurance Company of New York and was appointed general agent for Connecticut by the board of the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland in May, 1893. On December 30, 1892, he was elected to the Board of Fire Underwriters, became vice president January 14, 1908, and president January 14, 1913, continuing in that office until January 12, 1915. On the 17th of November, 1910, he was elected president of the Connecticut Association of Local Fire Agents and he has also served as vice president of the National Association of Insurance Agents. He organized and was chairman of the New England Conference and he is very widely known in insurance circles not only in Connecticut and New England but also in other sections of the country. He has made it his purpose to thoroughly master every task that has come to him and to thoroughly acquaint himself with every phase of the business to which he has given his attention. His achievements represent the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents and the wise use of the opportunities that have come to him.

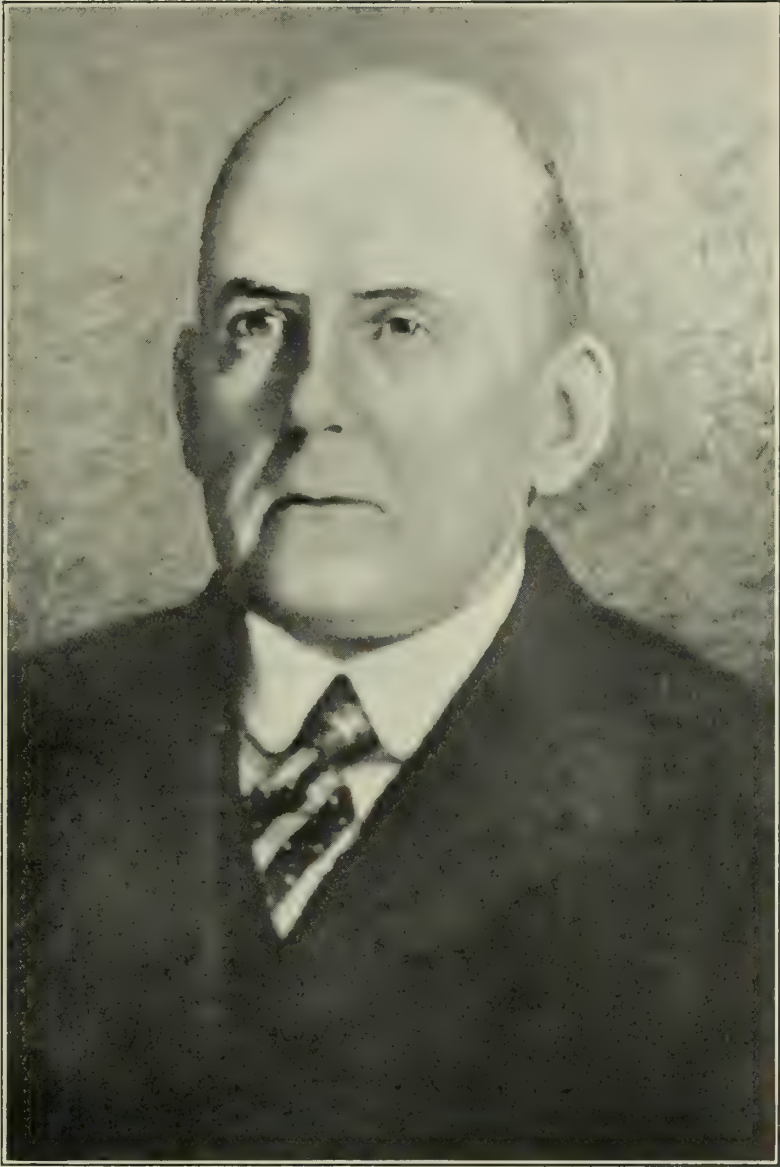
On the 18th of January, 1893, Mr. Cowles was united in marriage to Miss Ella Crowell Harrington and they have become parents of a daughter and a son. Dorothy Harrington is the wife of Raymond B. Searle and has one daughter, Luella Dorothy; Edwin Stephen, Jr., born September 4, 1897, married Florence L. Ledger and they have one son, Edwin S. 3d. Both the son and son-in-law were connected with the United States Naval Reserve Force during the World War period.

In his political views Mr. Cowles has always been a republican and he is interested in patriotic societies, having membership in the Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Hartford Club. He is a splendid type of the American business man, alert, energetic, ready for any emergency, and at all times his course has been marked by the most unfaltering devotion to the highest standards of business honor and integrity.

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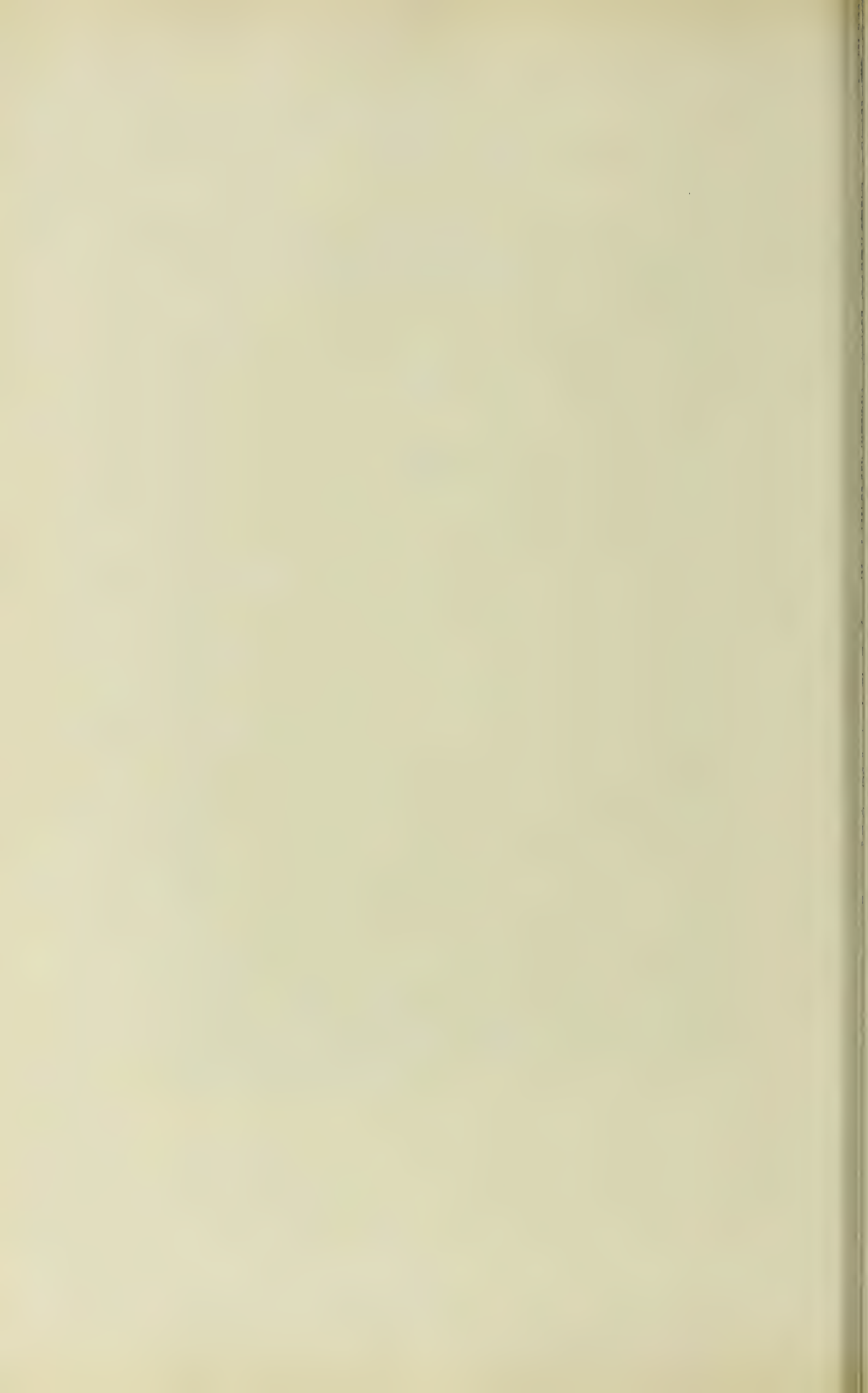
#### EDWARD W. LOWREY

A lifelong resident of Southington, Edward W. Lowrey was long active in community affairs and displayed rare qualities as a public servant. He had the welfare of his city deeply at heart and was ever ready to further plans for its advancement. Mr. Lowrey was born August 21, 1864, and after his education was completed he secured a position in the office of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company. For a number



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EDWARD W. LOWREY





of years he was in the employ of that firm and later occupied a small farm, which he cultivated during the remainder of his life, adding many improvements to the property.

At Meriden, Connecticut, Mr. Lowrey was married May 23, 1913, to Mrs. Addie Barnes Yale, and there are two children, Anna Estella and Allen Yale. Mr. Lowrey was affiliated with the First Congregational church and closely observed its teachings. In local politics he exerted considerable influence and at one time was democratic deputy registrar of voters. During the Cleveland administration he was appointed postmaster of Southington and did excellent work in that office. His outstanding achievement in public affairs, however, was as an assessor, and it was recognized that he was the most valuable member of the board, due to his long service and his familiarity with the work. Mr. Lowrey belonged to that class of men whose talents are best expressed in public service and his many admirable qualities endeared him to all with whom he was brought in contact. On November 29, 1926, when sixty-two years of age, he was removed from his sphere of usefulness and is survived by Mrs. Lowrey, who resides in the family home at No. 216 North Main street. She is devoted to her children and occupies a high place in the esteem of all who know her.

At the time of her husband's death the following tribute to his worth appeared in one of the local papers:

"'Ed' Lowrey, as he was known to his immediate friends and associates, was rated as a model citizen and his friendship much valued by all whose privilege it was to have come in contact with him. News of his sudden death comes as a distinct shock to all of them. He had been complaining of not feeling in the best of health for several weeks, but due to the pressure of business at the office of the board of assessors at this time of the year felt that he must continue until the work of property assessment had progressed to a point whereby his service could be dispensed with and while he took treatment necessary to regain his health. It is feared that his devotion to duty was too much for his strength and that overwork may have been a contributory cause which hastened his death."

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#### VICTOR FORTUNATO DE NEZZO

A strong element in the life of Hartford is furnished by the second generation of Italians—citizens whose parents were born in Italy and who found in the opportunities of the new world the chance for the establishment of homes and the upbuilding of fortunes. The sons of many of these Italian people, who readily adapted themselves to the customers of the new world, have become active factors in the business development of Hartford, making creditable names and places for themselves in its commercial, industrial, financial and professional circles.

Such is the record of Victor Fortunato De Nezzo, attorney at law, who was born in the old tenement building at the corner of Morgan and Charles streets in Hartford on the 15th of June, 1894. His parents, Frank and Laura (Russo) De Nezzo, were natives of Campobasso, Italy, and came to America about 1872, settling in Hartford. Frank De Nezzo was in very straitened financial circumstances at the time—in fact was so poor that he worked as a scissors grinder—but as the years passed by he lived most economically and thus saved up a little money. Later he took a job as foreman of a section gang on the Shore Line. Those who knew him and were associated with him recognized his unwavering honesty and other employes trusted him with their savings, so that he was doing a banking business yet without a passbook. Eventually he had saved from his earnings capital sufficient to enable him to establish a grocery store and in course of time he became proprietor of three grocery stores doing a thriving business and returning to their owner a well earned and well merited competency. He certainly deserved the success which crowned his labors and the record of no resident of Hartford indicates more clearly what can be accomplished through determination, industry and perseverance. His life record may well serve to encourage and inspire others. His business integrity stood as an unquestioned fact in his career and his capability brought him into a position of prominence. He died February 8, 1904, and is still survived by his widow, who yet makes her home in Hartford.

Their son, Victor F. De Nezzo, was educated in the Brown school of Hartford, in the high school and in Trinity College, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of

Science degree at his graduation in 1916. In the meantime he had resolved to become a member of the bar and accordingly entered the Yale Law School, completing his course in 1920 and winning the LL. B. degree. In June of that year he was admitted to the bar and has since concentrated his efforts and attention upon the practice of law. In the meantime, however, Mr. De Nezzo had enlisted on March 23, 1917, in the United States navy, as a seaman. He served on several of the war ships and destroyers and during his service visited the shores of France, Brazil, Argentine and Spain, spending altogether twenty months in foreign ports of which fifteen months were at Brest, France. After his war service was over he resumed the study of law and, as previously stated, was graduated in 1920. Opening an office in Hartford, he has here practiced his profession in the law offices of Francis A. Pallotti and the number of his clients is growing year by year. He has given proof of his capability to handle intricate and involved legal problems, for he possesses keen analytical power and readily determines the important point upon which the decision of every case finally turns.

In public affairs Mr. De Nezzo has taken a keen and helpful interest. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and served as alderman from the second ward from 1921 until 1923, while at the present time (1928) he is chief clerk to the secretary of state. He was also clerk on the first school district committee. He belongs to the University Club and the City Club, to the Sons of Italy and the Knights of Columbus. He chose as a life work a profession in which advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability, and gradually he has worked his way upward until he has an enviable standing at the Hartford bar.

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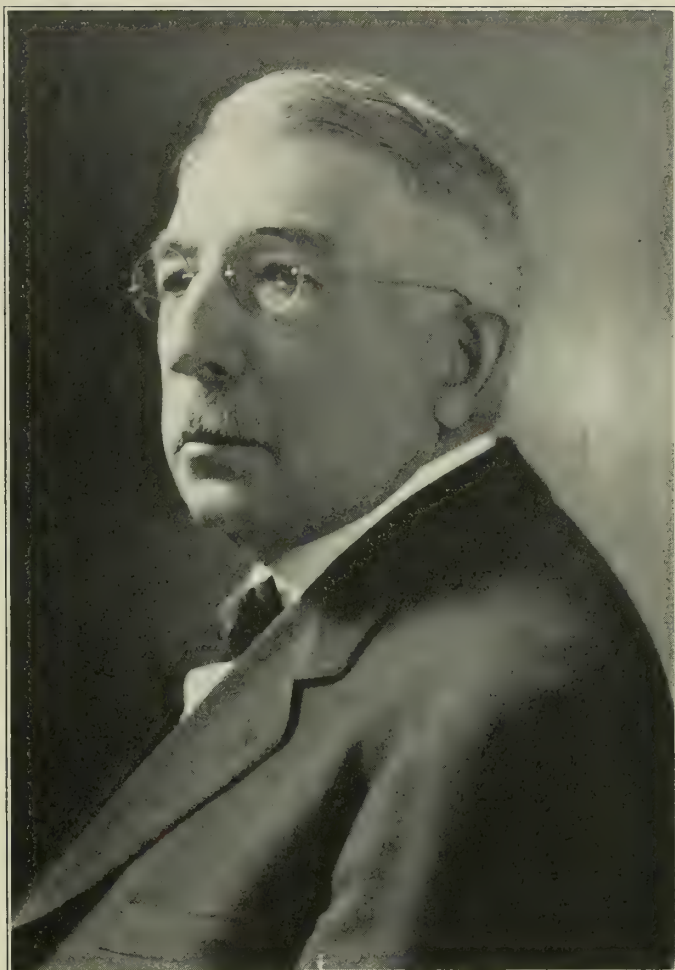
#### HERBERT J. MILLS

Among the important productive industries which have made Bristol and Hartford a most important manufacturing center, with trade interests reaching out over an extensive territory, is that of the H. J. Mills Company, which has featured in the business development of Bristol since 1887 and of which Herbert J. Mills is the president. Broad experience and thorough training have enabled him to readily grasp every situation and direct his activities so that most gratifying results are attained, while, moreover, his interests are of a character that have contributed to the material development and consequent prosperity of the district. Year by year he has grown in capability and power, and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate talents and his highly developed skill in business management.

Born on the 15th of September, 1851, in New Hartford, Litchfield county, Connecticut, Herbert J. Mills is the eldest son and the third child of James Remington and Mary Elizabeth (Mix) Mills and is descended from one of the oldest families of Windsor, Connecticut, there established by Simeon Mills in the year 1640. He came to America with Captain Newbury, settled at Salem and married Sarah Bissell, who had made the voyage to the new world on the same vessel with her future husband. Their son, Simon Mills, who was born at Windsor, Connecticut, September 3, 1642, married Mary Buell, a daughter of William Buell, who arrived in Windsor in 1635 or 1636. Simon Mills died in Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1683. The six children born to him and his wife were: Samuel and Simon, twins, born in 1661; Mary, in 1662; Hannah, in 1665; Simon, in 1667; and John, in 1668.

The last named, the direct ancestor of Herbert J. Mills in the third generation in America, removed from his native Town of Windsor to Simsbury, Connecticut, where he married Sarah Pettibone, and there died in 1698. Of their children Deacon Joseph Mills, who was a twin brother of Benjamin Mills, was born in Simsbury, December 23, 1697, and in 1742 became one of the first settlers of West Simsbury, where he was a substantial farmer and a deacon in the Congregational church. He married Hannah Adams, who died in 1776, and he died in West Simsbury the same year.

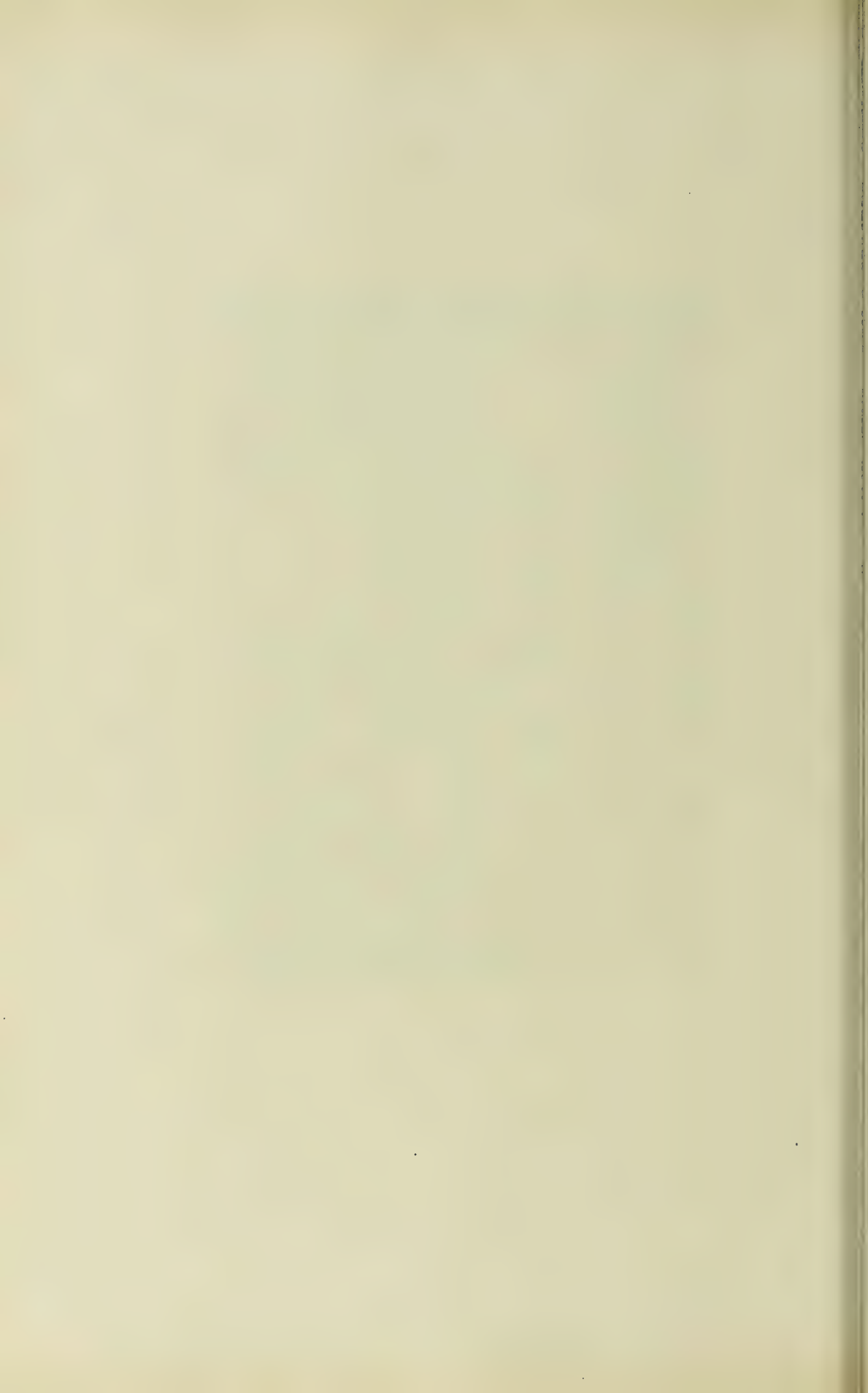
They were parents of Deacon Joseph Mills (II), who was born in Simsbury, February 17, 1728, and died in Norfolk, Connecticut, in 1792. About 1759 he removed to Norfolk, where he became deacon of the Congregational church in 1772. By his first marriage he had seven children. His second wife was Hannah Remington, of Suffield, Connecticut, and his third wife was Sarah Lewis. It was a son of the second marriage, Roger Mills, who became the grandfather of Herbert J. Mills. He was born in



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Norfolk, September 6, 1773, and died in New Hartford, May 29, 1844. He was a farmer who also possessed a fair knowledge of law and was often called upon to advise members of the community. He was long active in the church and was president of the Litchfield County Anti-Slavery Society. On the 15th of March, 1804, he married Harriet Merrill, a daughter of Captain Phineas Merrill, of New Hartford, where she passed away September 17, 1827. They had a large family, of whom two died in infancy. Their children included James Remington Mills, who was the seventh in order of birth and was born in New Hartford, Connecticut, December 19, 1818, while he died June 25, 1885. From New Hartford he removed to Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1854 and for thirteen years was there engaged in mechanical pursuits and in farming. In 1867 he returned to Connecticut, whence he removed to Chicopee, Massachusetts, where he worked as a mechanic. Afterward he resided at Springfield, Massachusetts, for a time and then again came to Connecticut, where he passed away at the age of sixty-seven years. He was married July 30, 1844, to Mary Elizabeth Mix, of Bristol, Connecticut, who died in Wisconsin in 1865. His second wife, Jane E. Wood, of Windsor, survived him. The children of his first marriage were: Mary Louisa, who became the wife of Delos H. Cady, of Brookfield, Missouri; Cordelia A., wife of Darius A. Cudworth, of St. Anthony Park, Minnesota; Herbert J.; Harriet, the deceased wife of Joseph F. Smith of Bristol, Connecticut; Anna Isabel, who has passed away; and Walter E., who married Lizzie Lundburg and resides in Bristol.

In the Buell and Griswold lines Herbert J. Mills comes of equally old and distinguished ancestry. The record of another historian has it that "the Buell family, to which the wives of Simon Mills of Windsor, Connecticut, and Roger Mills of New Hartford, Connecticut, belonged, was founded in New England by William Buell of England, Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Windsor, Connecticut. The ancient history of the family carries back to ancient days on the continent of Europe even to Charlemagne, and in England a Robert Beuille was knighted by his sovereign, Henry IV, in 1410. The family seat was then Huntingdonshire, the founder of the American family, William Buell, being born in that shire. In the English record the name is Beulles, Beville, Bewille, and in New England Buell, Beull and Bewell are the common forms used, although thirty-five different forms of spelling are found in different records and localities.

"William Buell was born at Chesterdon, Huntingdonshire, England, about 1610, came to New England in 1630 in the ship 'Mary and Jane,' and died at Windsor, Connecticut, November 23, 1681. In the company which came in this ship, sailing from Plymouth, England, and arriving at Nantasket, Massachusetts, May 30, 1630, was Rev. John Wareham and members of his church, Henry Wolcott and Matthew Griswold. William Buell married, and had issue, his eldest son marrying a granddaughter of Matthew Griswold, and Mary Buell, the eldest daughter of William Buell, becoming the wife of Simon Mills. In 1650 William Buell and his wife were indicted by the Plymouth Society as Baptists. In October, 1660, they, with others, were indicted for continuing their meetings from house to house on the Lord's Day, contrary to the laws of the court, but it does not appear that any punishment was inflicted.

"Mary Buell, daughter of William, and sister of Samuel Buell, was born in Windsor, Connecticut, August 19, 1644, and married February 23, 1660, Simon Mills, son of Simeon Mills, the founder of the Mills family in New England. They were married in Windsor, she the Buell ancestor of Herbert J. Mills, of Bristol, Connecticut. William Buell gave to his oldest daughter, Mary, five pounds more than he gave the others. (See Mills line, Simon, John, Deacon Joseph (I), Deacon Joseph (II), Roger, James Remington, Herbert J. Mills.)

"The Buell line to Harriet (Merrill) Mills, wife of Roger Mills, of New Hartford, is through her mother, Anna Buell Merrill, wife of Phineas Merrill and daughter of Sergeant Archelaus Buell, son of Deacon Peter Buell, grandson of Deacon John Buell, great-grandson of Samuel Buell, and great-great-grandson of William Buell, the American ancestor. Deacon Peter Buell, son of John, son of William, was born at Killingworth, in 1710, and moved to Litchfield, Connecticut, a town which he aided in founding. His son, Sergeant Archelaus Buell, was born at Litchfield, and there married Avis Leete Collins, daughter of Rev. Timothy Collins, of Litchfield, son of John and Anna (Leete) Collins. Anna, the daughter of John Leete, son of William Leete, governor of Connecticut, 1670-1683, who died at Hartford in

1683, his tombstone having recently been restored to its original appearance. Governor Leete was born in Huntingdonshire, England, his wife, Anne, a daughter of Robert Shute, a justice of the Kings Bench. Anna Buell, daughter of Sergeant Archelaus Buell, was born in Litchfield, March 27, 1759, and died September 4, 1855, in her ninety-seventh year. She married, in 1780, Captain Phineas Merrill, of New Hartford, and they were the grandparents of James Remington Mills, and great-grandparents of Herbert J. Mills.

"The family of Griswold derive descent from Humphrey Griswold, Lord of the Manor of Great, and are mentioned in English history as an honorable family as early as the sixteenth century. Originally they came from Cambridgeshire, where they were seated in 1135, Sir Launcelot Griswold being sheriff of the county in that year, also a member of the House of Commons.

"The Griswold, Buell and Mills families are connected through the marriage of Samuel Buell, son of William, the immigrant, to Deborah Griswold, daughter of Edward, son of Matthew Griswold (II) of Warwickshire, England. Matthew Griswold came to New England in the ship, 'Mary and Jane,' arriving at Nantasket, May 30, 1630, a member of the company led by Rev. John Wareham. William Buell and Henry Wolcott were in the same company, their families destined to be closely united. Matthew Griswold married Anna Wolcott, daughter of Henry Wolcott, the immigrant. Their grandson, Matthew Griswold, son of John Griswold, was governor of Connecticut, 1784-1786. He married his second cousin, Ursula Wolcott, daughter of Governor Roger Wolcott, of Connecticut, and their son, Roger Griswold, was governor of Connecticut, 1811-1813."

Herbert J. Mills was a little lad of less than three years when his parents removed with their family to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he acquired a public school education and in vacation periods aided in the cultivation of the home farm. After thirteen years spent in that state he again became a resident of Connecticut in 1867 and a little later went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where for five years he was employed in a paper box manufactory. He spent the year 1872 in New Haven, Connecticut, and in 1873 removed to Bristol, where he has since resided, now covering a period of about fifty-five years. Through more than four decades he has been interested in paper box manufacturing here, having joined his cousin, David Mix, in leasing and operating the Hitchcock paper box factory in 1887. They showed capability in management from the beginning and under their guidance the enterprise prospered. Mr. Mills became sole owner in 1891 and so continued until August, 1914, when he incorporated the H. J. Mills Company, of which he has since been the president. He has a splendidly equipped plant and the extensive output is now sold over a wide territory, the business having become one of the large and profitable manufacturing concerns of Bristol. Mr. Mills loses sight of no detail of the business, while at the same time he carefully promotes its chief features, and his sound judgment and undaunted enterprise are manifest in the continued growth of the output.

On the 1st of May, 1878, in Southington, Connecticut, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Adelia Baxter Dozier, a daughter of Isaac and Lydia Dozier, of Bristol, Connecticut. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Delavan DeWolf, who was then pastor of the Bristol Baptist church and active in the affairs of Bristol as the head of the board of school visitors. On the 1st of May, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Mills celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home at 78 Summer street. They have one daughter, Bertha Dozier, born August 31, 1879, and a son, Roger Herbert, who was born April 4, 1884.

In fraternal circles Mr. Mills is widely known, holding membership in Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F. and A. M.; Bristol Conclave, No. 556, Independent Order of Heptasophs; Ethan Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, and in the Uniform Rank of that order; and is also a member of Brewster Lodge, No. 1010, B. P. O. E., Bristol. He is an ardent gunman and is a member of the Hartford Gun Club. He is regarded as one of the best shots in the city. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, while in his political views he is a democrat who recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and therefore withholds his support from no project which he believes of civic worth. He served as one of the early assessors of the Borough of Bristol and prior to 1891 was elected chief burgess. He represented Bristol in the Legislature in 1899-1900 and retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all. The lines of his life



have fallen in pleasant places, for his labors have been crowned with success and for many years he has enjoyed the high respect of those with whom he has come in contact. His course may well serve as an example and an inspiration to others who have the courage and the determination to press on where a less resolute individual would falter.

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#### FREDERICK MOREHOUSE SALMON

The stability and progress of a community depend not so much upon the machinery of government as upon the men who fill public offices and render service to the state. Meeting every requirement in the various positions to which he has been called, Frederick Morehouse Salmon has won the right to be classed with the valued, honored and representative citizens of Connecticut. He is now filling the office of comptroller for the third term and this followed previous effective service as state senator and in other positions of public trust. Because of his wide acquaintance in Connecticut his life history cannot fail to prove of interest to the readers of this volume. He was born in Westport, this state, February 27, 1870, his parents being David A. and Frances Augusta (Morehouse) Salmon. In tracing the ancestral line it is learned that during the reign of Edward III the manor of Salmans, in Caterham, Surrey, England, belonged to Roger Saleman, which was the orthography of that age. The year 1640 chronicled the arrival of three families of the name of Salmon to America, one settling in Massachusetts, a second in New Jersey and the third in Southold, Long Island. There are evidences that the family was originally Scottish, but during the Highland wars representatives of the name went to Southwold, England. Daniel C. Salmon, grandfather of Frederick Morehouse Salmon, was born in the town of Trumbull, Fairfield county, Connecticut. He married Mary Catherine Bradley and their son, David A. Salmon, was born September 26, 1836, in Weston, Connecticut. When a young man he was employed in the dry goods store of Sullivan Moulton of Westport. He afterward carried on business in partnership with his father-in-law and later purchased the interest of his partner, after which he conducted his store under the style of D. A. Salmon & Company. He served as chairman of the republican town committee and took an active interest in public affairs. His wife, Frances Augusta Morehouse, was born September 3, 1839, and was a daughter of Frederick Morehouse, of Westport, a descendant of English ancestors, the line being traced back to Thomas Morehouse, who was in Wethersfield in 1640. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Salmon became parents of six children, of whom the following reached adult age: Catherine, now deceased; Anna Frances, who became the wife of William L. Taylor and has passed away; Frederick M.; Edith, the wife of Austin Wakeman; and David A., of Washington, D. C. The parents were consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father serving for a quarter of a century as Sunday school superintendent and as chairman of the board of trustees for an extended period. He died March 11, 1894, while his wife passed away February 11, 1913.

After attending the public schools of his native town Frederick M. Salmon continued his education in Packard's Business College of New York city and then started out in the business world as the associate of his father, whom he afterward succeeded as owner of the store. His interest in politics dated from early manhood, and from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart republican, working earnestly and effectively for the party because of his firm belief in its principles as factors in good government. For twenty-seven years he filled the position of chairman of the republican town committee and thus directed local party activities. Elected to the office of county treasurer, he filled that position for six years and for thirty years served as a member of the state prison commission, acting as its secretary through twenty years of that time. In 1915 he was elected to the state senate and reelected in 1917, popular franchise thus endorsing his course during his first term. He was made chairman of the committee on roads, rivers and bridges and it was during his service in that connection that the concrete bridge was erected over the Saugatuck river at Westport. During his second term he was made a member of the important appropriations committee and his entire course was marked by devotion to the interests of his constituents and of the com-

monwealth at large. He was an alternate delegate to the republican national convention which nominated Warren G. Harding for the presidency and in October, 1919, he was elected judge of probate, assuming the duties of that office on the 11th of April, 1920. On the 2d of November, 1920, he was reelected, his term expiring on the 1st of January, 1925. He was elected to the office of comptroller of the state of Connecticut in the year 1922 for a term of two years, reelected in 1924 and again in 1926. The office of comptroller is a most important one, having had bestowed upon it broad constitutional and statutory powers. Comptroller Salmon has discharged the duties of his office with singular success, as his repeated elections testify. During his incumbency the business of the office has grown with great rapidity, in keeping with the growth of the state's activities and the need for greater supervisory powers and for more thorough and detailed accounting. Under his direction modern methods have been adopted, use being made of the most advanced types of office machinery and equipment, in an endeavor to make the financial accounting and control as efficient and as economical as obtains in the best types of private enterprise. Comptroller Salmon's keen judgment on matters of policy in the conduct of the wide range of duties which the statutes have imposed upon the office of comptroller has gained for him an enviable reputation as an administrative officer. He has gained and retained the respect and hearty cooperation, not only of his own office organization, but of the several state departments, boards and commissions, all of whom come in contact with his office in one way or another. As an ex-officio member of the board of finance and control, of the board of equalization, of the bank commission, and of the former police commission, Comptroller Salmon has had a very large share in shaping the wise policies of governmental administration for which the state of Connecticut is justly famous.

On the 12th of October, 1892, Mr. Salmon wedded Martha Grace King, daughter of Theodore E. and Abigail W. (Carpenter) King, of Westport, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Salmon are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for more than a quarter of a century he has filled the office of treasurer, and has also served as chairman of the building committee which had in charge the erection of the present house of worship. His interest in community welfare has been far-reaching and beneficial. He is vice president of the Westport Bank and Trust Company and for thirteen years has been president of The Westport Country Club, is a trustee of the Staples high school, and he was entrusted with the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association, which received from E. T. Bedford a gift of six hundred thousand dollars. During the World war period he stood stanchly in support of every measure that upheld the hands of the government or safeguarded the interests of the soldiers in camp and field. He acted as chairman of the last three Liberty Loan campaigns in Westport and was also chairman of other great drives conducted in connection with World war work. In a word his entire life has been devoted to the public welfare. Men may have opposed his opinions, but they have never doubted his integrity nor the worth of his service. He is one of Connecticut's outstanding men, respected and honored by all who know him and most of all by those who are most familiar with his career.

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#### JAMES EDWARD CANNON

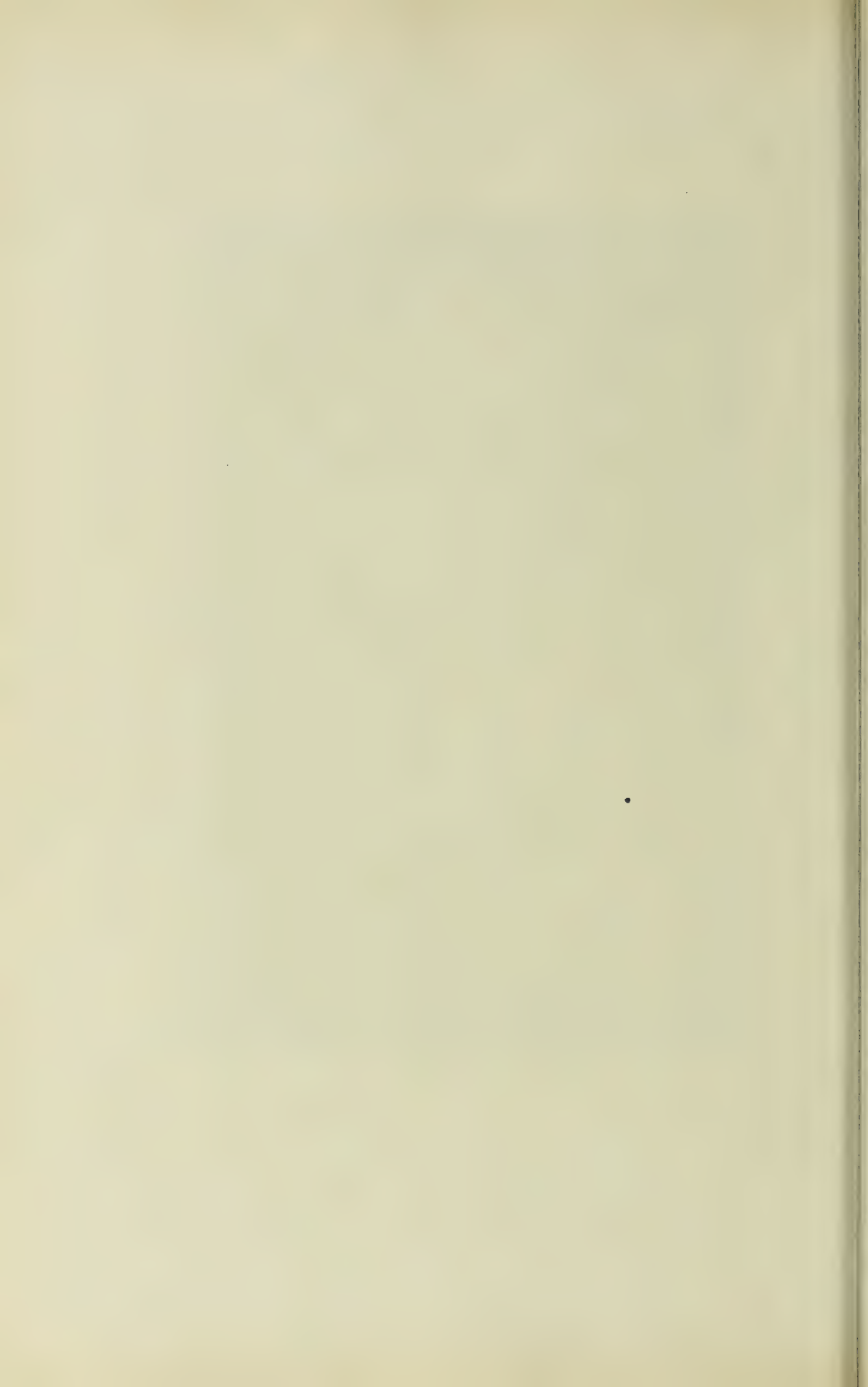
James Edward Cannon, attorney at law, practicing as senior partner in the firm of Cannon & Markham in Hartford and also numbered among the jurists of the state, having been elected in 1927, by the general assembly, as judge of the Windsor Locks town court, was born in Suffield, Connecticut, October 11, 1895. Three years later, in 1898, his parents, Charles D. and Catherine (Tracy) Cannon, removed from Suffield to Windsor Locks, where they now reside, the father being widely known as a tobacco grower and dealer in leaf tobacco.

At the usual age James E. Cannon entered the public schools and after attending the high school at Windsor Locks became a pupil in St. Bonaventure's Preparatory School at Allegany, New York. In 1917 he was graduated from Holy Cross College of Worcester, Massachusetts, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, and then in preparation for a legal career matriculated in the Yale Law School, which conferred upon him his LL. B. degree with the class of 1921. He was admitted to the bar in January,



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1922, and since that time has devoted his attention to a law practice that has constantly grown in volume and importance. His student days, however, were interrupted by his enlistment on the 2d of June, 1917, in the Connecticut National Guard and his induction into the federal service July 25, 1917, after which he was stationed at Niantic and at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in April, 1918. He was afterward assigned to duty with the headquarters staff at Camp McArthur in Waco, Texas, where he remained until honorably discharged March 2, 1919, with the rank of second lieutenant. Immediately afterward he returned to Hartford and then entered the Yale Law School, finishing the summer school course on the 1st of September, 1921.

With his admission to practice Mr. Cannon entered the office of Hugh M. Alcorn, with whom he was associated until October 1, 1926, when he formed a partnership with John A. Markham, and the firm of Cannon & Markham has gained enviable position, as attested by the large clientele accorded them. It has been characteristic of Mr. Cannon that he has prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care, that he presents his cause clearly and logically, and that he has seldom failed to win the verdict desired. He enjoys the good will and high regard of his professional colleagues and contemporaries and has membership in the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations.

On the list of his membership connections also appears the name of the University and City clubs, the Plymouth Meadow Country Club of Windsor and the Suffield Country Club. Fraternally he is associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the American Legion and served on the state committee which organized the Legion in Connecticut, while during his last year at Yale he was senior vice commander of the Connecticut department of the American Legion. His interest in community affairs has been manifest in many tangible ways, and from 1925 until 1927 he rendered valuable aid to his city as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Windsor Locks. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has voted the republican ticket, and in the session of 1927 he was elected by the state legislature to the office of judge of the Windsor Locks town court for a term of two years, and those who know aught of his career have no hesitancy in prophesying that his judicial service will equal in honor and importance his practice as a member of the Hartford bar.

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#### HAROLD GOODWIN HOLCOMBE

One of the strong insurance firms of Hartford is that of which Harold Goodwin Holcombe is the president. Through capable management and wise direction he has built up a business of large and gratifying proportions, now conducted at No. 49 Pearl street under the name of Harold G. Holcombe, Inc. He was born in Bristol, Connecticut, November 23, 1873, his parents being John Marshall and Emily Seymour (Goodwin) Holcombe. His father was a native of Hartford, while his mother was born in Bristol. The former was an outstanding figure in insurance circles as president of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, and at his death on January 15, 1926, Hartford mourned the loss of one of her valued and representative citizens. He had for about three years survived his wife, who died in 1923.

Their son, Harold G. Holcombe, pursued his education in the Hartford public high school and in Yale College, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1897. When his textbooks were put aside he secured a position as messenger with the Fidelity Trust Company of Hartford and upon leaving that company in 1908 he was filling the position of assistant treasurer, having been advanced from time to time from one position to another of larger responsibility, gaining thereby broad and valuable experience as well as greater remuneration. While associated with the Fidelity Trust Company he also became identified with the National Surety as agent, and in 1907 he formed a partnership for the conduct of an insurance business with James H. McManus under the firm style of McManus & Holcombe. This association was maintained until 1919, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Holcombe established business on his own account. In 1923 he incorporated his interests under the name of Harold G. Holcombe, Inc., which is now general agent for the National Surety Com-

pany and the London & Lancashire Indemnity Company of America and local agent for the London & Lancashire Insurance Company of London, the Travelers Insurance Company, and various other corporations. He has built up a business of large and gratifying proportions, having thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the kinds of insurance which he handles, so that he is able to wisely advise his clients in placing their insurance.

On the 19th of June, 1913, Mr. Holcombe was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Percy Monson, of New Haven, Connecticut. They are the parents of three children: Harold Goodwin, Jr., Seth Pomeroy and Shepherd Monson. The family resides at 79 Spring street, in the house which was purchased by Mr. Holcombe's grandfather in 1840, he and his family being of the fifth generation to occupy this residence.

Mr. Holcombe takes a keen and active interest in political affairs and keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. He is chairman of the sixth ward republican committee and has ever recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. He belongs to the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club, the Lions Club, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Yale Alumni Association, the Westchester Game and Fish Club and various others. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce and never withholds his support from any plan or measure that he deems of vital worth to the community.

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#### IRA HOBART SPENCER

Ira Hobart Spencer, who passed away April 28, 1928, was a prominent manufacturer and inventor, and president of the Spencer Turbine Company, of Hartford. He was born in Barkhamsted, Connecticut, June 19, 1873, and was descended from Jared Spencer, son of Sir Thomas Spencer of England, who was the first settler in Haddam, Connecticut, in 1688, and whose son was General Joseph Spencer. He had two brothers, the Rev. Uriel H. Spencer and Herbert D. Spencer.

Uriel Spencer, Ira H. Spencer's father, was in the lumber and building business, but owing to poor health sold out and took up farming about the time Ira Spencer was born. His mother, Harriet A. (Blackman) Spencer, was a school teacher in Greenwich, Connecticut. From her Ira Spencer received his early education and from both father and mother the best of moral and spiritual influence. Later he was tutored by Philip Dewitt Phair of Trinity College.

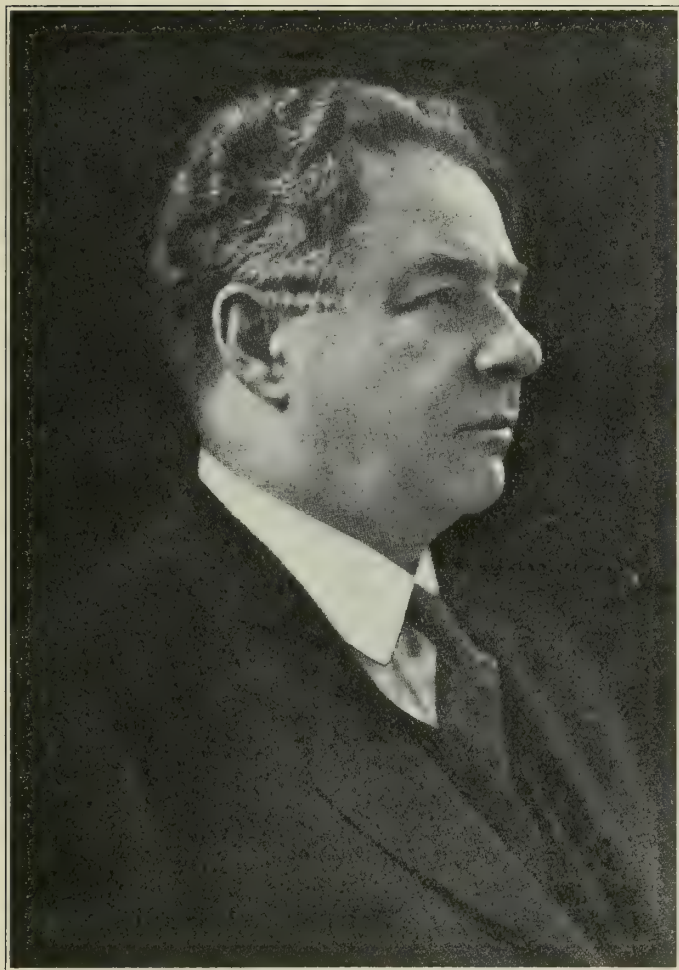
At twelve years of age he attended school in Winsted for two terms, walking four and one-half miles night and morning to do so. At the age of thirteen moved to Hartford, which city continued to be his home throughout the remainder of his life. He went to school for a short time in Hartford, but owing to the illness of his father soon went to work, first for Alonzo White in the stationery and wholesale paper business, where he remained about a year, after which he entered the employ of E. H. Betts, wholesale grocer.

To augment his income during this time, Mr. Spencer took care of St. James' Episcopal church, where it was a part of his duty to blow the organ every Sunday. In connection with his work at St. James' church, he built a hydraulic engine to automatically blow the organ and as the water supply pipe in the church was only the usual small house supply size, it was necessary to make a most efficient engine to secure sufficient power with such a small service pipe. This high efficiency was the foundation for the present Spencer Turbine Company's business.

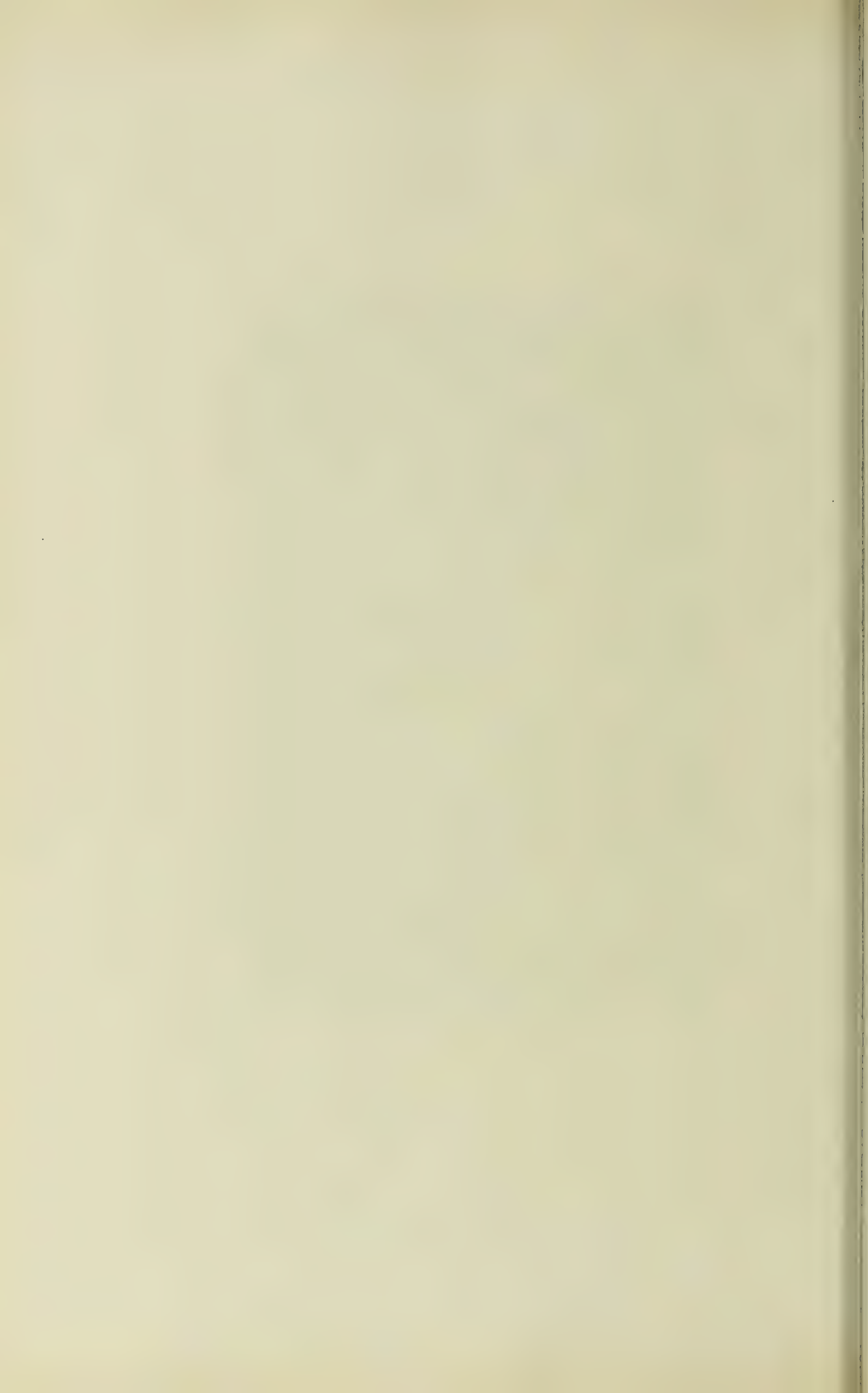
After installing a few of these water engines in local churches, his employer, E. H. Betts, together with his friends, Messrs. Kibbe, Gates and Turner, organized the Spencer Motor Company to manufacture these engines under the Spencer patents of 1892. The Spencer Motor Company worked up an attractive business with the pipe organ manufacturers on the basis of quality and service. The Spencer Motor Company was sold to the L. E. Rhodes Company and later became the Organ Power Company. In 1904 Mr. Spencer brought out the electric organ blower known as the "Orgoblo," on which has been built up the largest business of its kind in the world.

In 1905 Mr. Spencer brought out the turbine vacuum cleaner or "central cleaning system," which is now securing about eighty per cent of this class of business. In 1907 the Spencer Turbine Cleaner Company was organized and in 1918 the





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Organ Power Company and the Spencer Turbine Cleaner Company were merged into the Spencer Turbine Company, who are the acknowledged leaders in the above specialties.

To meet the necessities of the war Mr. Spencer brought out the turbo centrifugal air compressor, on which a large business has since been built up for foundries, steel treating furnaces, pneumatic tube systems, etc. Almost every great American organ is blown by an "Orgoblo," as well as a large percentage of smaller ones and many abroad.

The central cleaning systems are installed in thousands of the largest and finest buildings in the United States, collecting all of the dust and dirt from the many acres of floor space in these immense buildings and conveying it through pipes to the central receiver in the basement. The turbo compressors are installed in many of the best equipped automobile factories and other manufacturing plants and in many of the great department stores, insurance buildings, etc.

In connection with these products above mentioned, Mr. Spencer took out about one hundred patents and built up the largest and best equipped manufacturing plant of its kind in the world, and each of the three specialties has won the highest award in every exposition entered.

At his death Arthur P. Day, a director of the company, paying a tribute to Mr. Spencer said: "Mr. Spencer was a remarkable man. With only a common school education, he made himself a leading expert in the engineering field in which he found his life work. He was an inventor of prominence and an able business man. All who came in contact with him will miss his gracious personal qualities."

On the 27th of September, 1900, Mr. Spencer was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Monks, daughter of William and Margaret McClaran Monks of Hartford, and to them was born one child, Dorothy, born March 21, 1905.

Mr. Spencer was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (life member); Hartford Engineers Club; West Hartford Country Club, Inc.; Sequin Golf Club; City Club; Automobile Club of Hartford; and Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

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#### CAPTAIN IRVING EMERSON PARTRIDGE, JR.

Important business interests are entrusted to the care of Captain Irving Emerson Partridge, Jr., through his present connection with the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company of Hartford as its office manager. He has been a representative of this corporation continuously for nine years and his fidelity and efficiency have found recognition in steady promotion. Mr. Partridge is a native of the neighboring state of Massachusetts, he having been born in Holliston, Middlesex county, October 11, 1897, his parents being Irving Emerson and Alice E. (Bigelow) Partridge, also natives of the Bay state. The Partridge family are descendants of the Rev. Ralph Partridge, who settled at Plymouth about 1640, and among both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Captain Partridge are those who served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, including participants in the old North Bridge battle at Concord, where was fired the shot that was heard around the world. Both the Partridge and Bigelow families have been connected with mercantile interests at Holliston, Massachusetts, and Irving E. Partridge, Sr., is now a department manager with the Wallace Company, owners of a large department store at Schenectady, New York. The grandfather, George E. Partridge, is also yet living but has retired from active business and makes his home in Orlando, Florida.

Captain Partridge acquired his early education in the public schools of Winsted, Connecticut, and in 1909 the family removed to Hartford, so that he here continued his studies, being graduated from the Washington school with the class of 1911 and from the Hartford high school in 1915, at which time his name was on the honor roll. He next entered Trinity College, pursuing a scientific course but leaving just before his junior year. America had entered the World war and he enlisted in the Coast Artillery Corps at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, being afterward transferred to the Fifth Officers Training Camp at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he was graduated September 25, 1918, and was then commissioned second lieutenant. He was assigned to the coast defenses of Boston and stationed at Fort Andrews, Massachusetts. While



there he was placed in command of the Thirteenth and Twenty-third Companies of Coast Artillery for the Boston Harbor defense and later was transferred and assigned to the command of Battery B, Twenty-eighth Heavy Artillery, C. A. C., at Fort Strong, Massachusetts. He was ready for overseas when the armistice was signed. The command was demobilized January 11, 1919, at which time he received his honorable discharge.

Returning to Hartford, he again entered Trinity College and by intensive study was able to graduate with the June class of 1919, winning the Bachelor of Science degree and graduating with honors in biology, also winning the history prize. Prior to entering the government service at the time of the World war he was a captain in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

On the 1st of July, 1919, Captain Partridge entered the employ of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company and is still connected with that concern. His interest in military affairs has never abated. Following his discharge from the army and the completion of his college training he joined the State Guard in September, 1919, as a captain in command of Headquarters Company and as regimental adjutant to Colonel Charles W. Burpee, remaining in that connection until the First Regiment of the State Guard was mustered out in 1921. In September, 1923, he joined the Connecticut National Guard and was made first lieutenant of Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry, while in January, 1925, he was promoted to the rank of captain and was made supply officer on the regimental staff under Colonel D. Gordon Hunter. Another promotion came in April, 1926, making him regimental adjutant of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry, which is his present official connection with Connecticut's military interests.

One of the recent and more important events in the life record of Captain Partridge was celebrated September 24, 1927, when Miss Mary A. W. Brand became his wife, and they now reside in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The Captain is a member of the Broadview Community church of Hartford and his membership relations are many. He belongs to the Phi Psi Chapter of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, also to the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, to the Military Order of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He has membership in the University Club of Hartford and in the National Sojourners, Hartford Chapter No. 56. He is secretary of the Employing Book Binders of America and chairman of the Pamphlet Binders Group of the same organization, also chairman of the publicity committee and a member of the cost committee and the research committee. He is also graduate treasurer of the Trinity College Athletic Association. Fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Hartford Council of the Princes of Jerusalem; Cyrus Goodell Chapter of the Rose Croix; and Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S.

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#### JOHN T. HENDERSON

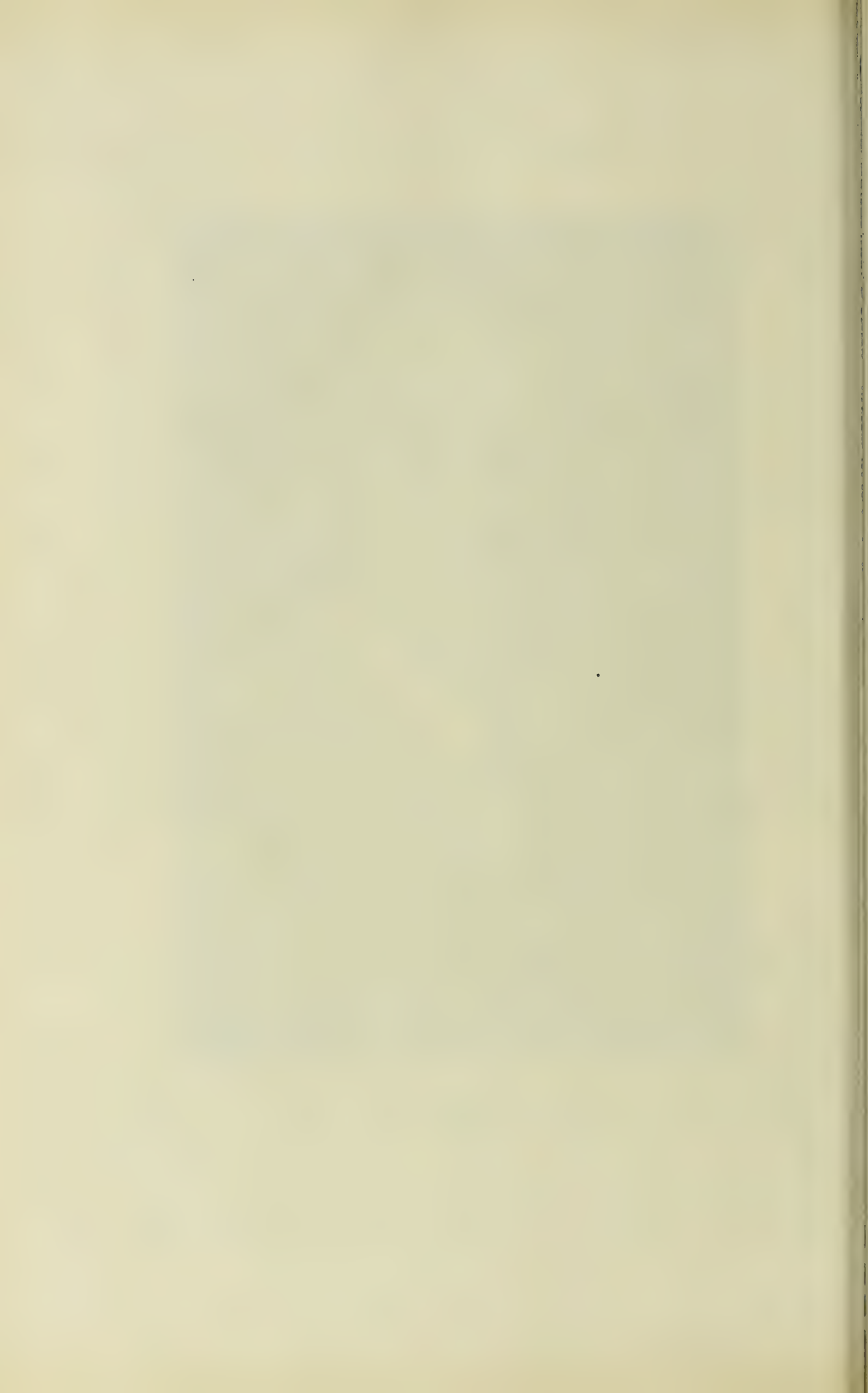
John T. Henderson, a civil and consulting engineer of high professional attainments, practicing in Hartford continuously for a period of thirty years, was born near Elkton, Maryland, March 19, 1876, and is a son of William C. and Annabelle (Smith) Henderson, also born in Maryland. The father, who followed the occupation of farming in his native state for many years, is now living retired.

Having attended the public schools, John T. Henderson continued his education in the University of Delaware, where he pursued his studies along the line to which inclination and natural tendency directed him, so that he was graduated in 1896 as a Bachelor of Civil Engineering. Immediately afterward he entered upon the active practice of his profession, securing a situation with the Manhattan Railway Company of New York, with which he continued until 1898. In the latter year he came to Hartford to accept the situation of draftsman with the Connecticut River Bridge and Highway District Commission, and that he made a creditable and acceptable record in that connection is shown by the fact that in 1906 he received the appointment of deputy chief engineer of that commission, and in 1910 was appointed chief engineer, and has so continued to the present time. He was supervising engineer in connection with the high school plan and the building commission, acting in that



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**JOHN T. HENDERSON**





capacity at the time of the erection of the Weaver and Bulkeley schools. He also filled a similar position in connection with the construction of the Central Baptist church and was supervising engineer of the Orphans Home on Albany avenue. He has been connected in his professional capacity with many other important building programs all over the country and his labors have at all times been adequate to the demands of the situation. He holds membership with the American Society of Engineers and the Connecticut Society of Engineers and keeps in touch with modern progress in his chosen field of labor.

On the 27th of December, 1905, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Maude Helen Keeney, of Rockville, Connecticut, and they reside at No. 295 Farmington avenue, in Hartford. Mr. Henderson finds rest and recreation on the links as a member of the Hartford Golf Club. He also belongs to the various Masonic bodies, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, is a past master of the Lodge of Perfection, a past sovereign prince of Hartford Council of the Princes of Jerusalem and a past potentate of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Hartford. He likewise belongs to Hartford Lodge, No. 19, B. P. O. E. His great interest aside from his profession is in music, in which art he has developed his skill until he is an accompanist of recognized ability. In hunting, fishing and in the great out-of-doors he takes keen delight and on all such excursions is found a most companionable gentleman, his genial nature and admirable qualities making him a man whose friendship is valued by all with whom he comes in contact. He enjoys the confidence and good will of all who know him, and during his thirty years of residence in Hartford he has gained an enviable place professionally and socially.

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#### WILLARD JOSEPH GOULD

Willard Joseph Gould, who for forty years has engaged in the furniture and undertaking business as head of The Gould Company at Southington, Connecticut, was born in Hartford, July 8, 1872, and is a son of Winfield Scott and Isabella Alice (Hotchkiss) Gould. The father was born in Meriden, Connecticut, November 27, 1847, and the mother in New Hartford, Connecticut, March 23, 1846. Little is known concerning the father's ancestors in the paternal line save that they came from Scotland and settled in western New York. The mother of Winfield S. Gould was Rachel Turner, who was descended from one of the old families of Massachusetts. The father of Mrs. Isabella A. Gould was descended from the Hotchkiss family which was established in New Haven, Connecticut, about 1673 and also from the Marsh and Webster families who settled in Hartford, Connecticut. Ten of the thirty-two names on the Settler's Monument of Hartford are names of ancestors of Willard J. Gould and include the names of Governor Webster, who was the fifth Colonial governor of Connecticut, and of Joseph Wadsworth of Charter Oak fame. The grandmother of Willard J. Gould in the maternal line came from England when thirteen years of age.

Reared in his native city, Willard J. Gould attended the public schools of Hartford and was graduated from the Hartford public high school as a member of the class of 1889. He remained in the capital city until seventeen years of age, when he removed to Southington and entered upon his business career in connection with his father by opening a furniture and undertaking establishment in 1889. He has remained in this business continuously to the present time and is familiar with every phase of the trade. The Gould Company has met with substantial success owing to their capable management and the spirit of undaunted enterprise which has ever been manifest in the conduct of the business.

On the 26th of June, 1895, Mr. Gould was married in Plantsville, Connecticut, to Miss Emma Nelson Clark, who was born in Plantsville, October 26, 1872, and traces her ancestry through the Clark, Twichell, Atkins, Carter and Frisbie families to Revolutionary and Colonial ancestors. She thereby became a charter member of Hannah Woodruff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her father, Lucas Carter Clark, a son of Salmon C. and Theda (Carter) Clark, was born in Plantsville, September 7, 1845, and died February 8, 1922. Her mother, Phebe Atkins (Twichell) Clark, a daughter of Dwight and Jane (Carter) Twichell, was born in Plantsville, November 29, 1848, and is now residing there. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gould are four in number. Doris Clark, the eldest, was graduated from Vassar

College in 1918 and is the wife of Leslie Beach Stevens of Meriden, Connecticut, by whom she has two daughters. Clark Gould, who is associated with his father in business and resides in Milldale, Southington, married Beatrice French and has one son. Phebe Twichell Gould was graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1928. Willard Joseph, Jr., the youngest of the family, is still in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould are members of the First Congregational church of Southington. He gives his political support to the republican party and is interested in everything that features in public progress and improvement. He has served at various times on the school board and on the fire board and has ever been active in the affairs of the Public Health Association. Well known in Masonic circles, his membership is in Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master in 1906 and again in 1920. He is also a member of Triune Chapter, No. 40, R. A. M.; Temple Council, No. 32, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a well known collector of postage stamps and he is a member of the Southington Club, the Southington Country Club, and the Exchange Club. During the long years of his residence in Southington the circle of his friends has constantly grown as the circle of his acquaintance has broadened and he is classed not only with the representative business men but with the popular and honored citizens of this place.

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#### MILTON JAMES TURKINGTON

Milton James Turkington, superintendent in charge of administration of the Aetna Life Group Division of Hartford, was born in South Manchester, Connecticut, April 5, 1898, and is a son of Edward and Sarah (Atkinson) Turkington, who were natives of Ireland but crossed the Atlantic to Canada about 1884 and took up their abode in Manchester, Hartford county, this state, in 1887. The father was a landscape gardener and excavating contractor, carrying on business along those lines until his death in 1925. His widow still survives.

Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools until graduated from the high school in 1916, Milton J. Turkington then attended the Connecticut Business College and in 1917 he became identified with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as a clerk in the group department, and has filled various positions, until he now is superintendent in charge of administration of the division, with offices in the Hartford National Bank building.

On the 23d of July, 1921, Mr. Turkington married Miss Clara Stella Janicki, of Manchester, and they have become the parents of four children: Milton, Jr., Robert Bruce, Alan Edward and Roy Stuart. The family resides in South Manchester and attends the Congregational church there. Mr. Turkington is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

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#### ALEXANDER HARPER

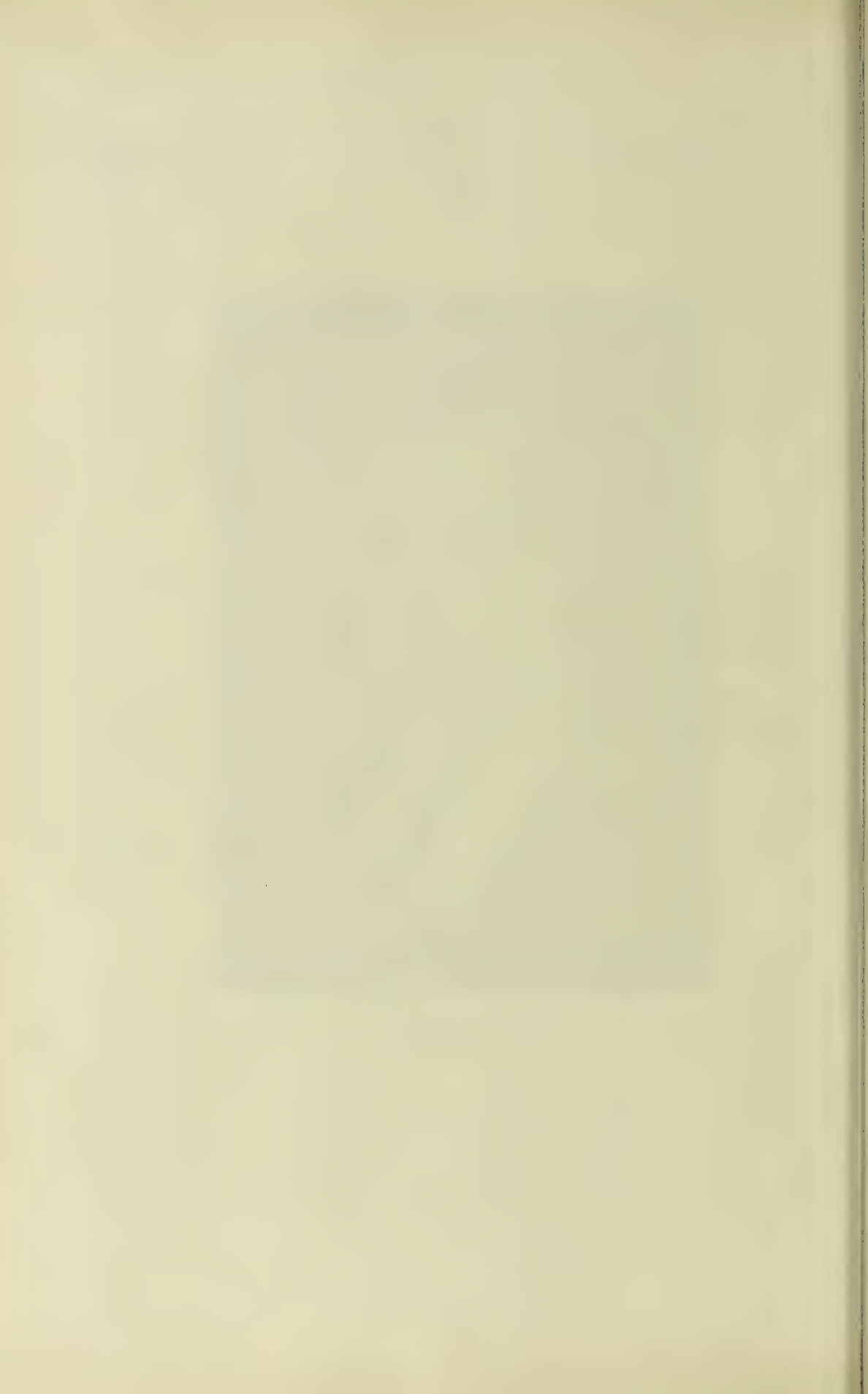
Alexander Harper controls industrial interests of importance and is also a leader in civic affairs. A native of Connecticut, he was born January 15, 1878, in New Britain and his parents were Samuel B. and Mary (Smith) Harper, the former of whom served as secretary and assistant treasurer of the American Silver Company. In the acquirement of an education Alexander Harper attended the public schools of New Britain and was next a student in the Sheffield Scientific School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. For three years he was a clerk in the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank of Hartford and in 1901 came to Bristol. At that time the American Silver Company and the Bristol Brass Corporation were one concern, which he entered in the capacity of clerk, and diligently applied himself to the tasks assigned him. As his experience and value increased he was steadily promoted and since February, 1920, has been president of the American Silver Company and in 1924 was made president of the Bristol Brass Corporation. The best years of his life have been devoted to the service of these industries and his efforts have been manifestly resultant. Mr. Harper has the fine perspective, unerring judgment and administrative power of the



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ALEXANDER HARPER





man of large affairs and is a director of the Bristol National Bank, and the Manufacturers Association of Hartford County. He is also a director and a vice president of the American Trust Company; a director of the National Marine Lamp Company and the Acme-Wire Corporation, the last named being a New Haven firm.

Mr. Harper was married at Bristol in October, 1904, to Miss Bertha Sisson, who passed away in 1924. His second marriage, in February, 1926, was with Miss Olive Costello, a daughter of Alfred M. Costello of Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Mr. Harper is an influential member of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president during the first two years of its existence, and is a member of the Nictau Fish & Game Club of New Brunswick, Canada, also belonging to the Farmington Country Club, the Chippabee Country Club, and the Shuttlemeadow Club. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a republican and has been secretary of the Bristol board of water commissioners since 1913, at which time it became a municipal department. His interest in the city has been manifest by tangible efforts in its behalf, and his worth to the community is uniformly conceded. Through the force of his personality and the strength of his mental endowments Mr. Harper has risen from a lowly position to one of power and influence and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

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#### GEORGE C. HUBERT

George C. Hubert, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hartford, was born in Brookville, Indiana, November 2, 1870, and is a son of James and Eva (Schaeffer) Hubert, the former a native of London, England, while the mother was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. They came to America with their respective parents in childhood, were residents of Cincinnati for a time and afterward established their home in Brookville, Indiana, settling on a farm. The father served in the Civil war with the Engineers Corps and both he and his wife have now passed away.

George C. Hubert spent his youthful days in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy, working in the fields during the summer months and attending the country schools in the winter seasons and taking care of his mother as his father had died in 1873. He felt that the farm offered to him little opportunity and in 1887, at the age of seventeen years, he secured an office position, becoming an accountant in Keokuk, Iowa, where he remained for thirteen years, or until 1901, with the exception of one year which was spent in St. Joseph, Missouri. On leaving Keokuk he came east with New York city as his destination and there engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, mentally agreeing with himself to devote five years thereto. One year of that time was spent in New York city and on the 1st of June, 1902, he went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, as general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, there remaining until 1909, when Hartford sought his services as general secretary and he has since remained in charge of the work here. He had not long been engaged in this field of labor before it had taken strong hold on his interest and sympathies, leaving him with no desire to enter other lines. His qualifications for such service were soon manifest and he has proven a most able guiding factor in the conduct of Y. M. C. A. activities. Under his supervision the membership at Hartford has grown from nine hundred and three until it is now more than three thousand. An addition to the original building has been erected at a cost of three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars and the endowment fund has been increased from one hundred and five thousand dollars to more than six hundred thousand dollars. When he took charge the association had ten employes and today has seventy, while the annual cost of upkeep has increased from twenty-seven thousand to two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars. Interest in the work in its various departments has continuously developed and the gymnasium attendance has grown from twenty thousand to more than two hundred thousand annually. The types of service rendered are so many as to be almost bewildering and include everything from Bible classes to wrestling clubs and summer camps. There are athletic leagues with as many as two hundred organized teams in a year. Mr. Hubert has done marvelous work in the institution, establishing and promoting its various departments and directing its activities along lines that have been an upbuilding force in the physical, mental and moral development of thousands.

During the World war he went out with the first contingent of the Young Men's Christian Association men in May, 1917. He was sent to organize the work at Fort Snelling in the camp of the Reserve Officers Training Corps and there remained during the organization period, covering several months, after which he was sent back to Hartford and was made a state director for raising war funds in Connecticut, thus serving in 1918 and 1919. He was sent to Cuba on a special mission in April, 1918, and during the summer of that year was in New York city as assistant director of the Y. M. C. A. war work for the eastern seaboard. At the same time he had charge of all of the Hartford work. He assumed his added duties willingly and performed them most efficiently and his labors were far-reaching and resultant.

On the 7th of April, 1903, Mr. Hubert was united in marriage to Miss Helen Annett Mathias, of Keokuk, Iowa. They have two living children, Eleanor and Georgina.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Hubert is a Mason, loyally following the teachings of the craft. He also belongs to the Rotary Club and is in full sympathy with its purposes. He has membership in the Get Together Club and in the Twentieth Century Club and he is appreciative of all those social agencies which bring men closer in their activities for mutual benefit and uplift. He ranks today as one of the foremost Y. M. C. A. workers of the country, widely known because of his initiative and his ideals and his ability to embody these ideals in practical service for the organization which he represents.

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#### WILLIAM L. BARRETT

In his youth William L. Barrett acquired habits of industry and thrift which have constituted the basis of his success in later life, and in manufacturing circles of Bristol his name has long figured conspicuously. A native of New York state, he was born January 28, 1859, in Pine Plains, Dutchess county, his parents being Lawrence and Elizabeth Barrett. He was reared on his father's farm and received a public school education. Mr. Barrett aided in the cultivation and improvement of the homestead until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he went to New York city but returned to the farm at the end of a few months and for several years devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

In the fall of 1878 he came to Bristol and entered the service of S. G. Munice, the inventor of steel wheel glass cutters. While in his employ Mr. Barrett improved his opportunities and gradually mastered every detail of the industry. In 1893 he embarked in the same line of activity, in which he has since continued, and is now at the head of a business developed by good management and concentrated effort. His factory is thoroughly equipped and its output is in constant demand. For thirty-four years the industry has been in continuous operation and throughout this period its owner has kept abreast of the constantly changing conditions of the commercial world, striding in step with the spirit of the times.

Mr. Barrett was married in 1892, to Miss Minnie P. Pardee, and they became the parents of five children, but Russell, the first born, died at the age of thirteen. The others are Richard, Robert, Minnie and Anne.

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#### REINHART LANG GIDEON

There are interesting chapters in the life record of Reinhart Lang Gideon, who reversed the usual procedure by coming east instead of going west and has found in the older section of the country the same opportunities that are supposed to feature more largely in the newly developed regions where settlement is just beginning. He has made for himself a creditable position at the Hartford bar and is now filling the office of assistant state's attorney. His birthplace was in Farmington, Missouri, October 17, 1890, and he is a son of Judge Valentine and Elizabeth (Lang) Gideon, who have left Farmington and are now residents of Salt Lake City, Utah, where the father is filling the high office of chief justice of the state supreme court.

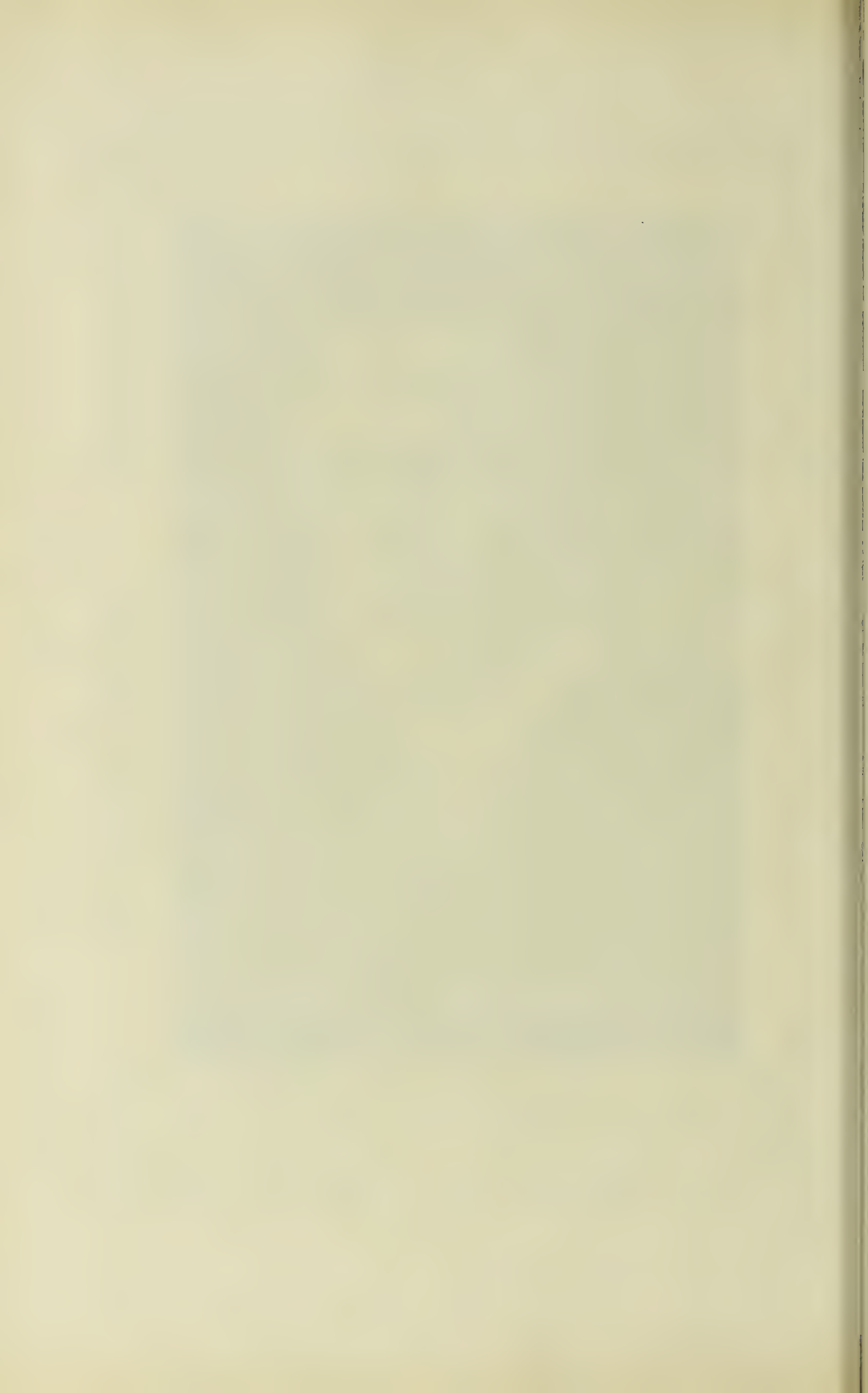
It was during the youthful days of Reinhart L. Gideon that the family home was





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REINHART L. GIDEON



established in Utah, so that he acquired his preliminary and high school education in Ogden, that state. Afterward he became a student in Amherst College, completing his classical course in 1912, when the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He then entered Harvard Law School and won his LL. B. degree in 1915. The same year he was admitted to the bar of Utah and at once began practice in Ogden as the associate of his father, who is a most distinguished and honored representative of the bar of that state. When Judge Gideon went upon the bench in 1917 the son entered into partnership with Roscoe Gwillian under the firm style of Gideon & Gwillian, an association that was maintained until 1919, when Mr. Gideon came to Hartford and practiced with Judge Joseph P. Tuttle until the death of that well known jurist in 1921. Mr. Gideon was appointed assistant state's attorney in 1922 and is now discharging the responsible duties of that position, in which he is making every effort to protect and safeguard the interests of the commonwealth. He has membership in the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations.

The military chapter in the life record of Mr. Gideon followed his enlistment in the National Guard of Utah in December, 1916, and when America became involved in the World war he entered the federal service with his command and was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery on June 1, 1918. He was then stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, was later transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and afterward to Camp McClellan, Alabama, receiving his discharge January 27, 1919. In April, 1922, he was appointed captain in the judge advocate general's Officers Reserve Corps.

On the 11th of August, 1920, Mr. Gideon was married to Miss Mary Edmonds, a daughter of John J. and Mary (Judd) Edmonds, of Springville, New York, and they are well known socially in Hartford, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. In his political affiliation Mr. Gideon is a democrat, while fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. He has also been received into the more important clubs and social organizations, having membership in the University Club, Country Club of Farmington, the Wethersfield Country Club and the Suffield Country Club, associations which indicate that his recreation is largely found in outdoor life and sports. He is also a member of the Lions Club, being in full sympathy with its purposes to maintain high standards of citizenship, and he is also a member of the American Legion. Those who know him attest to the many sterling traits of his character, and the history of the bar shows that although yet a comparatively young man he has already gained a most creditable position in the field of law practice.

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#### JOHN BAIRD RIDDELL

John Baird Riddell, machine supervisor of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, was born in this city June 11, 1895, while his parents, George B. and Elizabeth B. (Baird) Riddell, were natives of Scotland, whence they emigrated to the new world in the '60s, settling in Hartford, where the father engaged in business as a stationary engineer.

John B. Riddell attended the grammar schools of his native city to the age of sixteen years, when he left the parental roof and started out to earn his own way in the world by working at various odd jobs throughout the United States. He spent a portion of this time on a ranch and through this experience he learned the great lesson that there is no place like home. After experiences both disheartening and illuminating he returned to Hartford and entered the employ of the firm of Pratt & Whitney, but when international events were taking shape that seemed to indicate war with Mexico he joined Troop B of the cavalry forces under Captain Davis in 1916 and went to the southern border, being on duty at Nogales and at Arivaca, Arizona. This was but the initiatory step to further military service, for on the 9th of October, 1917, he left the shores of his native land for duty overseas and was transferred from Troop B to the One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion under Major Morgan Bulkeley in Captain Myers' company. He was on active duty at Chemin des Dames, France, on the Toul front and at Chateau Thierry, where he was gassed on the 22d of July, 1918. He was then in the hospital for one and one-half months and after convalescing he went to the front at St. Mihiel and also participated in the Meuse-



Argonne campaign, there remaining until the armistice was signed. On the 6th of April, 1919, he sailed for the United States, landing in Boston on the 16th of the month and receiving his discharge on the 29th of April.

After arriving home Mr. Riddell was unable to work for several years on account of the injuries he had sustained. On the 21st of January, 1924, however, he entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company as a clerk and for two years he has occupied his present position—that of machine supervisor.

On the 11th of January, 1926, Mr. Riddell was united in marriage to Margaret Helen Greenland, of Hartford, and they are the parents of a daughter, Marjorie Joyce.

Fraternally Mr. Riddell is connected with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, and in 1923 he was elected city constable, while in April, 1925, he was chosen alderman from the fifteenth ward and was reelected in 1926 and 1928. He has made a creditable record as a public official and in every relation of life has shown the same spirit of loyalty which prompted him to cross the water for military duty overseas in defense of principles in which he firmly believed.

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#### JOSEPH B. SESSIONS

Joseph B. Sessions, a member of one of Bristol's foremost families, was born in Bristol on November 11, 1881. His parents were William Edwin and Emily (Brown) Sessions, the former mentioned prominently on another page of this publication.

Mr. Sessions left the local high school at the close of his sophomore year and spent one year as a student at the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut. His studies were completed at Wesleyan University in Middletown. Returning to Bristol he entered the employ of the Sessions Foundry Company, of which his father was president, starting as a pattern clerk.

Being of a mechanical turn of mind he made rapid progress in the details of the business and progressed through various departments, and in 1911 was elected treasurer of the company. Upon the death of his father on August 27, 1920, Mr. Sessions was elected president and has since managed the concern.

He also at this time succeeded his father as president of the Bristol Trust Company, having been a director of this institution since its inception. He is a director of and was active in the formation of the Terryville Trust Company, recently organized. He is also a director and treasurer of the Sessions Clock Company, a director of the Bristol Realty Company, and a member of the American Foundrymen's Association and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Mr. Sessions was married on September 9, 1903, in Bristol, to Miss Mary Esther Stewart, daughter of Lemuel L. and Gierstein (Spencer) Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Sessions have three children, Edwin S., Helen and Harold S.

In religious affiliation Mr. Sessions is a member and an official of the Prospect Methodist Episcopal church, in which his father was very deeply interested for many years. Mr. Sessions is of a retiring disposition, and interested in mechanical subjects, especially automobiles. Of late years he has become greatly interested in the development of radio. His principal outside diversions are fishing and hunting.

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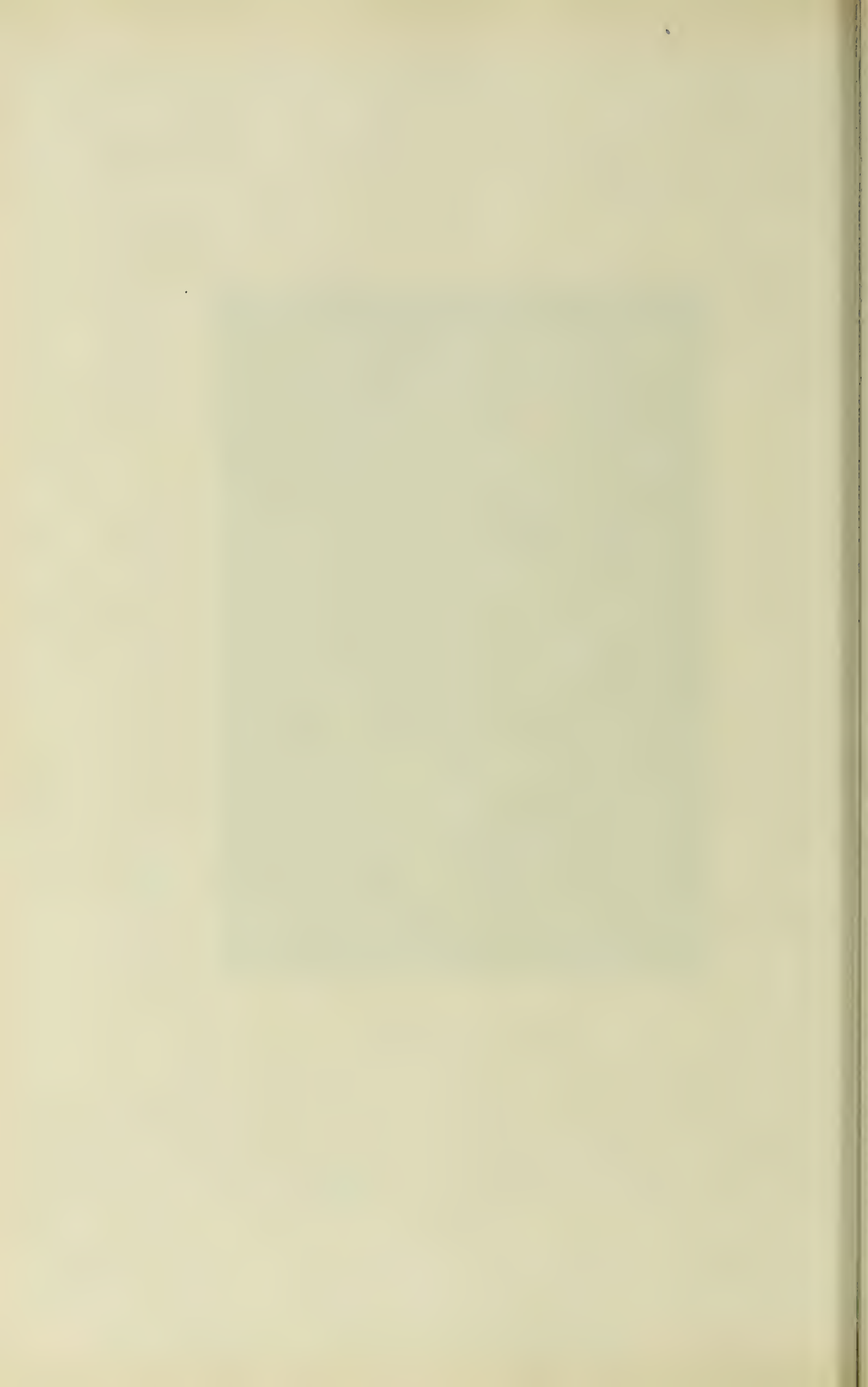
#### WILLIAM TAFT PITKIN

Inseparably interwoven with the history of Connecticut and New England is the name of Pitkin and in keeping with the history of his distinguished ancestors is the record of William Taft Pitkin, capitalist, sportsman, traveler, philanthropist and progressive citizen. In this characterization are summed up his life activities, which have been of wide scope. Born in Hartford, April 20, 1867, he is a son of Albert P. and Jane Ann (Hastings) Pitkin. The family name had its origin in that early period which followed the invasion of William the Conqueror into England. Up to that time surnames were not generally in use and it became the custom to add "kin" to the



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JOSEPH B. SESSIONS





sire name and thus through a development from Peter to Peters and Peterkin there came eventually into use, through abbreviation of Peterkin, the family name of Pitkin. A contemporary biographer gives the further history of the family in the following: "The Pitkin name has had the distinction of including thirty-nine college graduates, representing ten clergymen, two governors, one general, one major, one colonel, one judge, seven physicians, two honorables and other graduates of less distinction. This is a most unparalleled record, as a college education was in itself a distinction during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries."

The town of Pitkin Falls was so called in honor of the family but was afterward changed to Scotland and is now known as Burnside. In this locality the Pitkin family became prominently identified with manufacturing interests, owning here a fulling mill and a powder and iron mill, manufacturing screws and other castings. Members of the Pitkin family also built and operated woolen and cotton mills and their affairs were wisely and carefully managed, as indicated in the success which attended their undertakings.

It was in 1659 that William Pitkin left London, England, making the long and tedious voyage across the Atlantic to become a resident of East Hartford, where in course of time he had extensive land holdings on the east side of the river. His liberal education and pronounced ability soon brought him into prominence and he exerted a wide influence in public affairs of the town and filled various positions of prominence and honor. In 1662 he was prosecutor for the colony and in 1664 was appointed attorney-general by the crown, while from 1675 until 1690 he represented Hartford in the colonial assembly. In 1676 he was chosen treasurer of the colony and in the same year was appointed with Major Talcott to negotiate peace with the Narragansett and other Indian tribes. For several years, beginning in 1690, he was a member of the colonial council and he ranked with the principal planters of the town. He married Hannah Goodwin and their son, Roger Pitkin, who was born in 1662, also became a leader in the life of his community. He followed farming and as captain of militia engaged in defending the town against the Indians in 1704. He held membership in the First Church of Christ in Hartford and in 1683 he married Hannah Stanley.

Their son, Jonathan Pitkin, who was born March 1, 1697, was married in 1728 to Rebecca Smith and resided in Hartford. Their first child was Jonathan Pitkin (II), who was born in 1730 and in 1760 married Lucy Steele. The second child of that marriage was Ezekiel Pitkin, who was born January 26, 1763, and was married December 30, 1793, to Hannah Chapman, his death occurring May 12, 1843, thus terminating a useful and prosperous career.

The representative of the family in the sixth generation in direct line of descent to William Taft Pitkin was Denison Pitkin, son of Ezekiel and Hannah (Chapman) Pitkin. He was born in East Hartford in 1807 and spent his entire life on the homestead of the first William Pitkin. In 1828 he married Phebe Dunham Turner and died July 18, 1871. He was the grandfather of William Taft Pitkin.

His son, Albert P. Pitkin, was born and spent his early life on the old family homestead in East Hartford which had been purchased by the first William Pitkin from the Indians. In young manhood he learned the trade of furnace making with the Gilbert & Cowles Company and afterward was associated with the Culvers of New York. In 1849 he returned to Hartford and formed a partnership with D. L. and Charles Bidwell under the firm style of Bidwell, Pitkin & Company. A year later he became a partner of his brother in the manufacture of steam goods and was soon recognized as an authority upon that class of work. The firm of Pitkin Brothers & Company numbered N. T. and Albert P. Pitkin and Charles A. and George C. Root, with Albert P. Pitkin as the guiding genius. His was one of the pioneer industries of the kind in the country and he made it one of the foremost enterprises of Hartford. His activities also extended into other lines and he became one of the organizers of the Hartford Light & Power Company and a director of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank. He was keenly interested in the Hartford Board of Trade and he became a charter member of the Putname Phalanx. In Masonry he attained the thirty-second degree and ever exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. Although his growing and extensive business interests made heavy demand upon his time, he nevertheless found opportunity to compile the Pitkin Genealogy, a most complete and systematically arranged work, the authorship of which won him membership in the Harleian Society of Blackheath, Kent, England. He belonged also to the

Historical Society of Connecticut and found great interest in delving into the records of the past.

He was married November 4, 1851, to Jane Ann Hastings, who died February 1, 1876, leaving three sons—Albert H., Howard S. and William T., but only the last named survives. In 1889 he married Julia Louise Goodwin, daughter of Horace Ely Goodwin, of Hartford. His death occurred February 21, 1892, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret because of his sterling worth, which made his companionship valued by all with whom he came in contact.

Through the Hastings line William Taft Pitkin is also a representative of one of the oldest families of Hartford. His great-grandfather, Benjamin Hastings, and his grandfather, Captain Henry Hastings, both served as collector of taxes for the town and city of Hartford covering a period of thirty consecutive years, and in other ways the name is associated with the material development and civic progress of the city.

William Taft Pitkin acquired his education through attendance at the grammar and high schools of Hartford but has constantly broadened his knowledge through wide reading and extensive travel, gaining that generous culture which can never be acquired as readily in any other way as through trips to foreign lands, where one gains an understanding of different peoples, their modes of life and thought and a knowledge of their scientific and cultural attainments. After leaving school Mr. Pitkin was associated for a number of years with his father in the firm of Pitkin Brothers & Company, after which he retired from active business management to devote his attention to the control of invested and financial interests.

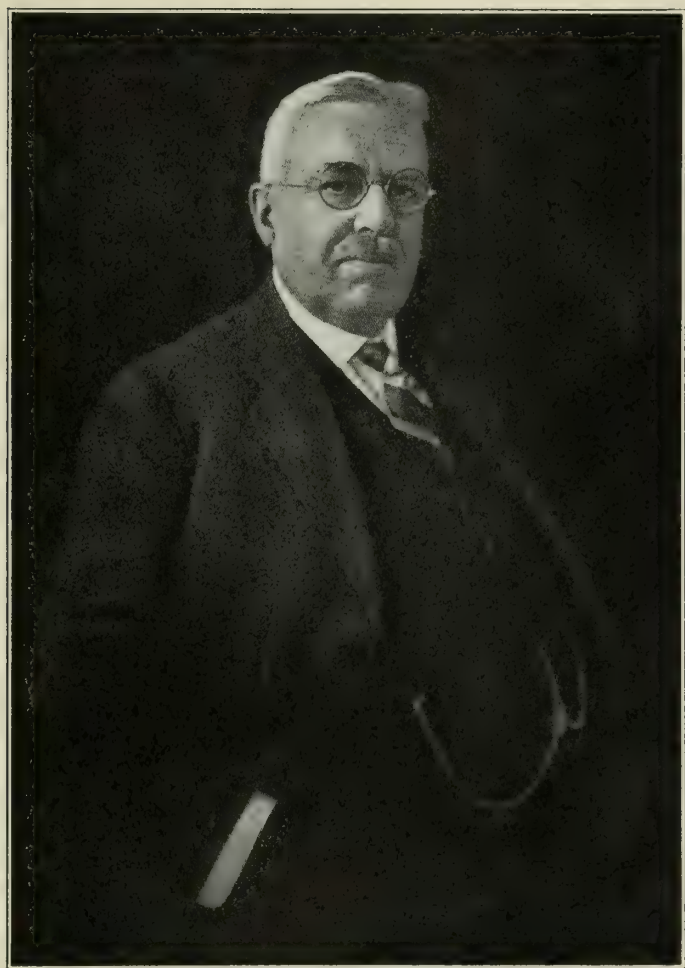
Mr. Pitkin was united in marriage to Miss Nellie W. Kennedy, a daughter of Colonel Kennedy, of Hartford. She is well known by reason of her cooperation in many charitable projects, and in social circles. Mr. Pitkin has always been a great lover of outdoor life and manly sports and both he and his wife have found great pleasure in equestrian pursuits. They own a stable of hunting horses, which they have taken to the south for several winters where they have a winter home in Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Pitkin have traveled extensively, having taken a trip around the world also visiting many European countries and the West Indies, Panama and Venezuela. In 1916 Mr. Pitkin remodeled their home at the corner of Asylum avenue and Garden street and in 1926 removed to West Hartford. In the club circles of Hartford Mr. Pitkin is a prominent figure, having membership in the Hartford Club, and also in the Church Club of Connecticut. Fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in Hartford Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; Connecticut Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a fellow of the American Geographical Society. He has long been prominent in church work and is a senior warden in the Church of the Good Shepherd, while of the Men's League of the church he has served as president. There are few men so widely or favorably known in Hartford as Mr. Pitkin, who has ever upheld an honored family name, while his social qualities and liberal culture have made his companionship regarded as a valuable acquisition by his many friends.

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#### WALTER GOODMAN COWLES

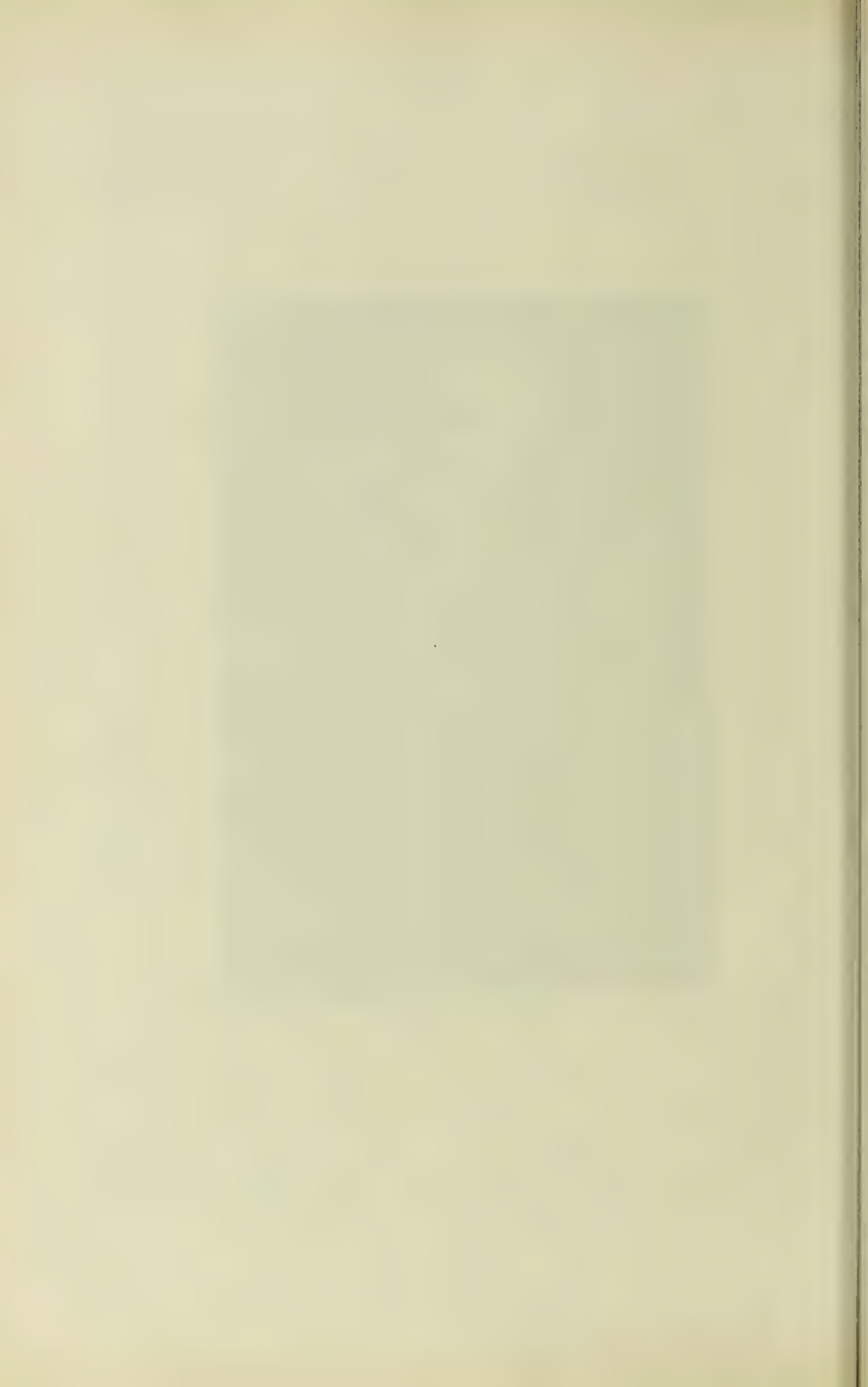
Understanding fully the power and effectiveness of concerted effort, Walter Goodman Cowles has been a vital force in bringing about systematized and harmonious activity in that great organization which has been built up under the name of the Travelers Insurance Company and of which he is now a vice president. Throughout his entire career he has always exhibited the capability of appraising correctly any opportunity and any work and has utilized every advantage to further the interests of the great corporation of which he is one of the chief executive officers.

Mr. Cowles was born in Farmington, Connecticut, April 4, 1857, and is a son of Samuel Wallace and Harriet Sophia (Goodman) Cowles, the former a native of Avon, Connecticut, and the latter of West Hartford. The paternal ancestral line is traced back to John Cowles, who was born in England about 1598 and became a resident of Massachusetts in 1635, of Hartford, Connecticut, some time prior to 1639 and of Farmington in 1640. He was prominent in the political and religious activities of the state. To him and his wife, Hannah Cowles, were born several children, the eldest being



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Samuel, who was born in Hartford in 1639 and who died April 17, 1691, in Farmington, where he had spent much of his life. He was married February 14, 1660, to Abigail Stanley and their youngest son was Caleb Cowles, born at Farmington, June 20, 1682. He was prominent in the church and on the 8th of August, 1710, he married Abigail Woodford. He passed away November 15, 1725, and his wife in 1736. Their son, Daniel Cowles, born at Kensington, Connecticut, December 14, 1717, died in 1798, his last years being passed in Worthington. His wife, Martha Powell, died in 1810, at the age of ninety years. Their son, Daniel Cowles (II), was born in 1741 and died in Worthington in 1809. He served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war and on the 25th of April, 1765-6, he married Esther Rhodes. Their son, Lemuel Cowles, who was born in 1776 and died in 1815, married Esther Gridley, daughter of Seth Gridley, a Revolutionary war soldier.

Walter Hamilton Cowles, son of Lemuel and Esther Cowles, was born at West Avon, Connecticut, December 15, 1803. At a country fair he exhibited a working model of a railroad train which aroused great curiosity. For a time he followed farming and later he and his son Samuel began the manufacture of soap, eventually developing an important industry of that kind. He afterward carried on a real estate business in Hartford. He was one of the founders of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church, of which he served as deacon for many years. On the 10th of July, 1822, he married Azuba Steadman and they reared a family of several children. He passed away February 7, 1888, while his wife died October 22, 1872.

They were the parents of Samuel W. Cowles, who was born in Avon, Hartford county, Connecticut, November 10, 1826. He was always his father's partner in business and they held all things in common. He belonged to the Connecticut Historical Society, was one of the founders of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church, a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the Sons of the American Revolution and an honorary member of Putnam Phalanx. One of his prized possessions was the Peregrine White Bible. On the 31st of December, 1851, he married Harriet Sophia Goodman, who was born in West Hartford, June 20, 1829, a daughter of Childs and Sarah (Porter) Goodman and a descendant of Richard Goodman, who founded the family in America about 1640. He was a builder and contractor and among other structures built the first jail in Hartford. He afterward removed to South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, where he was captain of a local military company which defended the town. One day when outside the town limits he was ambushed and killed by the Indians. It was his descendant, Harriet S. Goodman, who became the wife of Samuel W. Cowles. She died April 24, 1896, while Mr. Cowles passed away February 14, 1900.

Their son, Walter Goodman Cowles, was but two years of age when his parents removed from Farmington to Hartford, where he has now resided for more than sixty-eight years. He began his education in the public schools of this city, afterward attended the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield and then entered Yale for the study of law, being graduated with the class of 1879. He was admitted to the bar in 1878 and again in 1879. For two years thereafter he acted as secretary to J. G. Batterson of the Travelers Insurance Company and in July, 1884, he became actively associated with the company as its attorney, having charge of the investments of that corporation. In May, 1885, he was sent west to look after mortgage interests of the company in Kansas and Colorado and spent nearly ten years in those two states, supervising the Travelers investments and litigated interests of that section. In December, 1894, he returned to the home office in Hartford and organized the liability claim department as the attorney in charge, being made secretary of this department on the 2d of January, 1904. Eight years later, or on the 24th of January, 1912, he was chosen a vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company and thus is occupying an important executive connection with a corporation which he has represented for forty-four years. His work as secretary to Mr. Batterson, his service as attorney and as representative of the company in the West, his work as organizer of the liability claim department all have qualified him for the position which he now fills. His initiative, his powers of organization, his marked enterprise have all figured in notable measure in the development of the business of the company and the expansion of its interests.

On the 9th of June, 1886, Mr. Cowles was married in Cambridge, Illinois, to Miss Nellie Francis, who was there born April 10, 1862, a daughter of Morrison and Mary C. (Moor) Francis. She died October 12, 1905, and of her three children only one is now living, Francis Walter, who was a war aviator. One son, Donald Buford, also an

aviator, died in the hospital near Liverpool, England, October 2, 1918, while a third son, Richard Goodman, had passed away October 7, 1905. On the 2d of November, 1907, Mr. Cowles was again married, Mrs. Elgitha (Wyckoff) Mills, widow of Hiram R. Mills of Hartford, becoming his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles are members of the Church of the Good Shepherd and they reside at 30 Farmington avenue in Hartford, having also a country place at West Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Always appreciative of the social amenities of life, Mr. Cowles is identified with the Hartford Club, the Farmington Country Club and various other organizations of similar character. He is likewise a member of the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Yale Alumni Association and to the Yale Law School Association and to the Casualty Actuarial Society of America and the Casualty and Surety Club of New York. He is a member of the Get-Together Club of Hartford, the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Radio Relay League. All this indicates the nature and breadth of his interests. He is a man of the present—alert, wide-awake, progressive—keeping in touch with the trend of thought and action and of modern-day advancement. This is manifest in all of his relations as well as in his business, and thus it is that Walter Goodman Cowles is not only a notable executive but also one of the most valued citizens of Hartford, his cooperation being accounted an important asset to any organization with which he becomes identified.

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#### FRANK WARREN WHITON

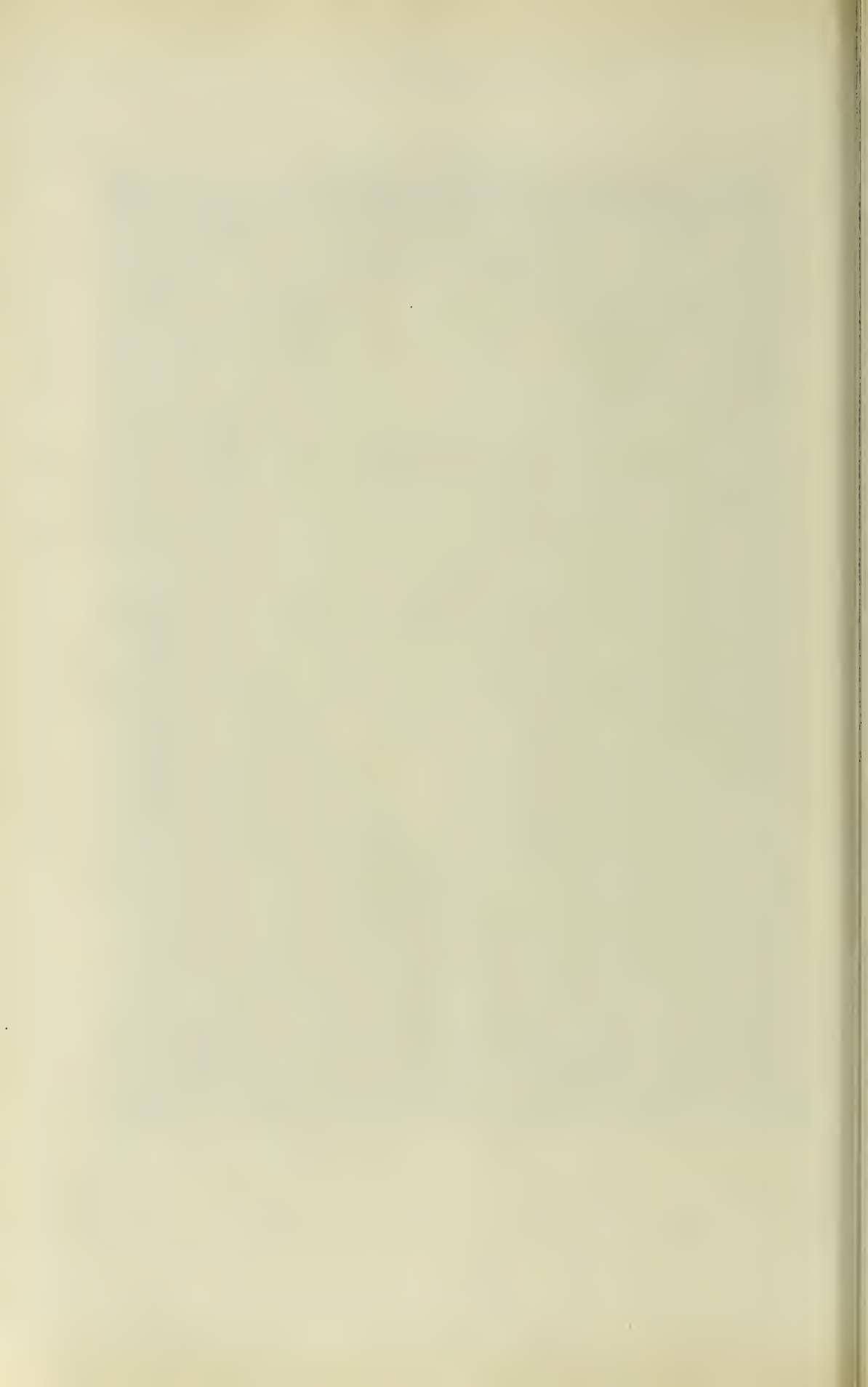
Frank Warren Whiton, an architect practicing successfully as senior partner of the firm of Whiton & McMahon, with offices at 805 Main street, his liberal patronage fully attesting his ability, was born in Hartford, January 31, 1872, and is a descendant in the ninth generation of James and Mary (Beal) Whiton, who settled in Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1646, coming from Hingham, England. His parents were Andrew and Ann Jane (McAllister) Whiton, the former a native of East Hartford and the latter of Westford, Connecticut. The father devoted his active business life to electrical work.

The son, educated in the district and high schools of Hartford, studied architecture in the offices of Melvin H. Hapgood, John J. Dwyer, William C. Brocklesby and Isaac A. Allen, Jr., and in 1901 began practicing his profession independently, since which time his course has been marked by consecutive progress. In 1911 he formed a partnership with Major John J. McMahon, under the firm style of Whiton & McMahon, and through the intervening period they have designed numerous residences, schools, churches, armories and commercial and public buildings. On two occasions they were associated with Ralph Adams Cram and Alexander B. Trowbridge. Some of the buildings designed by Mr. Whiton and his firm are the Pallotti and Andretta bank buildings of Hartford and New Haven; school buildings for the Second North District of East Hartford, the Northeast School District, the Washington School District, the Hartford South School District and Arsenal School District of Hartford; St. James' school of Manchester; St. Augustine's school of Hartford; St. Peter's school of Hartford; the Outdoor school of the city of Hartford; the Ungraded school of the city of Hartford; schools for the town of Windsor and Windsor Locks and the Arsenal School Gymnasium; the Bolton town hall; the fire department machine shop building in Hartford; Engine Company No. 3, Hartford fire department; an addition to the Municipal Hospital and Nursery; the heating plant and laundry building of the Municipal Hospital; the Public Market in the city of Hartford; the bath house in Pope Park; additions to St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport; the State Armory at Willimantic; alterations to the State Armories at New Britain, Bridgeport, Danielson and Hartford; the tannery at Rome, Georgia; and a sub-station of the Hartford Electric Light Company. The firm of Whiton & McMahon has also designed churches for St. Brendan's of New Haven, St. Rose of New Haven, St. John of Bridgeport, St. Paul's of West Haven, St. Bernard's of Sharon, St. Gabriel's of Windsor, St. Mary's of Clinton, St. Thomas of West Hartford, St. Monica's of Hartford and St. John's of Middlebury. Messrs. Whiton & McMahon, moreover, have designed convents and rectories for St. Augustine's Rectory of Hartford, St. Bernard's Convent of Rockville, St. James Convent of Manchester





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and St. Francis Rectory of Middletown, together with the infirmary building of the Odd Fellows' Home at Groton, Connecticut, and alterations and additions to Christ Church Cathedral, St. Peter's church, St. Augustine's church and St. Justin's church, all of Hartford, and St. Peter's of Danbury. The firm has likewise designed residences for Claire S. Hutchinson, Levi Drake, Howard J. Pratt, J. M. Morse, Harry S. Bond, Mrs. F. W. Davis, Dr. J. H. Standish, J. C. Watt, G. J. Wall, M. F. Owens, L. Schumaker, Mrs. M. L. Fleischer, Foster E. Harvey, Grant U. Kierstead, George L. Risley, Morris Older, William Costello, Miss Alice N. Fowler, F. Duane Rockwell, H. W. Woodford, T. N. Wester, F. W. Bartlett, Arthur F. Crampton and Dr. E. J. Turbert. For a number of years Mr. Whiton was instructor of architectural drawing at Hillyer Institute and he has membership in the New Haven Architectural Club and the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers.

On the 20th of June, 1900, Mr. Whiton was married to Miss Elizabeth Sarah Carter, a daughter of Stephen and Nancy (Lanphere) Carter, the wedding ceremony being performed in Christ church of Hartford by the Rev. L. W. Saltonstall and Rev. J. P. Faucon. They have two sons, the elder being Dr. Stephen Carter Whiton, a graduate of Hartford's district and high schools and of the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri. He married Miss Dorothy Celeste Corder of Shelbina, Missouri, and they reside in Hartford, where the Doctor is engaged in practice. The younger son, Warren Carter, is a pupil in the Weaver high school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whiton are active members of Christ church, in which he was baptized March 17, 1873, and confirmed June 17, 1892. He became a legal voter in the church in 1893. He was elected to the vestry in 1913, during the rectorship of Dr. James Goodwin, and was elected secretary to the Cathedral Chapter when the parish church became the cathedral of the diocese. He was also elected to membership in the chapter and was appointed by Bishop Brewster a member of the executive committee and chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds. He is also a past president of the Laymen's Association and he has taken part in several of the important financial drives and membership campaigns, while in census and pre-war work he took active part, being chairman of his ward organization. His wife is active in organizations at Christ Church Cathedral, being a past president and treasurer of the Women's Guild.

In fraternal circles Mr. Whiton is prominently known. He joined Connecticut Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F., on April 2, 1896, and received his degrees under the guidance of his father, a past grand of the lodge. Mr. Whiton was Noble Grand of his lodge in 1899, which year marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the lodge, and he served as toastmaster on the occasion of the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in 1924. He joined Midian Encampment, No. 7, I. O. O. F., September 20, 1899, was elected a trustee of Connecticut Lodge, June 24, 1903, and has served as chairman for the past twenty years. He was elected Associate Corporator of the Odd Fellows' Home and became a life corporator by virtue of ten years' service. He was appointed Grand Herald of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1914, serving through the several stations and becoming grand master in May, 1920. The following year he was elected representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a one-year term, was again elected in 1925 for a two-year term, and reelected in 1927. He joined Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, April 1, 1916, and Portland Canton, P. M., of Portland, Oregon, in 1925. He was elected Supreme Prince of the Ancient, Mystic Order of Samaritans of the United States and Canada at Richmond, Virginia, in 1926, and Supreme Counsellor at Toronto, Ontario, in 1927, having served on the constitution and by-laws committee and as a delegate to the Supreme Body from Korom Sanctorum, No. 195, of Hartford, for several years, being a Past Grand Monarch of Korom. His wife is also associated with him in the Rebekah Lodge and is identified with the auxiliary Masonic organizations, having membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She likewise has membership in the Order of Rainbow Girls. Mr. Whiton's identification with Masonry dates from 1911, when he joined LaFayette Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M., and he holds membership in Syria Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He belongs to Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Cyrus Goodell Chapter, Rose Croix; and Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S. He is a Past Patron of Hartford Chapter, No. 64, O. E. S., and secretary and treasurer of the Past Matrons' and Past Patrons' Association, as well as chair-



man of trustees of the chapter. He is a Past Royal Patron of Floral Court, Order of Amaranth, a member of Vashti Shrine, No. 2, Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem, and a member of the advisory board of the Order of Rainbow Girls.

In matters of civic importance Mr. Whiton is also deeply interested and his cooperation has made for progress along many lines. On the 3d of April, 1905, he was elected to the court of common council in Hartford, serving through reelection for three years, and during that period was helpfully interested in the development of Mount Pleasant cemetery and other city cemeteries, which at that time were under the supervision of an aldermanic and council committee. On the 7th of April, 1908, he was elected alderman for two years, holding the chairmanship of bathhouse and railroads committees. He was also appointed chairman of a special committee on the east side intercepting sewer and the committee on equalization of school taxes by Mayor Hooker. He has served as a member of the republican town committee and as chairman of the third ward committee for twelve years. In 1917 he was elected by the court of common council to membership on the board of education to fill a vacancy caused by the death of James J. Peard and in 1918 was nominated and elected for a three-year term but declined a renomination in 1921. He feels that his professional activities and other interests make full demand upon his time and energies and in the field of his chosen life work he has rendered important service to his fellow townsmen. His name is on the membership rolls of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the City Club of Hartford, the Kiwanis Club of Hartford, the Putnam Phalanx and the Republican Club of Hartford. He is president of the Whiton Association of America and is architectural examiner for merit badges for Boy Scouts.

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#### WILLIAM SHURTLEFF INGRAHAM

Among the pioneer industries of Bristol none is better known than that of the E. Ingraham Company, clock makers for over a century. Four generations of the family have contributed toward the upbuilding of the business and in its management William S. Ingraham brings to bear the keen sagacity and executive force which he inherited from his father and grandfather. He was born April 25, 1857, in this city, his parents being Edward and Jane (Beach) Ingraham.

Edward Ingraham was a son of Elias Ingraham, who founded this industry. The latter was born in Marlborough, Connecticut, in 1805 and there learned the trade of cabinetmaking. In 1824 he came to Bristol, which was then known as a clock-making center, and obtained a start by furnishing clock cases under contract to Lawson and Chauncey Ives and later to others. In 1835 Elias Ingraham bought a shop with water privileges and began his independent career as a clock-maker. He remained alone until 1843, when he formed a partnership with his brother Andrew Ingraham and Elisha C. Brewster. They organized the firm of Brewster & Ingrahams, which enjoyed a prosperous existence, and in 1848 E. & A. Ingraham acquired control of the business, which they continued until 1855, when their plant was entirely destroyed by fire. It is interesting to note that at this time they had New York connections with Edmund Clarence Stedman, the banker poet, with whom they were associated under the name of Ingrahams & Stedman. In 1857 Elias Ingraham rented a shop and two years later admitted his son Edward to a partnership. This relationship was maintained until 1881, when a joint stock company was formed under the name of E. Ingraham and Company, later being changed to The E. Ingraham Company.

Elias Ingraham was a man of many superior qualities, and also of an inventive turn of mind. Seeking a wider market for his clocks, he went to Caracas, Venezuela, as a passenger on a sailing vessel and on the long return voyage whittled out of a block of mahogany, with his jackknife, the design for a clock case which was the original "Sharp Gothic," destined to play so large a part in the history of Yankee clocks. On his return to Bristol, he put his clock on the market and it soon gained popularity. As he did not protect his design by patent, it was extensively copied, and it is believed to have been the best seller of any distinctively American design for clocks previous to the Civil war. It may also be stated that many popular designs for clock cases in use in the United States prior to 1885 were originated by



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WILLIAM S. INGRAHAM





Elias Ingraham. A master craftsman, he left the indelible impress of his individuality upon his work. His death in 1885 deprived Bristol of one of its foremost citizens. His son Edward Ingraham was also endowed with creative power and conceived and originated the manufacture of the black enameled wood case, which for many years was the standard finish for high grade mantel clocks.

William S. Ingraham acquired his early education in the public schools and later attended Cornell University, being a member of the class of 1878. Prior to this he had become connected with the Ingraham Clock Corporation in March, 1876, and assiduously applied himself to his duties, soon mastering the technicalities of the business, and he has been treasurer and general manager since 1892, formulating well devised plans for the expansion of the industry, which ranks with the largest of the kind in the country. Since the day of Elias Ingraham this company has always been at the front in respect to the excellence of its designs as well as in manufacturing facilities and methods. The firm began the making of standard alarm clocks about 1898; the manufacture of low-priced watches in 1913, and the production of eight-day alarm clocks in 1915. The plant is a model institution and a great asset to Bristol. Governed by time-honored ideals, the finished product of the corporation is the result of years of striving for perfection. Mr. Ingraham is vice president of the Bristol Savings Bank and the North Side Trust Company and in addition represents the American Silver Company and the Bristol Brass Corporation as director and is also a director of the Bristol National Bank and the American Trust Company.

On the 31st of October, 1881, Mr. Ingraham was married in Bristol to Miss Grace Seymour, who died April 24, 1925, and to them were born a daughter and two sons namely: Faith, Edward and Dudley. The sons are now officers of the E. Ingraham Company, and a detailed account of their lives is published elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Ingraham was again married June 16, 1928, his second wife being Mrs. Edith (Mather) Tuttle, of Hartford.

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#### MADISON DANA CHAPMAN

Madison Dana Chapman, cashier of the branch office of the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, February 13, 1891, and is a son of George Edwin and Nellie E. (Hagarty) Chapman, the former a native of Nashua, New Hampshire, while the mother was born near Cork, Ireland. Both are still living and now make their home with their son Madison in Wethersfield. The father early learned the tool maker's and machinist's trades and for a number of years was employed as a tool maker in the United States armory at Springfield, Massachusetts. He was also with the Smith & Wesson Gun Company when that concern had the contract for making guns for Russia.

In the schools of his native city Madison D. Chapman pursued his education and in 1911, when a young man of twenty years, turned his attention to the insurance business by becoming connected with the Herbert E. Huie Agency of Springfield. On the 19th of May, 1913, he became a representative of the Travelers Insurance Company. He passed through the training school and in the fall of 1913 was sent to the branch office at Atlanta, Georgia, where he acted as cashier until May, 1914. At that date he was transferred to the branch office at Rochester, New York, as cashier and later in the same year was assigned to duty as cashier in the branch office at Worcester, Massachusetts. On the 1st of April, 1917, he was called to the Hartford branch office as assistant cashier and on the 1st of August of the same year was made cashier, which position he has since filled. When he assumed his duties here it was a comparatively small office but today is one of the largest in the country and his responsibilities have accordingly increased, for the office now serves all the contract agents and brokers in the city of Hartford and vicinity, while the territorial division covers all of Rhode Island with the exception of Providence and also western Massachusetts.

On the 26th of May, 1915, Mr. Chapman was married to Miss Fern E. Patterson, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they have become parents of three children: Shirley Eleanor, Janet Elizabeth and Eileen Patterson. The family resides at 115 Church street in Wethersfield and the parents hold membership in the Congregational church

there. Mr. Chapman is also a member of the Masonic lodge in his native city and of the Wethersfield Country Club. His interests and activities, however, center in his business and his thoroughness and efficiency are characterized by the continuous advance he has made since starting out in the business world.

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#### DON CERVANTES PECK

As a realtor and manufacturer Don Cervantes Peck has strongly influenced Plainville's development and although seventy-eight years of age he remains an active factor in the world's work. The exercise of effort has kept him alert, and a busy, useful life has brought him contentment as well as prosperity. A son of Don E. and Mary J. Peck, he was born January 22, 1849, and is a native of Burlington, Connecticut. There he received his early education and completed his studies in the public schools of Bristol. Entering his father's plant at Whigville, Connecticut, he mastered the details of the wood-turning industry and afterward became a commercial traveler. For several years he was thus engaged and in 1903 opened a real estate office in Plainville. The venture proved a success and for fourteen years he conducted the business, doing much to increase the value of property in this locality. In 1917 he began the manufacture of helical and hair springs in partnership with his sons, Donald Kingsley and P. Lester, and in 1920 the business was incorporated, at which time the present style of the Peck Spring Company was adopted. Don C. Peck has since been treasurer and president of the firm, of which P. L. Peck is secretary and general manager, and the rapid growth of the industry is proof of the wisdom and ability of the men who control it. The plant is advantageously located and up-to-date equipment facilitates the work of production.

At Tolland, Massachusetts, Don C. Peck was married January 27, 1870, to Miss Frances Marshall, a daughter of Lester and Nancy (Williams) Marshall. To Mr. and Mrs. Peck were born three children, the eldest of whom, Theona C., is the wife of William J. Harris. The son, Donald Kingsley, married Miss Bertha Cippel and passed away in September, 1925, leaving two children, Kenneth H. and Don Allen. P. Lester married Miss Alice Brown, and they have one child, Donald Burdette.

Mr. Peck is devoted to his grandchildren and in their society he renews his youth. He has witnessed notable changes as the work of progress and improvement has been carried forward in this region, and his conversation is replete with interesting reminiscences of the past. His life has been rightly lived and the years have strengthened his position in public esteem.

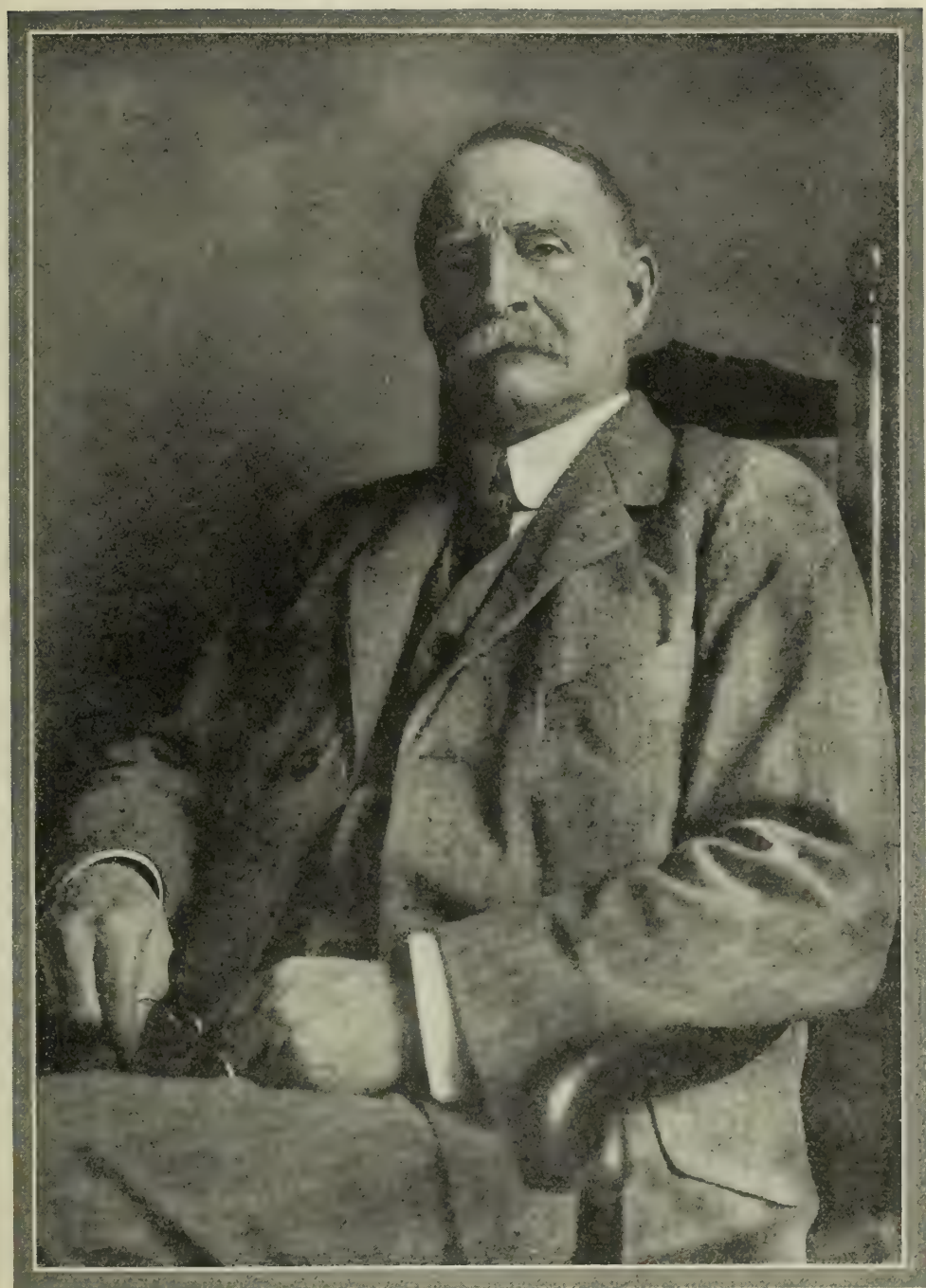
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#### RALPH M. LOWRY

Ralph M. Lowry, engaged in the insurance business as representative of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, is also active in community affairs and is standing staunchly in favor of public progress, reform and improvement as president of the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, June 22, 1883, and is a son of the Rev. Dr. Houston W. and Blanche (Lee) Lowry, the former a native of Coitsville, Ohio, and the latter of Poland, Ohio. The father is a Presbyterian minister, still active in the work of the church as pastor of the Bosworth Presbyterian church in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been very prominent in the interests of his denomination, holding various offices in the church organization.

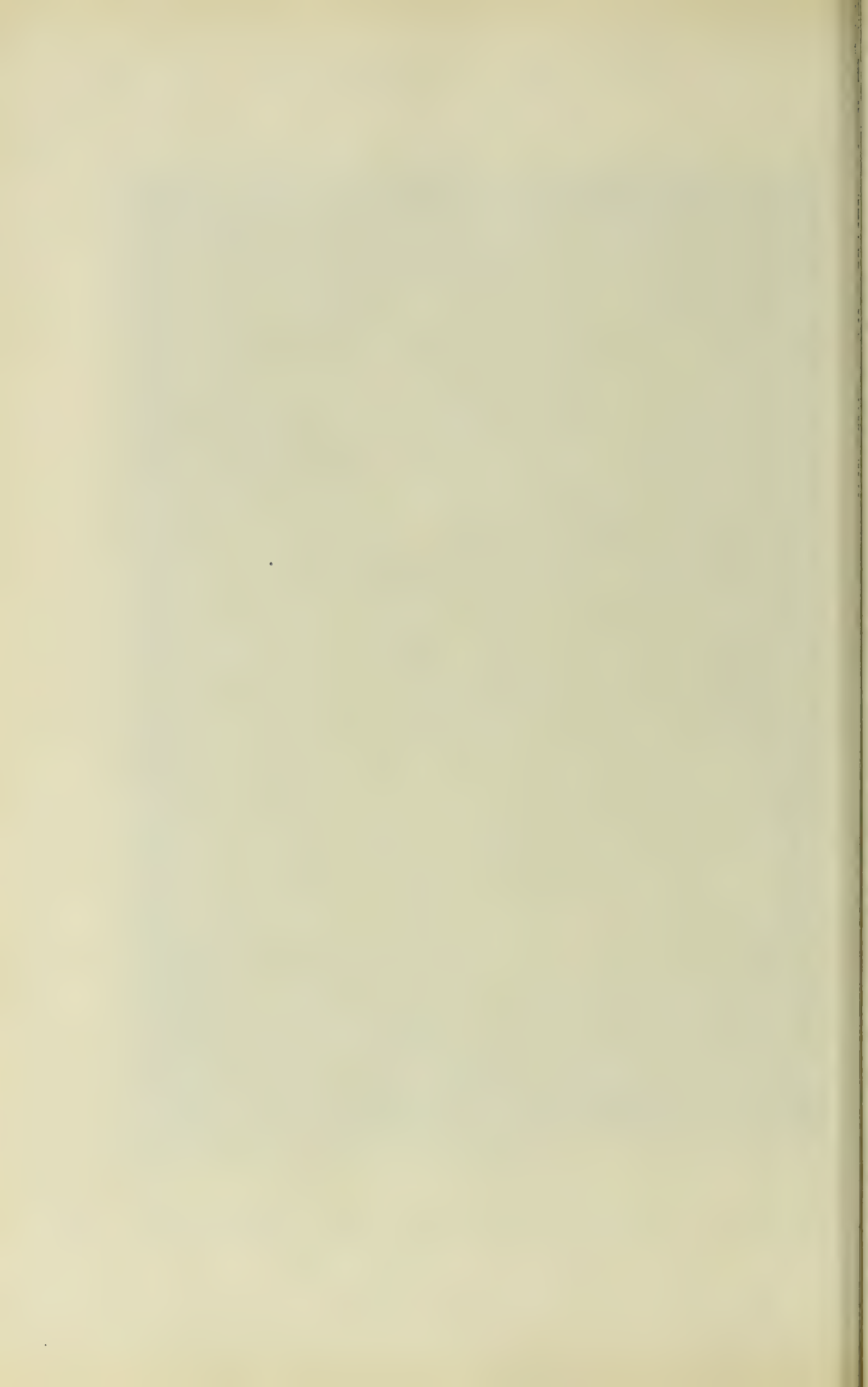
Ralph M. Lowry supplemented his public school education by a course in Wooster College in his native state and after leaving school was associated with various newspapers, spending a part of the time in New Castle, Pennsylvania, while for a period he represented the Arkansas Democrat of Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1910 he came to Hartford, where he was connected for about three years with the Hartford Post and for four years with the Hartford Times, and he still acts as musical critic for the latter journal. During the World war he was assistant director of War Savings and afterward became assistant secretary of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. Thus in various fields of activity he has directed his labors—and all to good account. His association with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company dates from 1921





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and through the intervening period of seven years he has made steady progress along the line of achievement and now controls a very satisfactory business.

Mr. Lowry has also figured actively in the public life of the community and in 1927 was elected president of the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He is likewise secretary and treasurer of the Hartford Life Underwriters Association and he has always been active in musical circles, having for fourteen years served as organist of St. John's Episcopal church of Hartford, while at the present writing he is organist and choir director of the Plainville Congregational church.

On the 4th of September, 1906, Mr. Lowry was united in marriage to Miss Sue Falls, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three children: Jane Lee, a graduate of St. Margaret's School of Waterbury, Connecticut; Frances, a high school student of West Hartford; and Thomas. The family residence is at 1087 Farmington avenue and in the social circles of the city the family occupies an enviable position. Mr. Lowry is also well known to the membership of the University Club of Hartford, the West Hartford Country Club and the Lions Club, being identified with each of these. Forceful, adaptable, enterprising and progressive, his activities are accounted a valuable asset in connection with any undertaking with which he becomes affiliated.

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#### VICTOR I. NEILSON

Victor I. Neilson, vice president and treasurer of the Mutual Bank & Trust Company, doing business at 75 Pearl street in Hartford, was born in this city April 16, 1892, his parents being John A. and Augusta (Anderson) Neilson, who are natives of New Haven, Connecticut. The grandfather in the paternal line came from Sweden in early life. The father is a master mechanic and is now with the Westinghouse Company in Brooklyn, New York.

After attending the public schools until he had completed the work of the grades and of the high school, Victor I. Neilson continued his education in the American Institute of Banking, being graduated in 1916, and the same year he obtained a position as junior clerk with the Riverside Trust Company of Hartford. He gradually won promotions until he had filled all the intervening positions up to that of discount teller, and when he resigned in that connection it was to accept the appointment on the 1st of November, 1921, to state bank examiner under Commissioner E. J. Sturges. For four years he ably served in that connection and resigned on the 1st of October, 1925. He was then elected treasurer of the Mutual Bank & Trust Company and in November, 1927, was also elected to a vice presidency, so that he is now active in executive management and direction of the bank. He is likewise treasurer of the Hartford Bond & Mortgage Company.

On the 1st of November, 1922, Mr. Neilson was married to Miss Doris B. Bieg, of Brookline, Massachusetts, and they reside at No. 45 Arlington road in West Hartford. They hold membership in Trinity church and Mr. Neilson belongs also to St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the City Club and is the secretary and treasurer of the Fernleigh Bowling Club. He is a member of Hartford Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and for three years served as its secretary and treasurer. Outside interests are never allowed to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties in banking circles and he has attained a creditable position as the result of his developing powers and increasing capability. Thoroughness characterizes all of his work and his enterprise will carry him steadily forward.

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#### CHAUNCEY N. LE ROY

Among the alert, wide-awake and enterprising young business men of Hartford is numbered Chauncey N. Le Roy, who as a member of the firm of Le Roy Brothers is conducting a growing and profitable business as a fruit merchant at No. 1363 Main street. He was born in Hartford, December 23, 1893, a son of John Baptiste and Mary Jane (Sansome) Le Roy, both of whom were natives of the province of Potenza,

Italy. The family name is properly Laria instead of Le Roy but has been changed to the more Anglicized form. The father came to America when very young, settling first near Buffalo, New York. At the age of twenty-one years he returned to Italy, where he was married, and brought his wife to the new world, settling in Hartford about a half century ago. He, too, was engaged in the fruit business and also conducted a private banking enterprise, having the first Italian bank in Hartford. He was well liked by the early residents here and was very successful in the conduct of his business interests. He frequently acted as an interpreter between the Italian and English speaking people, and, like many of his fellow countrymen, he possessed a decided love of music and displayed considerable talent along that line, organizing what was known as Le Roy's String Band, which was in great demand for festive occasions in an early day. Mr. Le Roy was particularly efficient as a harpist. He died January 19, 1922, and is still survived by his widow.

At the usual age Chauncey N. Le Roy began his education in the Hartford public schools and when his textbooks were put aside he entered commercial circles by buying the business of his uncle, Dominick Le Roy, in partnership with his brother, the firm name being Le Roy Brothers. They have built up an extensive business in fruits and groceries, handling the best that the market affords, and have won a liberal patronage, while the extent of their business has made it a very profitable one.

In April, 1918, Chauncey N. Le Roy enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve and went overseas on the Steamship George Washington and also made a round trip on the Steamship Rhode Island. He was stationed for some time at the Pauillac (France) Naval Station and was on land for nine months, receiving an honorable discharge on the 5th of August, 1919, at Bay Ridge, New York. He now has membership with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with the Knights of Columbus and with the Foresters.

On the 5th of October, 1922, Mr. Le Roy was united in marriage to Miss Laura Allard Bellerose, of Montreal, Canada. They are the parents of a son, John Baptiste, born September 18, 1923. Mr. Le Roy has always resided in Hartford save for the brief period of his military service when he was on duty with the navy and has become well known here. He has never cherished any false ideas concerning business success. He realized that there is no royal road to wealth and by diligent effort and close application built up the extensive patronage which is now rewarding his labors, making him one of the prosperous merchants of the city.

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#### HARRY C. BARNES

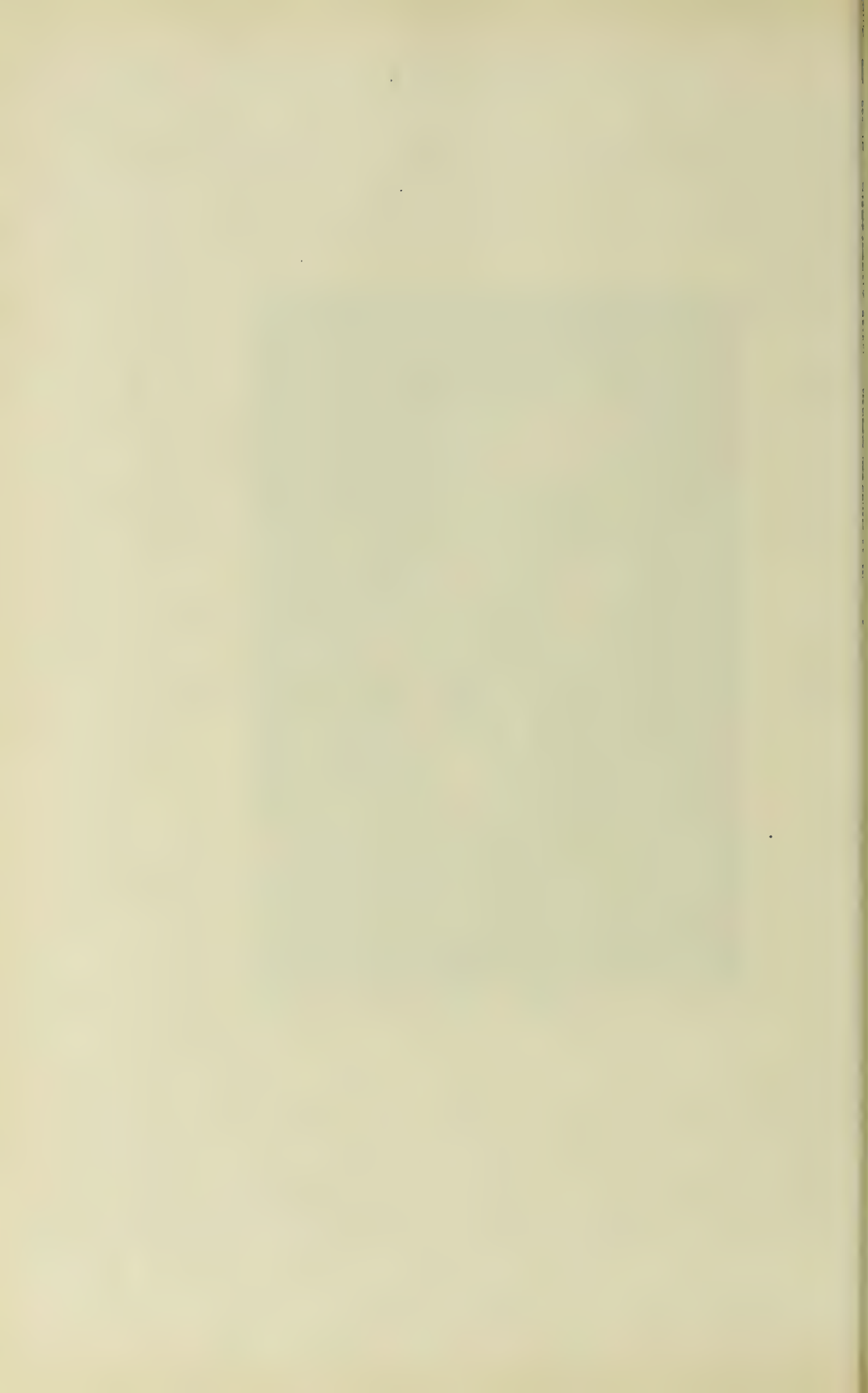
Harry C. Barnes is one of the successful business men of Bristol. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in enlarging and developing this he has shown strength, adaptability and initiative and is contributing in substantial measure to the success of The Wallace Barnes Company, of which he is now the treasurer. Bristol numbers him among her native sons, he having been born here November 20, 1889. He is a son of the late Carlyle F. Barnes and a grandson of Wallace Barnes, founder and promoter of the business, while the father afterward became president of the company and ranked with the leading manufacturers of Connecticut. The ancestral line on the paternal side is traced back to Thomas Barnes, who left his native England and became a resident of Farmington, Connecticut, about the year 1660. Carlyle F. Barnes married Lena Forbes, who was of Scotch lineage, being a descendant of one who came to the United States on the historic Mayflower.

After completing a course in the Bristol high school Harry C. Barnes attended the Holbrook Military Academy and later spent two years as a student in the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He then made his initial step in the business world by becoming a representative of The Wallace Barnes Company in the fall of 1913. Parental authority was not utilized to give him an easy berth. He began work in the factory and passed through the various departments as he mastered the duties assigned him. In a word he earned his promotions and when he had become familiar with the work of the plant he was given a position in the office, where he familiarized himself with executive management and control. His original official position was that of secretary, but following the death of his father he was





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appointed treasurer and so continues. He has many outside interests with which he is connected through investment or officially, being now a director of the Bristol National Bank and American Trust Company; vice president and director of Wallace Barnes Company, Ltd., of Hamilton, Ontario; a director of Barnes, Gibson & Raymond, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan; secretary of the Associated Spring Corporation of Delaware; vice president and director of the Federal Machinery Sales Company of Chicago, Illinois, and also identified with numerous other interests. He concentrates his efforts and attention upon his business affairs with the outcome that substantial results accrue and he thereby contributes to the commercial and industrial upbuilding of the communities in which he operates.

On the 1st of October, 1914, Mr. Barnes married Miss Lillian Houberts of Fultonville, New York, and they have become parents of three children: Edith Forbes, Wallace and Nancy Lee.

Mr. Barnes gives his political allegiance to the republican party and never withholds his active support from plans or projects for the general good. For four years he served as a member of the city council of Bristol and gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to solving the problems vital to the community. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has become a Consistory Mason and Mystic Shriner. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his social nature finds expression in various club affiliations, his membership being in the Farmington Country Club of Farmington, Connecticut; Shuttle Meadow Club of New Britain; Pine Orchard Country Club of Pine Orchard, Connecticut; Chippa-nee Country Club of Bristol, of which he is treasurer; and Wannamoisett Country Club of Providence, Rhode Island. He is widely known in Bristol and in Hartford county, where his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### ROCCO J. SAGARINO

Hartford has a large percentage of citizens who are natives of Italy or of Italian descent. They constitute an important element here and have made valuable contribution to the city's development along material and political lines. Influential among those of Italian birth or descent stands Rocco J. Sagarino, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Italian Club, Inc. He is engaged in the drug business and is well known both in commercial and club circles.

Born in Hartford, October 16, 1896, he is a son of Frank and Theresa (Dichianca) Sagarino, who are natives of Corleto, Italy, whence the father came to America about 1873, the mother joining him five years later. They established their home in Hartford, being the third or fourth Italian family to settle here. The father was a belt maker and was employed by the Jewell Belting Company of Hartford for approximately thirty-eight years. In 1920 he retired and still makes his home in Hartford.

In pursuit of his education Rocco J. Sagarino attended the Brown school, St. Thomas Seminary and Trinity College, spending two years as a student in the last named institution. During the World war he enlisted in the Naval Reserves and was given permission to attend the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1921. For a year he filled the position of chief dispenser for the Municipal Hospital and for two years he was in the employ of the Goodwin Drug Company, while in 1924 he became connected with the Gladding Drug Company, which he has since represented. He is now thoroughly familiar with every phase of the drug trade and by reason thereof contributes to the success of the organization which he represents.

On the 9th of August, 1925, Mr. Sagarino was united in marriage to Ethel Cudemmo, of Hartford, and they are the parents of a son, Francis, born June 11, 1926.

Fraternally Mr. Sagarino is connected with the Hartford lodge of Elks. Outside of business, however, he is chiefly active perhaps in politics. He has served as alderman from the second ward for two years and for an equal period was one of the selectmen; and was appointed by Mayor Batterson as a member of the Charity Board for three years. He has always worked earnestly and resultantly for the interests of his people and for the welfare of the city and is a prominent and influential member of the Italian Club, of which he was the president for two terms, while at the present



writing he is chairman of its board of directors. He is actuated by a spirit of enterprise that is manifest in every relation of life, and closely studying the needs, the conditions and the opportunities of the Italian people of Hartford, he has labored consistently to advance their welfare.

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#### WILLIAM E. CHAPIN

William E. Chapin, well known in insurance circles as special agent for F. H. Williams & Company of Hartford, was born in this city July 12, 1884, and is a son of Henry and Anne (Davis) Chapin, the former a native of Hartford and the latter of Windham county, Connecticut. The son pursued a public school education here and after his textbooks were put aside turned his attention to the field of insurance in 1903, becoming a representative of the Travelers, with which he remained for seven years. He next became a representative of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, with which he was associated for two years. On the expiration of that period he became identified with Judge Tuttle in the Industrial Realty Title & Guarantee Company.

During the World war period Mr. Chapin enlisted in the Home Guard Machine Gun Company and was in World war service in the United States Navy, being stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, in the office of the commandant, receiving his discharge and being mustered out on the 15th of March, 1919.

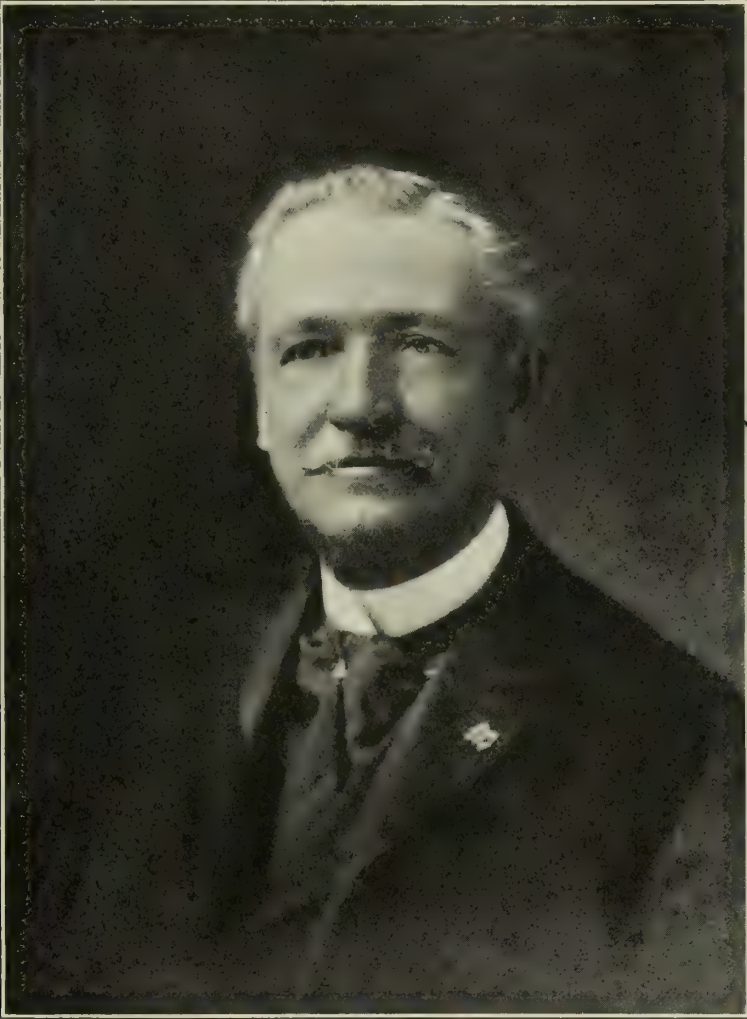
When the country no longer needed his services Mr. Chapin returned to Hartford and became associated with the T. D. Faulkner Company and on its incorporation was made vice president and general manager of the insurance department. On the 16th of January, 1928, however, he resigned his official connection with that organization to become special agent for F. H. Williams & Company. His long experience in the insurance field has made him thoroughly familiar with the business and his labors have been productive of substantial results.

Mr. Chapin is a member of the Masonic fraternity, loyally following the teachings and purposes of the craft. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, of which he is one of the directors, and he has membership in the City Club, the Sequin Golf Club and in the Men's Club of Trinity church. He resides at No. 981 West Boulevard in Hartford and he finds his chief recreation on the links, gaining pleasure and health in this outdoor exercise, which is fast becoming the American game. William E. Chapin is well known as a most creditable representative of one of the oldest of the pioneer families of Hartford.

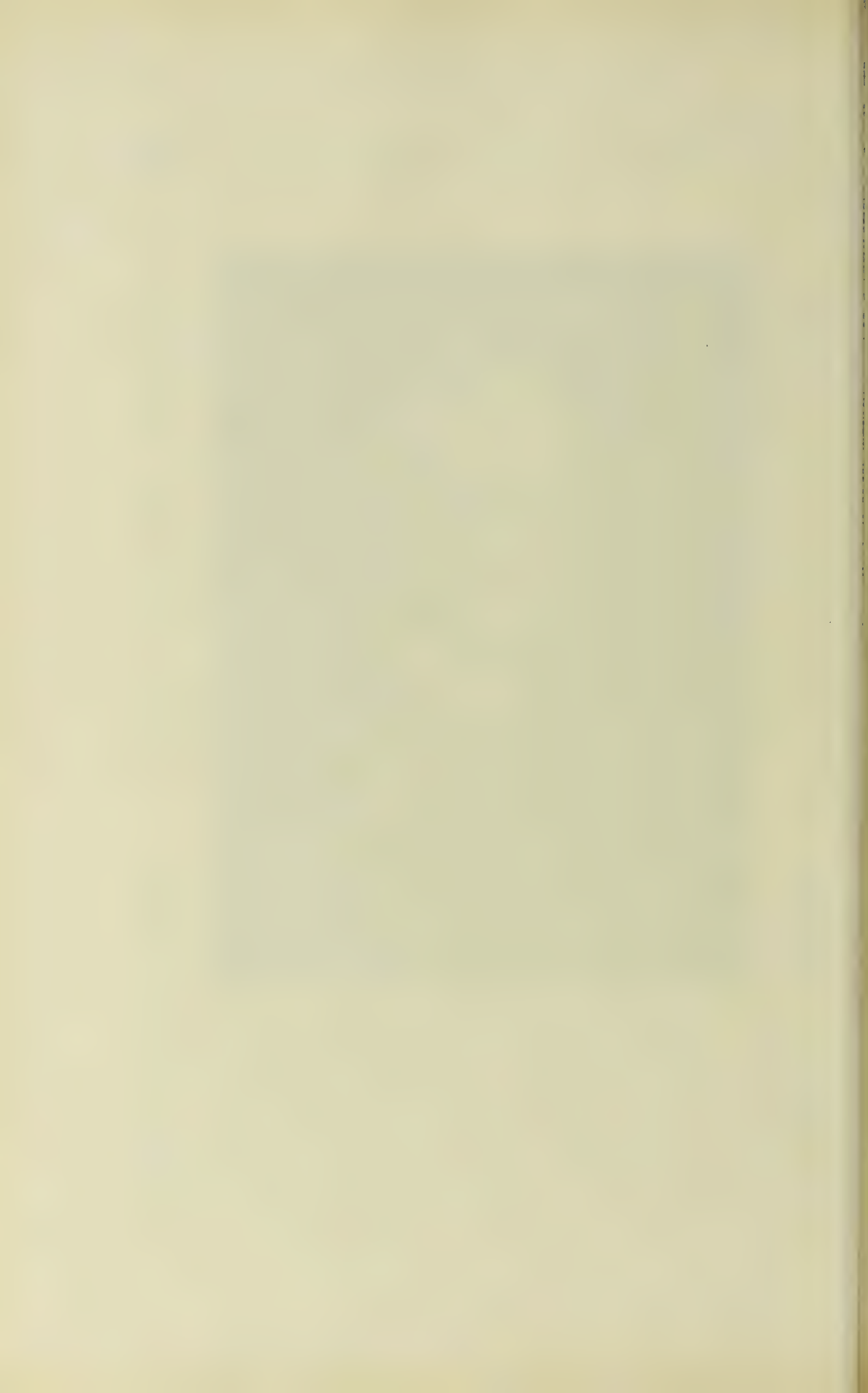
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#### CHARLES ETHAN BILLINGS

One cannot carry his investigations far into the records of the state without learning of the close connection of the Billings family with the history of Connecticut. From a very early period in the colonization of this section of the country those who have borne the name of Billings were associated with the material, intellectual, social, civic and moral progress from the time when Richard Billings in 1640 received a grant of six acres of land in Hartford. In 1659 he and others signed a contract, drawn up by him, with Governor Webster to settle at Hadley. He died March 3, 1679, and his wife, Margery, survived only until the 5th of December following. Their son, Samuel Billings, who died in Hatfield, February 1, 1678, was married in 1661 to Ursula Fellows, who following his demise became the wife of Samuel Belden and died February 5, 1713. In the third generation was Samuel Billings (II), born in Hatfield, January 8, 1665. His first wife, Hannah Wright, died in 1686 and he married Rebecca Miller, then a widow, who was born March 26, 1661. Their son, Joseph Billings, was born in Hatfield, November 15, 1700, served as a soldier in the Indian wars and died about 1783. He was married January 7, 1726, to Elizabeth (Colton) Kellogg and they became parents of a son, Joseph Billings (II), who was one of a company of seventy that in 1763 petitioned Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire for a grant of land in that province. On August 17, 1763, a charter was granted by King George III for twenty-three thousand and forty acres on the border of Lake Champlain to be incorporated in the town of



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Swanton. While the Billings grantees appear on the charter, and Joseph Billings may have been a resident of Windsor, Vermont, there is no record of his residence there. His son, Rufus Billings, resided in Weathersfield, Vermont, married and among his children was Ethan F. Billings, who was born January 27, 1807, and died September 11, 1848. He went from Weathersfield, Vermont, to Windsor, Vermont, followed blacksmithing and married Clarissa M. Marsh, daughter of James Marsh, of Rockingham, Vermont.

Charles Ethan Billings, son of Ethan F. and Clarissa M. Billings, was born in Windsor, Vermont, December 5, 1835, and was a pupil in the public schools there until his father's death and with him learned something of blacksmithing. He possessed natural ability in mechanics and in 1852, when a youth of seventeen, entered upon a three years' apprenticeship with the Robbins & Lawrence Company, machinists and gunsmiths of Windsor, at a stipulated salary of fifty cents daily for the first year, fifty-five cents for the second year and sixty cents for the third year. He completed his term of indenture and in June, 1856, came to Hartford, where he entered the employ of the Colt Arms Company as a die sinker in the forging department. It was then that his inventive genius came to the front and he began studying and experimenting in connection with drop hammers, and when he began working for E. Remington & Sons, gun manufacturers of Ilion, New York, in 1862, he acquainted his employers with his ideas concerning drop forgings and was empowered by them to erect a plant from his own plans. This he did, showing an increased labor efficiency of four thousand per cent in forging pistol parts, and with his method of forcing the metal into the frame saved the company fifty thousand dollars on contracts then in force. This naturally won to Mr. Billings a justly merited reputation. Returning to Hartford, he accepted the responsible position of superintendent of the Weed Sewing Machine Company and in 1867 he patented an invention employing four pairs of dies and by drop forging made a shuttle from a single piece of bar steel, whereby the cost of shuttle manufacturing was reduced more than one-half, and his method is today in universal use. In 1868 Mr. Billings removed to Amherst, Massachusetts, where, associated with C. M. Spencer, he organized the Roper Sporting Arms Company. The following year he removed the business to Hartford, but it was discontinued in 1870. That the partners had absolute confidence in the ability of each other, however, is shown in the fact that they formed a new organization under the name of the Billings & Spencer Company for making drop forgings and this undertaking, unlike their previous venture, was successful. Some years later Mr. Spencer retired, Mr. Billings continuing the business, and the company of which he was the head became one of the foremost of its kind in New England. Mr. Billings largely devoted his life to the development of drop forgings and in the great plant at Hartford the various processes by which bars of iron, steel, bronze or copper are transformed into pieces of irregular size and shape are seen in all the perfection of human ingenuity. Again and again Mr. Billings introduced ideas that worked out into most practical and valuable improvements. Something of his wonderful inventive genius is shown in the story given in a contemporary publication: "One day in 1886, Mr. Billings, while passing through the Edison Electric Works, noted the then existing method of making commutator bars. There are 'L' shaped pieces of copper set at an angle to each other. Horizontal bars, thin and wedge like, separated by some non-conducting substance, were placed side by side around the shaft of the dynamo and bound firmly together. Electricity was generated by the friction of metallic brushes revolving at high speed against the edges of the bars. These bars were then made in two pieces united with pins and solder, but as the current was partly broken, resistance was increased and a maximum of efficiency could not be obtained. Mr. Billings quickly saw an opportunity for improvement and on his return to Hartford at once addressed himself to perfect a method by which a better commutator bar could be produced and sold to the Edison Company for a lower price than they were paying for an inferior bar. He perfected dies and processes, and within three weeks shipped the Edison Company an invoice of bars forged in a single piece from pure copper having a homogenous molecular structure throughout, and of the greatest possible density. He had not only produced a more efficient bar for the purpose, but had also reduced the cost, facts which so appealed to the large electrical companies that they generally adopted them. But that is only a single instance of the methods by which Mr. Billings brought his plant to the position of the greatest of all drop forging establishments.

This highly specialized plant produces a myriad of articles which go to every part of the globe. Many of these are incomprehensible to the layman, but a catalogued list includes a complete line of drop forged wrenches, ratchet drills, lathe dogs, clamps, combination pliers, vises, sewing machine shuttles, thumb screws, pistol frames and barrels, machinist's hammers, solid eye bolts, magazine screw drivers, and many parts of machines beyond power of computation. In later years the business has been developed in the line of manufacturing forging machinery, including drop hammers, trimming presses, and die making machines. Many of the foregoing were Mr. Billings' own invention and it was his superior inventive genius in devising machines for special service in his own plant which gave him such an advantage in the manufacture of drop forged products, and placed the Billings & Spencer plant in the proud position as the greatest, as it was the first commercial drop forging company in the world. The company was incorporated in 1872, and it is interesting to note that its first extensive contract was for the manufacture of dies, furnished by the Pratt & Whitney Company, as part of a general contract for the equipment of arsenals in Germany. Mr. Billings, president, and for so many years the dominant spirit, is yet president of the company and potent in its councils, but for some time has been retired from active participation in its affairs. From its beginning he made it the great interest of his life and it may be truly said that he loved his business. A hard worker, determined and persistent, he never gave up until he accomplished whatever purpose he had in view. Both he and his company have risen from a humble beginning and it is with no little satisfaction that he reviews his long and honorable life, and contemplates the eminence of the company he formed which is perhaps but yet in its infancy, the tangible expression of a fundamental idea born in the brain of a master."

As the years passed the plant of the Billings & Spencer Company was greatly increased in order to meet the increasing demands of the business. They first occupied a wooden building formerly used by the Weed Sewing Machine Company, and though it was enlarged until it had a frontage of five hundred and forty feet on Lawrence street, three hundred and forty feet on Broad street and two hundred and twenty-five feet on Russ street, it, too, became inadequate and in January, 1916, the company purchased what was once the plant of the Columbia Motor Vehicle Company, remodeling it to suit their needs and introducing the latest improved machinery to carry on the work. They developed the plant until it expressed the last word in efficiency equipment so as to provide for an uninterrupted flow of material from steel shed to shipping room. Long Mr. Billings stood at the head of what was one of the mammoth productive industries of Hartford, thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the business from the most minor detail to its most important element. He proved equally capable as an executive, gathered around him a most efficient corps of officers and office employees and at the same time he was cognizant of what his men in the shops were doing and whether maximum results were being achieved at a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material—which after all is the basis of success. In its ramifying trade interests the business reached out to every section of the country, with selling agencies in nearly all the large cities, and in the summer of 1915 the company was invited to become a member of the Rice Leaders of the World Association, membership therein being attained only by those who live up to its motto of "Honor, Quality, Strength and Service."

Notwithstanding his multitudinous duties as president of the Billings & Spencer Company, Charles E. Billings also became an active factor in other business concerns that have featured prominently in the industrial and financial development of Hartford. He was president of the State Savings Bank and a trustee of the Hartford Trust Company, as well as president of the C. E. Billings Manufacturing Company, and his high standing was indicated in his election to the presidency of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on October 2, 1895, and when his term expired he was elected an honorary member in perpetuity and to membership in the "Honorable Council of the society." He remained at the head of the Billings & Spencer Company until 1920, when he was succeeded by his son, Frederick C. Billings, who is still president of the corporation.

On the 5th of January, 1857, Mr. Billings was married to Frances M. Heywood, daughter of William Heywood, of Cornish, New Hampshire, who died in 1872. On the 9th of September, 1874, he married Eva C. Holt, daughter of L. H. Holt, of Hartford. Three children were born of his first marriage and the eldest, Charles H., whose



natal day was July 13, 1861, died in infancy. The second son, Frederick Church, became his father's successor in the Billings & Spencer Company, as previously mentioned. Harry E., born December 23, 1868, died in childhood. There are also a daughter and a son of the second marriage: Mary E., who was born October 22, 1877, and is the wife of William B. Green; and Lucius H., born June 26, 1879.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Billings had a highly developed civic sense which recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, and at no time did he fail to give his support to plans and measures for the public good. He filled the offices of councilman and alderman from the third ward and for twelve years was president of the board of fire commissioners, rendering valuable service in these connections, never allowing his official duties to suffer even though his business affairs were demanding a greater share of his time and attention. That he ever kept in close touch with his city, its needs and its opportunities, is shown in the fact that he was a member of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the Home Market Club of Boston and the American Protective Tariff League. He also had membership in the Hartford Club. In young manhood he served in the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard. His prominence in Masonry is indicated in the fact that the honorary thirty-third degree was conferred upon him and he became an honorary member of the supreme council of the order and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He was elected grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut and he fully maintained the honor and dignity of his position and ever exemplified in his life the high purposes and exalted ideals of the craft. He belonged to the Hartford Congregational church and his entire life was characterized by sterling traits of character that made him a man whom to know was to esteem and honor.

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#### CARMINE J. CARTELLANO

Carmine J. Cartellano, who is conducting business in Hartford as a barber, was born in Sassano, Italy, November 6, 1882, his parents being Cona and Anna Rose (Petrizzo) Cartellano, who were also natives of Italy. The father made several trips from Europe to America before permanently locating here but in 1891 brought his family to the new world and settled in Hartford, where his remaining days were passed. He died on the 15th of February, 1924. He was a city employe for twenty-eight years. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Hartford.

Carmine J. Cartellano had no opportunity to attend school, for he began to earn his own living when a very young lad, working as a bootblack and as a newsboy, carrying a bundle of papers under his arm and thus earning his own way. He picked up knowledge by reading newspapers and books, thus acquainting himself with the English language, and in the school of experience he has also learned many valuable lessons. For about four years he worked on a farm, after which he returned to Hartford and engaged in shining shoes in a barber shop on Capitol avenue. Later he was employed by Roxie Caporal at shoe shining and subsequently he learned the barber's trade in a little shop on Morgan street. In 1905 he became associated with David Beide, remaining in his employ in the Allyn House Barber Shop until 1920, when he bought out his employer's business and has since conducted the shop, which is equipped with seven chairs. On the 9th of January, 1928, he established the Gem Beauty Parlor at 75 Pratt street, which is one of the most modern and best equipped business enterprises of this character in Hartford. He is now conducting a very profitable business and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He not only worked diligently but he was seriously handicapped in youth by his lack of opportunity of attending school. As the years have passed he has made good use of his time and of his chances for advancement and is today controlling a substantial business.

On the 12th of March, 1902, Mr. Cartellano was married to Miss Anna E. Boehnlein, of New York city, and they have one child, Constance, born April 9, 1920.

Mr. Cartellano is a member of the Italian branch of the Foresters of America, of which he has been at the head for a number of years, having also represented the local organization in the state body of that order and again in the national body at Detroit, Michigan, in 1911; San Francisco, California, 1915; Portland, Maine, 1917;



Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1919; Baltimore, Maryland, 1921; Cleveland, Ohio, 1923; Detroit, Michigan, 1925; and New York city, 1927. Mr. Cartellano is a member and president of the Master Barbers Association of the state of Connecticut and for two years has been president of the Hartford Master Barbers Association. His interest in community affairs and his loyalty thereto is indicated in his membership in the Lions Club and he is now serving as chairman of the Americanization committee, which assigns speakers to the different schools. He belongs to the Italian Club, of which he has been a director, and he also has membership in the Hartford Automobile Club. In a review of his life it will be seen that he has overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path by determination and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail.

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### ROBERT CHESTER KNOX

Insurance interests in Hartford number among their representatives some of the foremost business men of the city—men whose solution of intricate business problems is accurate and exact—men whose control of large interests shows keen discernment, sound judgment and broad vision. In this connection mention should be made of Robert Chester Knox, who is conducting a general insurance business as the head of the R. C. Knox Agency, now one of the foremost agencies in the city. His entire life has been devoted to the insurance business, and his knowledge thereof is most comprehensive, resulting from familiarity with every phase of insurance development through several decades.

Mr. Knox was born in South Manchester, Connecticut, May 1, 1874, his parents being Chester J. and Sarah L. (Wheeler) Knox. He is descended in the maternal line from Obadiah Wheeler, who was born in England in 1608 and settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1638, and passed away there in 1671. The early American ancestors of Robert C. Knox were distinguished for their patriotism. His great-great-grandfather, Rev. Joseph Wheeler, was ordained to the ministry in 1759 and for several years held a pastorate in Harvard, Massachusetts. He served in the provincial congress and also on the committee of correspondence and did much to advance the cause of liberty during the Revolutionary war period. He personally aided in laying out the defenses the day before the battle of Bunker Hill and narrowly escaped being hit by a shot from one of the British warships when he and others were standing beneath a tree while engaged in that work, the ball cutting off one of the limbs of the tree under which they had sought shelter. Mr. Wheeler secured both the limb and the ball and from the former made a cane, which together with the ball remains a valued heirloom in the family, the projectile being now in possession of R. C. Knox.

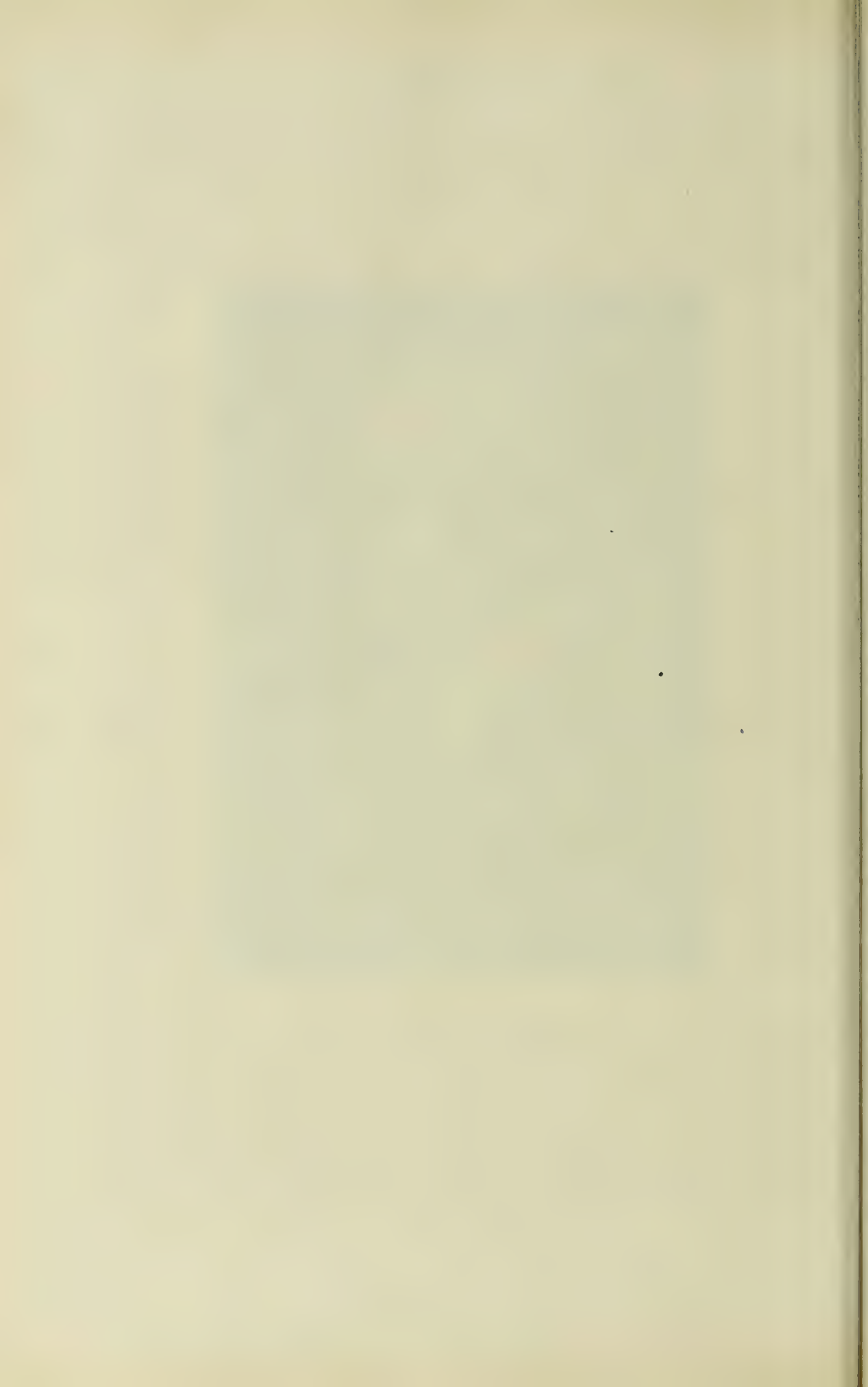
Another of his great-great-grandfathers was the Rev. Joseph Sumner, who, having graduated from Yale in 1759, became pastor of the Congregational church in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, where he served for sixty-three years. The Sumner ancestry is traced back to George Sumner, who was born in England, February 14, 1634, and in early colonial days settled at Milton, Massachusetts. In the paternal line the ancestry is traced to Archibald Knox, great-great-grandfather of Robert C. Knox, who was born in Scotland in 1713 and was ten years of age when his father emigrated with his family to Boston. Archibald Knox married Margaret Watts, of Bedford, Massachusetts, and later settled in Ashford, Connecticut, where he died in 1762.

Robert C. Knox has reason to be proud of the record of his forebears, and his own career reflects equal credit upon the family name. Having mastered the elementary branches of learning in the grades of the Manchester schools, he became a student in the Hartford public high school and is now numbered among its alumni of 1892. Immediately afterward he entered the employ of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as one of its Hartford representatives, and in 1902 he became associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company in its liability department. Later he became general agent for Connecticut of the Aetna Accident & Liability Company. He is now conducting an extensive general insurance business, being general agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company and the Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford. He handles accident and health insurance, liability insurance, workmen's compensation



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ROBERT C. KNOX





insurance, all lines of automobile and burglary insurance, physicians' and surgeons' liability insurance, fidelity and surety bonds, fire and marine insurance, plate glass, teams, engine breakage, combination residence insurance, parcel post insurance and sprinkler leakage and water damage. The number of his clients has steadily increased with the passing years until his business is today one of large volume.

On the 14th of June, 1900, Mr. Knox was married to Miss Estelle Lethbridge, of Orange, New Jersey, and they are the parents of two daughters, Marion and Elizabeth L., and one son, Robert C., Jr.

Mr. Knox is a republican and a member of Trinity church, and has an extensive circle of friends in his adopted city.

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#### PAUL A. PARK, M. D.

Dr. Paul A. Park, devoting his attention to medical and surgical practice in Bristol, was born in Sterling, Illinois, July 21, 1884, but in his youthful days accompanied his parents, Thomas E. and Jessie M. Park, on their removal to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he pursued his high school course. Reviewing the broad field of business with its limitless opportunities along industrial, commercial and professional lines, he decided to give his attention to medical practice and with this end in view became a student in the University of Iowa, which he attended from 1904 until 1910, pursuing classical and professional courses and winning his M. D. degree in the latter year. He then reversed the usual order of procedure by coming east instead of following the mandate of Horace Greeley—"Go west, young man, go west." He made his way to the American metropolis and became an interne in the Metropolitan Hospital of New York, where he remained until 1911. In the latter year he established an office at Atkins, Iowa, where he had a country practice to which he devoted his attention for a period of three years. He then returned to Cedar Rapids, where he remained for four years, and then the country needed his services and he responded to the call for troops. It was in 1918 that he joined the army and was assigned to duty with the Seventy-fifth Hospital Unit at Chickamauga Park. He was mustered out December 30, 1918, with the rank of first lieutenant, and in March, 1919, he came to Bristol and is now a member of the staff of the Bristol Hospital.

At Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Doctor Park was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Taylor, of Windsor, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Janice, born in New York city. In his fraternal relations Doctor Park is a Mason and an Elk, having membership in Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in the Elks Lodge No. 1010 at Bristol. The major part of his time and attention, however, is given to his professional duties and he utilizes every means to promote his knowledge and increase his efficiency, at all times keeping in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress. He belongs to the Bristol Medical Society, of which he has been secretary for three years, to the Hartford County Medical Society and to the American Medical Association.

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#### LATHAM BUCKINGHAM HOWARD

Latham Buckingham Howard, auditor of the Hartford Times and belonging to that substantial class of citizens who without pretense or display promote the stability of a community, was born in Hartford, August 17, 1899, his parents being Daniel C. and Nellie (Tift) Howard, who were also natives of Connecticut and became residents of Hartford about 1880. The father was for some time associated with the grocery house of Furlong & Howard and later engaged in business on his own account to the time of his death, in 1910. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Hartford.

At the usual age Latham B. Howard became a public school pupil and mastered the work of consecutive grades until he was numbered among the high school alumni of the class of 1919. He then came to the Hartford Times, starting in the local display advertising department, where he proved his efficiency and reliability, so that he won promotion to the classified advertising department. He next became asso-

ciated with the national advertising department and after five years in this position was made assistant to Clayton W. Rowley, treasurer. On the 15th of February, 1928, he was promoted to auditor, which position he now fills, and in this place of responsibility he gives evidence of the fact that his business powers have steadily grown and broadened.

Mr. Howard enlisted for service in the World war in the S. A. T. C. at Storrs, Connecticut, but the armistice was signed before he was inducted into service. Practically his entire life has been associated with the Hartford Times, and starting out in a humble capacity, he has steadily risen, working his way upward step by step through the different departments until he has come into prominent connection with the paper. He has always lived in Hartford, taking a keen interest in her welfare and giving loyal support to many projects which have been advanced to promote her interests.

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W. T. NAGLE, M. D.

Although one of the younger representatives of the medical profession in Southington, Dr. W. T. Nagle has won a creditable name and place and is now accorded a liberal practice, his record standing in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country. He was born in Southington, in 1892, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. William Nagle. At the usual age he entered the public schools and in due course of time was graduated from the Lewis high school. With the desire to become a member of the medical profession, he then laid the plans which resulted in his matriculation in the medical college of the University of Pennsylvania. When he had completed his course he put his theoretical training to the practical test in six months' connection with the Philadelphia General Hospital, and then through a period of sixteen months he gained valuable knowledge and experience as well as rendered valuable aid by serving as interne in St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven. At a later period he was connected with the Bridgeport Hospital for a short time and then located in Fairfield, where he opened an office and entered upon the private practice of medicine, winning a liberal share of the public patronage. Not long after locating in Fairfield he was made health officer.

When America entered the World war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Second Regiment and went to France early in 1917, being there severely gassed, after which he was sent back to his native land. He was holding the rank of first lieutenant in the One Hundred and First Field Hospital when discharged from the army. When his military experience was over he returned to Hartford, where he opened an office and was later appointed medical examiner following the death of the late Dr. W. G. Steadman, of Southington. His private practice has constantly grown and the public more and more largely is manifesting confidence in his increasing skill and ability. He performs his duties in a most conscientious manner and is constantly adding to his efficiency through broad reading and study.

Dr. Nagle was married June 24, 1925, to Margaretta Hurley, and they have two children, Loraine and William.

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MICHAEL ALVORD GORE, M. D.

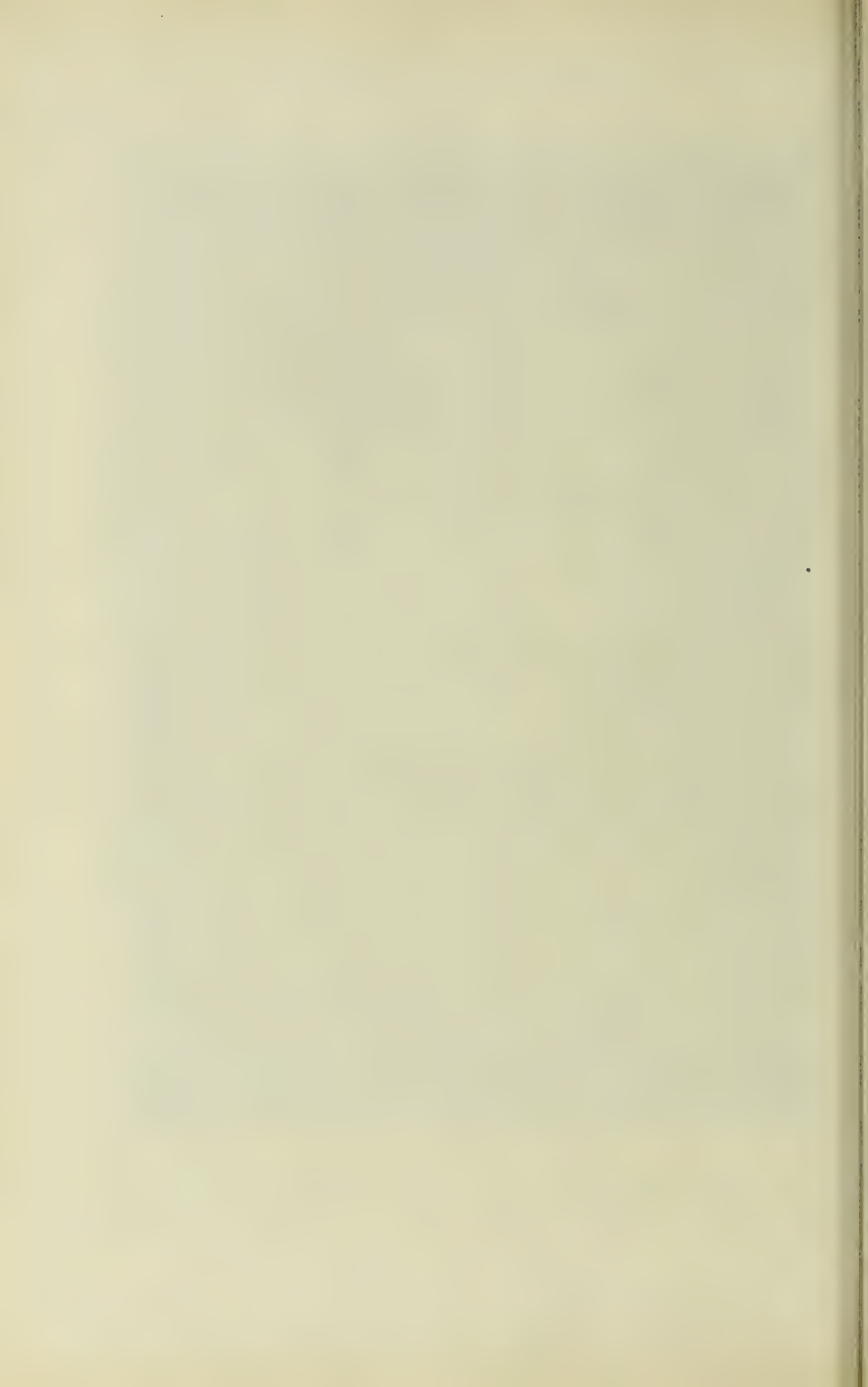
Liberal educational training well qualified Dr. Michael Alvord Gore for activity in the practice of medicine and surgery and he has now made for himself an enviable position among the more capable representatives of the profession in Hartford county. He practiced at Bristol, with office in the Malone building, and year by year he is steadily becoming more proficient and thorough as the result of his broadening experience.

Doctor Gore was born in the national capital on the 24th day of March, 1893, and there pursued his public school education, passing through consecutive grades until he had completed the high school course. He next entered George Washington University and won his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation as a member of the



DR. W. T. NAGLE





class of 1914. Thus in a thorough classical course he laid the foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge, and having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he matriculated in the University of Maryland, winning his M. D. degree in 1918. His initial practical experience came to him through serving as interne in the Women's Hospital at Baltimore, with which he was thus connected until 1920, gaining broad and valuable experience in that way. He then went to Reubens, Idaho, where he remained for a short period, and in 1923 took a postgraduate course at the University of Michigan. The year 1924 witnessed his arrival in Bristol, Connecticut, where he opened his office and has since remained, winning substantial success as the years have passed. He is now on the surgical staff of the Bristol Hospital in addition to conducting a private practice that is constantly growing.

In Baltimore, Maryland, on the 15th of March, 1919, was celebrated the marriage of Doctor Gore and Miss Edna Sollers, and they now have one child, Barbara Wilson Gore. The Doctor manifests a creditable interest in community affairs and his aid and influence are always given on the side of progress and improvement. His social qualities, too, make for friendship wherever he is known, for he possesses a genial manner and a kindly spirit that are also elements of worth to him in the sickroom. He concentrates his time and energies largely upon his professional work, with few outside interests, and he is a member of the Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and a fellow of the American Medical Association. He labors at all times to give his patients a service that represents the highest standards and most advanced methods known in the practice of medicine and surgery, and his efforts have been attended with gratifying results.

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#### WALTER O. EITEL

Walter O. Eitel, employed in the field of finance as treasurer of the Riverside Trust Company of Hartford, was born in this city, April 14, 1882, his parents being Emil and Jenny (Lind) Eitel, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in Connecticut's capital, although the Lind family came also from Germany, settling many years ago in Hartford. Emil Eitel is now of the firm of Becher & Eitel, well known bookbinders of Hartford.

His graduation from the Brown school in 1896 marked the conclusion of Walter O. Eitel's previous work in the grades and qualified him for entrance to the Hartford public high school, in which he completed a four years' course and was graduated in 1900. It was when his textbooks were put aside that he sought a position in business circles and became a messenger in the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank, with which he continued until 1907, working his way steadily upward and filling the position of discount clerk at the time he resigned in 1907. He next became associated with the Riverside Trust Company, being made teller in July, 1907, and subsequently he served as chief clerk and as treasurer. In December, 1927, he was elected a director of the bank.

Mr. Eitel resides at No. 324 Edgewood street. He is a member of the Second Church of Christ Scientist, of which he was the first reader for three years. He belongs to the City Club of Hartford and is a member of the Wethersfield Country Club, and his interest is not withheld from those organizations which have to do with civic development or are matters of civic pride. He is a charter member of the American Institute of Banking.

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#### DANIEL M. FIORITA

Daniel M. Fiorita, attorney at law, with offices at No. 5 Haynes street in Hartford, was born July 7, 1897, and pursued his education in the Henry Barnard school, known as the old Second North school, from which he was graduated in 1913. He then entered the Hartford high school and completed the course with the class of 1917, winning the annual civics prize during his senior year. He next attended the New York University Law School in preparation for his professional career and was accorded the LL. B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1921, while the Mas-

ter's degree was conferred upon him in 1922. While a student in New York he was president of the Italian Circolo.

In 1923 Mr. Fiorita was admitted to the Connecticut bar and became a law associate of Andrew J. Broughel, with whom he continued until the latter's death in 1925, since which time Mr. Fiorita has practiced alone. The thoroughness with which he prepares his cases, his clear reasoning and logical deductions are strong points in the attainment of his success, which is steadily growing. For two years he was assistant temporary clerk of the superior court. He has never sought to figure in political connections, preferring to concentrate his efforts and energies upon the law, and he is now reaping the rewards of his close application and devotion to the interests of his clients. Mr. Fiorita is a member of the American Bar Association, the Young Italian American Association and other organizations.

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#### JOSEPH SACHS

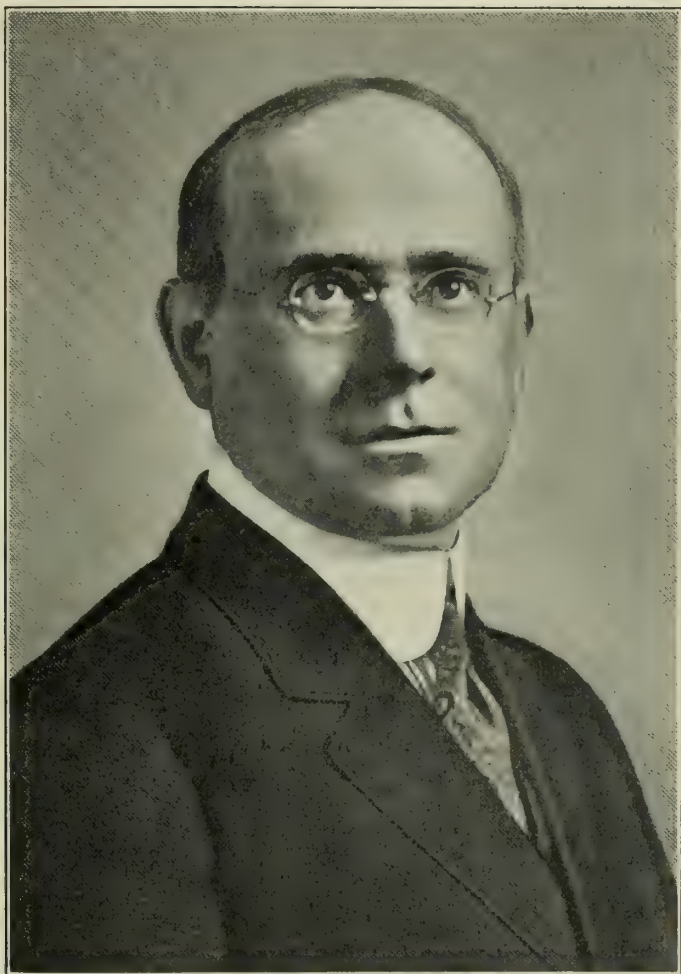
Joseph Sachs, of Hartford, who is chief engineer, electrical division, Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, was born in New York city August 17, 1870, and is a son of Louis (Von) Sachs (Von not generally used now), who with other German seekers for greater political freedom, followed in the trend of Carl Schurz, and came to America about the middle of the last century.

The public schools and The College of the City of New York, supplemented by private instruction, constituted his early basic educational training, which has been supplemented by continued search for higher scientific and engineering knowledge, as well as a very thorough matriculation in the school of experience.

His business career in electrical work started with the Sprague Electric Motor Company of New York prior to 1890. When the Sprague Company was taken over by the Edison Machine Works (now the General Electric Company), of Schenectady, New York, he entered the employ of that company in the testing department. It was soon apparent that Mr. Sachs possessed marked inventive and creative ability. Attention and thought directed to needed improvements resulted in 1892 in the invention and development of an original system of surface contact (trolleyless) electric railway. At about this time he also conceived and developed the first practical non-arcing enclosed fuse of the present cartridge type, for which he received United States patent in 1894. His engineering work about 1892 included installation of a pioneer commercially successful magnetic iron ore separating plant. The period between the years 1893 and 1898 found him engaged in extensive invention and development work, including the auxiliary electric fire alarm (operating the street fire alarm box from the interior of adjacent buildings), signals for cable and electrical railways, electric typesetting machinery, heating and melting metals electrically, electric switches, fuse protective devices, etc. He was also engaged in engineering investigation and development work on electrical canal boat propulsion and haulage, resulting in the invention of a system of electrically operated "haulers" traveling on suitably supported ways on the canal bank and controlled from the boat. Some of his investigations and labors in electrical boat propulsion and haulage appear in a volume entitled "Electrical Boats and Navigation," of which he was co-author with T. C. Martin. Although still a very young man, his capabilities and accomplishments were rapidly bringing him to the front in this then comparatively young, but already great electrical industry. Due to his extensive and diversified experience in electrical engineering and knowledge of patent matters, he was frequently called on to act as expert in many patent suits and litigation. His engineering work in that five year period likewise included designing and supervising the construction and installation of isolated electric plants.

Prior to 1900 Mr. Sachs had presented numerous papers and discussions and delivered many lectures upon electrical canal boat propulsion, conduit electric railways, motor road vehicles, electric elevators, fuses vs. circuit breakers, safe and accurate fuse protective devices, National Electrical Code and other subjects, before scientific and technical organizations and societies, including the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the New York Electrical Society, American Institute (New York), Brooklyn Institute, Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, etc. Articles and papers by him appeared in technical publications of the day, including the Electrical





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World, Electrical Engineer, American Electrician, Electric Power, Cassier's Magazine and Harper's Weekly. Between 1895 and 1898 Mr. Sachs delivered many popular lectures on electrical topics through the free lecture system of the New York public schools and was a member of the faculty of the Electrical Engineers Institute (Correspondence Instruction). He was also on the editorial staff of the Electrical World, writing many articles on new plants and developments. During 1895-1899 he was associated with the municipal electrical inspection department of the city of New York, making extensive examinations, inspections, tests and reports on electrical installations. In 1896 Mr. Sachs made a pioneer investigation for Appleton's Encyclopedia on motor vehicle development in the United States. These extensive papers, articles and lectures principally based on his engineering work, research, inventions and developments indicate that he had risen to a point of world wide authority upon such matters.

The exhaustive investigations and research in the several fields in which he worked as presented in his papers and writings have been most valuable contributions to the literature and development of the electrical art. In 1900 he presented a paper, "Evolution of Safe and Accurate Fuse Protective Devices," before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and also in 1903 before the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia. These were pioneer and basic presentations of his enclosed fuse research and invention. The importance of this contribution to the electrical industry is indicated in the award to him in 1903 (over other claimants) of the John Scott legacy medal by the Franklin Institute for his pioneer work and invention in electrical fuse protective devices.

In 1898 Mr. Sachs became associated with the Johns-Pratt Company, now the electrical division of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut, as consulting and chief engineer, and from that time to the present he has devoted most of his efforts to the development, manufacture, exploitation and sale of enclosed fuse protective devices, switches and other electrical accessories based on his own inventions. The Sachs Noark enclosed fuse was the pioneer of present universally used enclosed safety fuses, and the business which has been developed amounts to millions of dollars annually. For a long time the patented inventions of Mr. Sachs controlled this field and were the basis of the extensive business in electrical devices of the Johns-Pratt Company. However, the versatility of his work is indicated by the fact that in addition to the fields already mentioned he has been actively interested in the development of electrical appliances and equipment for motor vehicles and a wide variety of fittings used in electrical wiring and construction work.

His association with the Johns-Pratt Company, or its successor, Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, as consulting and chief engineer has been practically continuous from 1898 until 1928 with the exception of a few years following 1905 when he was president and manager of the Sachs Company, working in the same field—fuse protective devices and accessories—and for a short period when he was vice president of the Sachs Laboratories, Incorporated, developing his various inventions in other fields. For more than thirty years his activities have been particularly in the development and exploitation of his numerous and diversified inventions. Aside from his most notable achievements in the invention and development of electrical fuse protective devices, electrical switches and meter service installations, his work includes electrical canal boat haulage, fire alarm systems, trolleyless electric railway, electric railway construction materials and fittings, electrical type-setting machines, electrical drive and control for motor vehicles, electric automobile accessories, particularly the extensively used electric primer. In the smaller things electrical his successful and largely used inventions include practically the entire gamut of the electrical accessory field—fuses, cutouts, snap switches, sockets, attachment plugs, time switches, safety enclosed switches, meter service installation devices, shade holders, lamp locks, magnet base portable and others.

Some ten years ago Mr. Sachs applied his inventive efforts and abilities to the development of safe protective electrical service equipment, providing central station and consumers with a complete service installation unit, which, in addition to the service controlling switch and cutout, combined in itself other essentials providing greater safety, operating efficiency and economy. This pioneer development has become the standardized practice with the great majority of electric light and power utilities throughout the United States, and millions of these so-called standardized



protective meter service outfits are now in use. Closely related to this meter service installation development work is the so-called enclosed externally operated safety switch. The Sachs types of safety switches have been of considerable value in adding to the safety of electricity utilization.

Some concept as to the magnitude of Mr. Sachs' work as an inventor may be gathered from the fact that he has been granted more than one hundred and fifty United States patents covering inventions in the electric safety fuse and switch art and also nearly one hundred United States patents covering various other electrical inventions, making a total of nearly three hundred diversified United States patents during the past thirty years. At this writing Mr. Sachs has pending in the United States Patent Office nearly 100 separate applications for patents.

Mr. Sachs married (in New York city) Caroline Norman, June 5, 1895. They have a daughter and a son: Margaret N., now the wife of John Jackson Bissell, a son of Mrs. George Jackson Bissell of Pittsburgh, where they reside; and Kelvin N., who married Elizabeth Hatheway, daughter of Mrs. Curtis R. Hatheway, of Litchfield, Connecticut. The latter is still a resident of Hartford.

Mr. Sachs has made his home in Hartford since joining the Johns-Pratt Company in 1898. He is a member of the Hartford Club, The Hartford Golf Club, The Get-Together Club of Hartford, the Wampanoag Country Club, and the Church Club of Connecticut. He and his family are Episcopalians, being communicants of St. John's Episcopal church of Hartford, of which he is a vestryman. His political allegiance is always given to the republican party. While his business activities have made constant demand upon his time, he has yet found opportunity for active interest in civic affairs and endorses all measures of progressive citizenship. Aside from the previously mentioned connections, his interests have been in the line of manufacture and of technical and scientific investigation. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, The National Electric Manufacturers' Association (active in standards and general work), and the Hartford Engineers' Club. Mr. Sachs' philosophy of his working life is summed up in the following: A belief in the bigness of little things on the theory that "trifles make perfection—but perfection is no trifle"; that successful engineering involves about ten per cent knowledge of engineering principles and ninety per cent application of practical common sense based upon experience; and he agrees with Edison that, contrary to the common belief, invention involves ten per cent inspiration and ninety per cent perspiration. He does not regard his own career as spectacular, but the world attests his outstanding ability and the excellence of his work. In the Electrical Industry, general engineering and business circles he is regarded as an authority on matters electrical and admired and honored for what he has accomplished.

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#### GEORGE L. HUNT

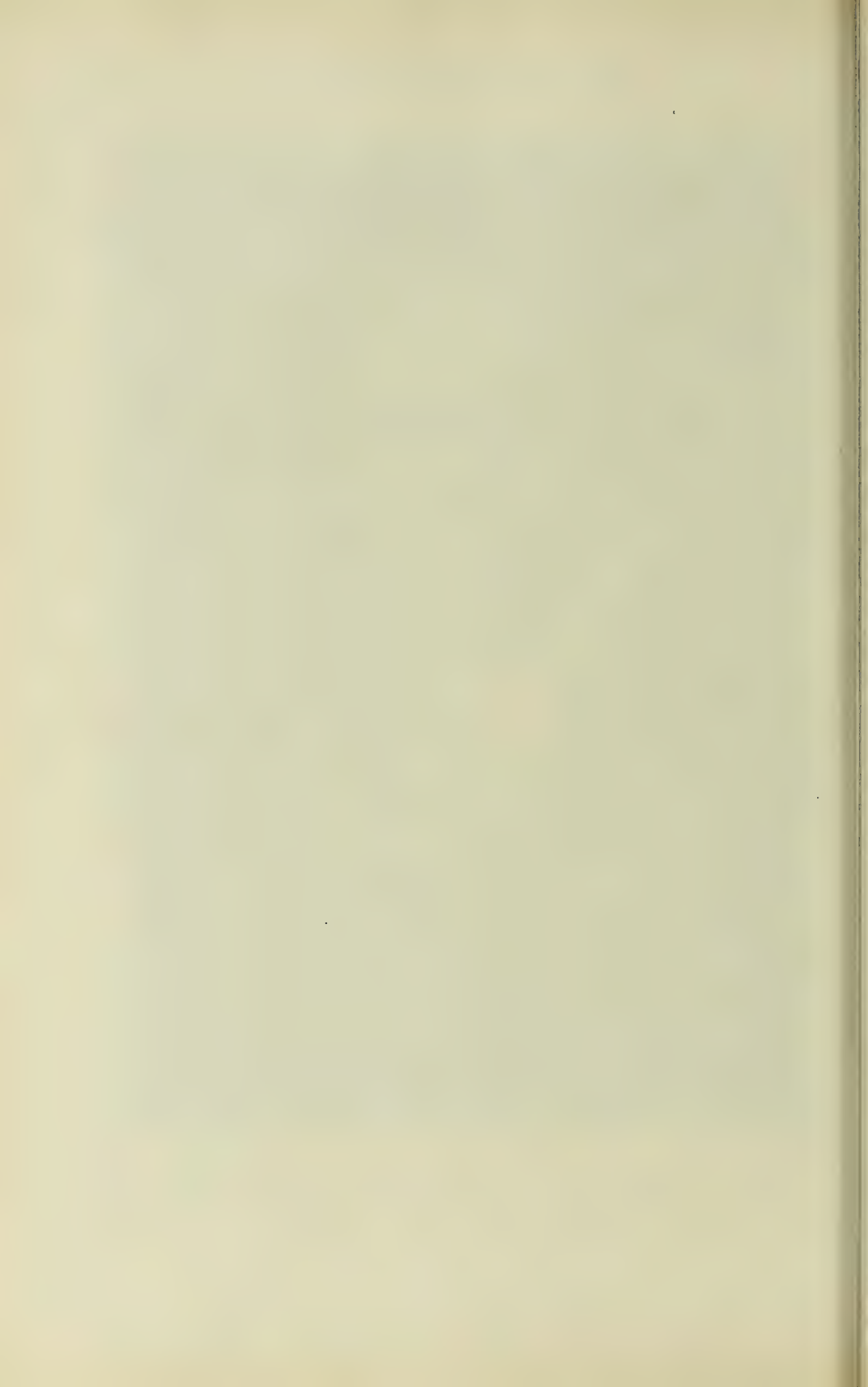
George L. Hunt, general agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company at 805 Main street, Hartford, was born in Essex, Connecticut, May 25, 1889, and is a son of Gustavus S. and Ellen M. (Pratt) Hunt, who were likewise born in Essex. The father died when about thirty years of age.

After attending the public schools of his native village George L. Hunt continued his studies at the Suffield School of Suffield, Connecticut. After his textbooks were put aside he spent a short time in the employ of James A. Bill of the Springfield Knitting Company. Following the death of Mr. Bill in 1910 he removed to Hartford and secured a position as reporter on the Hartford Courant, remaining with that paper for about a year. He next acted as membership secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association until April, 1912, also as executive secretary for Connecticut of the Men and Religion Forward Movement and likewise did special writing for several publications. On the 1st of April, 1912, he became associated with the Phoenix Life Insurance Company as its agent in Hartford and so continued until July, 1913, when he became supervisor for the company in Connecticut and Rhode Island under the management of Clayton W. Wells, thus continuing until the fall of 1914. For five years thereafter he did special reorganization work for the Phoenix Mutual Company in the south, with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, and from



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GEORGE L. HUNT





1919 until 1921 acted as manager for the Phoenix Mutual at Cleveland, Ohio. In July of the latter year he became superintendent of agencies for the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, remaining with that corporation until March, 1924, when he returned to Hartford as general agent for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, entering into active association with Lee C. Robens, who died about a year later. Mr. Hunt has since maintained the agency under his own name and has developed a business of substantial and gratifying proportions, having many representatives and doing a volume of business which makes his agency a valuable contributing factor to the prosperity of the parent organization. He is widely and favorably known in insurance circles and was chosen the first president of the Hartford Life Underwriters Association and also became president of the Connecticut Underwriters Association, in both of which he still holds membership.

On the 24th of March, 1920, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Kohn, of Albany, New York, a daughter of Henry H. Kohn, who for thirty years was general agent in that city for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have a daughter, Susan Roberts, born February 19, 1925, and they reside at No. 133 Westerly terrace. Mr. Hunt belongs to the Advertising Club, to the Rotary Club and along strictly social lines to the Hartford, Hartford City and Hartford Golf clubs. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and Mystic Shriner and is popular with his brethren of the fraternity, who find him a genial companion, while in all the circles in which he moves he is esteemed for his friendly disposition and unfeigned cordiality. He stands as a high type of the New England citizen, holding to the high standards and traditions of this section of the country and at the same time displaying in his life the spirit of modern progress.

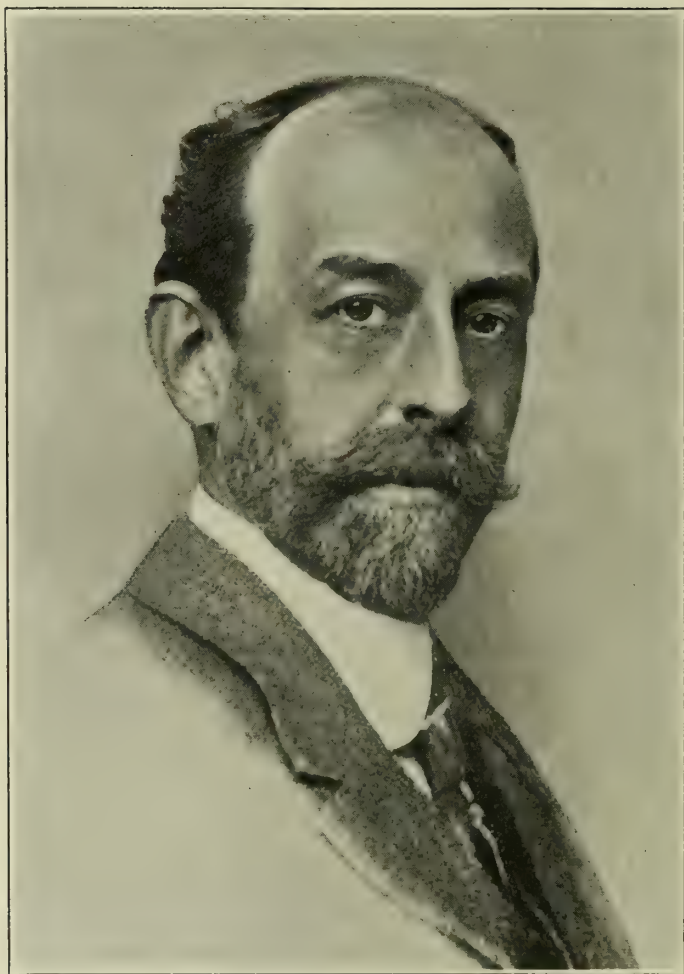
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#### JUDGE GEORGE H. DAY

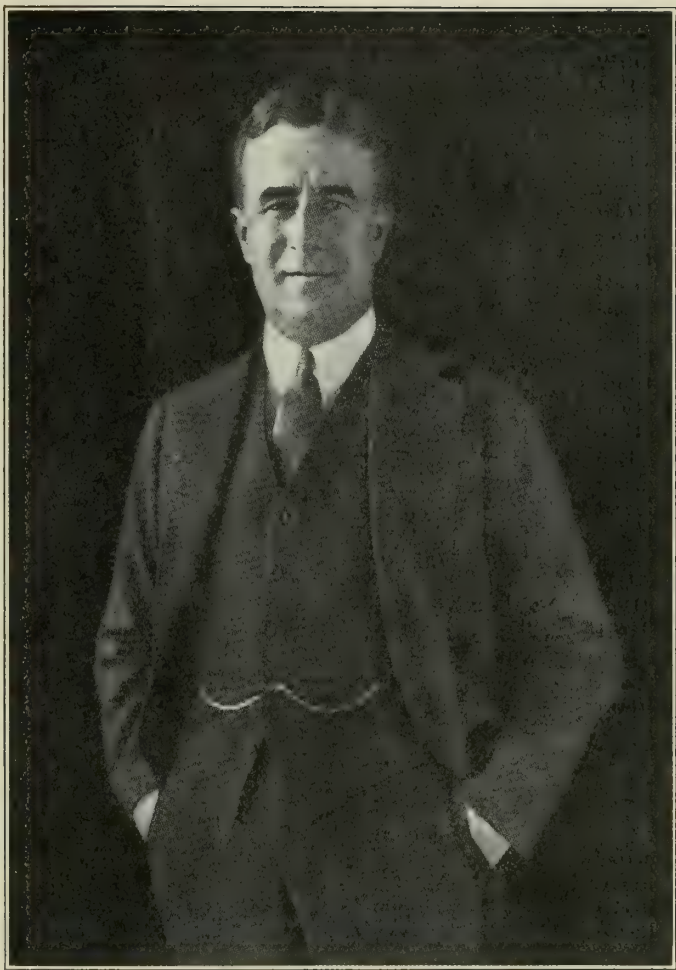
Judge George H. Day, who has presided over the sessions of the city police court of Hartford from July, 1923, until October 1, 1927, when he resigned, and who since July 15, 1919, has been a member of the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin, was born September 22, 1891, in the city which is still his place of residence, his parents being George H. and Katharine (Beach) Day. The father, who was long a prominent and well known manufacturer here, departed this life November 11, 1907.

In the acquirement of his education Judge Day attended successively the public schools of Brooklyn, Connecticut, a private school, Hamlet Lodge and Pomfret School at Pomfret, Connecticut, where he remained as a student for six years. He thus qualified for advanced study in college and matriculated as a student in Yale University as a member of the class of 1913 and at his graduation received the A. B. degree. He afterward spent one year as a student in the Yale Law School and then entered the Harvard Law School, being graduated in 1916 with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to the bar and then began practice by entering the law office of Bennett & Goodwin as a law clerk. He has remained with this well known and prominent firm ever since through its various changes in partnership and became a member of the firm on the 15th of July, 1919, the firm style remaining Shipman & Goodwin since that date. He has thus been closely connected with some of the most eminent members of the Hartford bar and through this association and the development of his powers has risen gradually in the field of law until his standing today gives him a very gratifying place among Hartford's able attorneys. He belongs to the Hartford County Bar Association and in 1920 he was called to public office, being appointed prosecuting attorney for Hartford, whereupon he entered on a three years' term in that position. With his retirement in July, 1923, he was appointed judge of the city police court and his service on the bench fully justified the confidence reposed in him by his colleagues and contemporaries, while the general public bore further testimony as to his uniform fairness and impartiality in his court rulings. His name also figures in business circles inasmuch as he is an officer and director in various corporations which feature in the material development of the city.

On the 18th of April, 1917, Mr. Day was married to Miss Grace Phelps Allen, a daughter of John Hall and Lillian (Denniston) Allen, of Old Saybrook, Connecticut.



ALBERT J. MIDDLEBROOK



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LOUIS S. MIDDLEBROOK





terminated his life on the 10th of March, 1927. He had worked his way steadily upward with the paper company through his capability and loyalty and enjoyed in full measure the confidence and respect of those whom he served.

Mr. Middlebrook belonged to the Yale Athletic Association and was a member of the baseball committee of the graduate board of control in 1921. He held membership in St. John's Protestant Episcopal church in Bridgeport. At his passing it was written of him: "It is right and fitting to give tribute to a purposeful life, and the affection, admiration and respect that the character of Louis S. Middlebrook inspired. It represents the world's expression of appraising human sympathy and grief. But in the more intimate sense, in those feelings which lie far beyond the power of words to convey, and held sacred as a part of the spiritual nature with which we are endowed—from these well-springs that hold and, in a measure, assuage grief, there will continue to pour forth an agony of soul and a passionate resentment that the pathway ahead, ablaze with the joy and purposes and aspirations of life, should be obliterated by the great shadow. . . . It is not now the purpose to do more than to record the high esteem in which he was held, the great confidence that was reposed in his integrity and ability, and his broadening responsibilities. Rather it is now the purpose to speak of him in the intimacy of the friendship that developed through the years, to express the unbounded affliction felt by those who were associated with him and to convey to his surviving father and brothers our belief that the bonds of affection by which he held us makes our loss, with theirs, irreparable."

When one contemplates a career so full of promise suddenly cut short, there is a feeling that such ability must have its opportunity and that a life beyond must hold the chance for his purposes to reach their fulfillment, feeling, as James Whitcomb Riley has expressed it:

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead. He is just away!  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand  
He has wandered into an unknown land

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there,  
And you—oh you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return

Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of There, as the love of Here.  
Think of him still as the same, I say,  
He is not dead—he is just away.

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#### WILLIAM CONVERSE SKINNER

When death called Colonel William Converse Skinner on March 22, 1922, there passed from the scene of earthly activities one who by right of honored family connection, of successful achievement and of high personal qualities deserved to be numbered with the most valued and esteemed citizens of Hartford. As manufacturer and financier he exerted a marked influence over the business development of the city and his influence was equally marked in those fields of labor which make for civic standards and for the uplift of a community in intellectual and moral lines.

He was born in Malone, New York, January 26, 1855, his parents being Dr. Calvin and Jane (Blodgett) Skinner. Back of him was an ancestry honorable and distinguished. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Skinner, who came to America from England about 1650; of Samuel Roberts, an early settler of Stratford, Connecticut; of John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden, of the Mayflower; of Deacon Edward Converse, of Charlestown and Woburn; of Sir Thomas Billing, of Rowell, England. His collateral lines are many, his membership in the Society of Colonial Wars being based on nine ancestors with seven additional lines, and admission to the Sons of the American Revolution was gained on the service of Calvin Skinner and five additional lines.

Sergeant Thomas Skinner was born in England in 1617, and between the years 1649 and 1652 he came to America with his wife, Mary, and two sons, Thomas and Abraham. For a short time he kept an inn at Malden, Massachusetts, and in 1654 bought a lot of fifteen acres with house. He was admitted a freeman, May 18, 1633, and in 1680 was chosen selectman and given direct oversight of the town of Malden. He was made sergeant of the Malden Company of the First Regiment. His son, Abraham Skinner, born in Chichester, England, died in Malden prior to 1698 and his wife, Hannah, died January 14, 1725. He was in the Mount Hope campaign against the Indians in 1675 and was in the Narragansett fort in 1676. His son, Abraham Skinner (II), was born in Malden, April 8, 1681, and died in Woodstock, Connecticut, December 24, 1776. In 1718 he married Tabitha Hills, who was born in Malden in 1690, and late in life they removed to Woodstock, Connecticut, where Tabitha Skinner died July 13, 1771. Their son, Deacon William Skinner, one of nine children, was born in Malden, Massachusetts, July 16, 1720, and died in Woodstock, Connecticut, January 30, 1807, having removed with his parents to that city when a young man. In 1763 he was elected deacon of the South church and served with "singular discretion, wisdom and fidelity" for forty-three years. He participated in the siege of Louisburg in 1745 and in 1757 was commissioned ensign in the Fifteenth Company, Eleventh Connecticut Regiment. He immediately responded to the Lexington Alarm and served in the Revolutionary war as a member of Captain Ephraim Manning's company in the Woodstock Militia and in Captain Paine's company, Eleventh Regiment, Connecticut Militia. In 1744-45 he married Thankful Mascraft, who was born January 23, 1721, and died in Woodstock, April 16, 1805.

Their son, Calvin Skinner, great-grandfather of William C. Skinner of this review, was born at Woodstock, October 12, 1746, and died at Thompson, Connecticut, July 15, 1777, from fever contracted in the camp at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. He was a private of Captain Joseph Elliott's company, Killingly (Conn.) Militia, marching on the Lexington Alarm in April, 1775, and a corporal in Lieutenant Paine Converse's company, Eleventh Regiment, Connecticut Militia. He served in the vicinity of New York and entered upon the memorable winter spent by General Washington's army at Valley Forge, there remaining until stricken with fever. He was married February 12, 1775, at Thompson, Connecticut, to Eleanor Porter, who was born there March 19, 1753, and died at Royalton, Vermont, September 15, 1813.

Their two children were Sally and Calvin Skinner. The latter was born November 23, 1777, after his father's death, and died at Royalton, Vermont, August 23, 1843, having removed thither with his mother and stepfather, Lieutenant Zebulon Lyon. The careful management of his business affairs brought him success. In 1809 Lieutenant Lyon deeded him a large farm on White River in Royalton, since known as the Skinner homestead. He was married November 13, 1803, to Sally Billings, who died in Royalton, April 25, 1850. They were loyal members of the Congregational church and their lives were an inspiration to those who knew them. This worthy couple had ten children.

Dr. Calvin Skinner, eighth in order of birth in their family, was born in Royalton, Vermont, May 22, 1818, there attended the public schools, afterward was a student at Royalton Academy and then became a student in the University of Vermont. In 1837 he took up the study of medicine, was graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1840 and later pursued a course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. After practicing at Rochester, Vermont, he removed to Malone, New York, in 1842 and was there recognized as a physician and surgeon of superior ability. In 1861 he was made contract physician for the Ninety-eighth Regiment, New York State Volunteers, recruited at Malone, and in 1862 was appointed by General Morgan one of the corps of volunteer surgeons to assist the regular surgeons on the Peninsula. In that year he was also commissioned surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixth New York Regiment, with which he was on duty in Virginia until physical disability caused him to resign and return home in 1864. He never recovered his health, which gradually brought about a complete invalidism that confined him to his home during his last ten years. For six decades he was a member of the Franklin County Medical Association, was a charter member of the Northern New York Medical Association and its first treasurer and was one of the original trustees of the Northern New York Deaf Mute Institution, of which he served as attending physician until the condition of his own health interfered. He aided in organizing the Malone Water Company, of which he was a director for more than forty years, and in the public



life of that community he took prominent part, serving as postmaster from 1861 until 1875 and on the board of education from 1872 until 1890. Originally a whig, he aided in organizing the republican party in Franklin county, New York, and in 1860 was an alternate delegate to the national convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln. His last vote was cast for President McKinley in 1896. He was an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also belonged to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. At Royalton, Vermont, September 15, 1842, he married Jane Blodgett, who was born at East Randolph, Vermont, March 21, 1818, and died at Malone, New York, May 2, 1893. She was a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Converse) Blodgett and through the maternal line a descendant of John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden, who came over on the Mayflower. Dr. Calvin and Jane (Blodgett) Skinner were the parents of Eleanor Porter, Samuel Blodgett, Henry Carroll, Alice Leland, William Converse and Elizabeth Caroline and Emma Catherine, twins.

Thus the family line has been brought down through eight generations from Sergeant Thomas Skinner to Colonel William Converse Skinner, long one of the most distinguished factors in the business life of Hartford. He pursued his education in the grade and high schools of Malone until graduated in 1872, when he entered Trinity College of Hartford and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1876, while subsequently his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. He served as clerk of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives of the New York legislature in the session following the completion of his college course and at the same time attended lectures at the Albany Law School, but a serious throat trouble prevented his further preparation for the bar and a year was spent in Colorado in regaining his health.

With his return east Colonel Skinner located in Hartford and in 1882 entered into partnership with General Henry C. Dwight, forming the firm of Dwight, Skinner & Company, prominently known for eighteen years in connection with the wool trade in Connecticut. When he withdrew from that business association in May, 1899, Colonel Skinner became an officer in the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, being elected a director and vice president July 2, 1901, while on the 5th of January, 1909, he was chosen president and remained the chief executive until January 1, 1911, when he resigned and was made chairman of the board of directors. Following the death of President Charles L. F. Robinson, however, he was reelected to the presidency July 13, 1916, and so continued until his own demise, wisely directing the affairs of a manufacturing enterprise that in extent and importance is unsurpassed by any similar concern in the country. There are few men who have shown such clear discernment and such acumen in control of business interests, and because of this his counsel and advice were regarded as a most valuable factor by the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which he was a director, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Phoenix National Bank, the Fidelity Trust Company and the Smyth Manufacturing Company, all of which he represented on the directorate. He was likewise a director and vice president of the Society for Savings and of Jay O. Ballard & Company. It would be impossible to overestimate the value of his work in the conduct of important business affairs, Hartford at all times benefitting by his labors.

On the 25th of October, 1880, Colonel Skinner was married to Miss Florence Clarissa Roberts, who was born in 1857 and died in 1904. She was a daughter of Ebenezer and Clarissa (Bancroft) Roberts, a great-granddaughter of Samuel Roberts, a Revolutionary war officer, and a descendant of Samuel and Mercy (Blake) Roberts, who settled in Middletown, Connecticut, as early as 1691. Colonel and Mrs. Skinner became parents of three children. Marjorie Roberts, born August 6, 1881, is the wife of Walter S. Trumbull, grandson of Lyman Trumbull, and resides in New York city. Roberts Keney, born October 1, 1886, attended Trinity College and married Marion, daughter of Harry Stedman, of Hartford. They have two children, Roberts Keney and Florence. The younger son, William Converse Skinner (II) is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 22d of March, 1922, Colonel Skinner passed away. He had long held prominent position in connection with fraternal, social and patriotic organizations. From his father he inherited membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and his ancestral connections made possible his membership in the Society of the Mayflower Descendants, the Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution. He belonged to St.

John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., and as a Trinity student became a member of the I. K. A. He held membership in the Farmington Country, Hartford and Hartford Golf clubs, the University Club and Union League Club of New York city, the Metropolitan and the Army and Navy clubs of Washington and the Princess Anne Club of Virginia. His membership in the Republican Club of Hartford was indicative of his political belief. His life activities were broad in scope and important in character and his interests placed him among the men of outstanding achievement in the world of business and finance as well as in the social and civic life of his state.

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#### FREDERICK CHURCH BILLINGS

Frederick Church Billings, president of the firm of Billings & Spencer and thus an active factor in industrial circles in Hartford, was born in Utica, New York, October 21, 1864, his father being Charles Ethan Billings, who made notable contribution to the business development and the commercial progress and prosperity of Connecticut's capital. The removal of the family to Hartford led him to become a pupil in the public schools and he passed through consecutive grades to the high school, after which he made his initial step in the business world by entering upon an apprenticeship in the shops of Pratt & Whitney. There he thoroughly learned the machinist's trade, becoming a draftsman as well, and after comprehensive training in which he developed his skill and efficiency to a high point, he entered his father's establishment as a foreman. Here, as in his previous connection, he earned his advancement through diligence, determination and capability. Step by step he climbed upward, and in 1920 succeeded his father to the presidency of the firm of Billings & Spencer, thus becoming active in the management of one of the foremost industrial interests of the city.

In 1893 Mr. Billings was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Parker, a daughter of Edwin Pond Parker, a minister of the South Congregational church of Hartford. Their only child, a daughter, Frances Haywood, is now Mrs. William Monypenny Newson of New York, and they have one child, Sally Monypenny.

On the membership list of various social organizations appears the name of Mr. Billings, including the Hartford and Hartford Golf clubs, the Farmington Country Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club, the Union League Club of New York, the Lambs Club of New York and the Detroit Athletic Club. His genial qualities and his unfeigned cordiality make for strong friendships wherever he is known. He is a man of marked force of character, purposeful and decisive in action, and that his course has been one of steady progress has resulted from ability, natural and acquired, for his life has been a busy one and he has wisely used his opportunities.

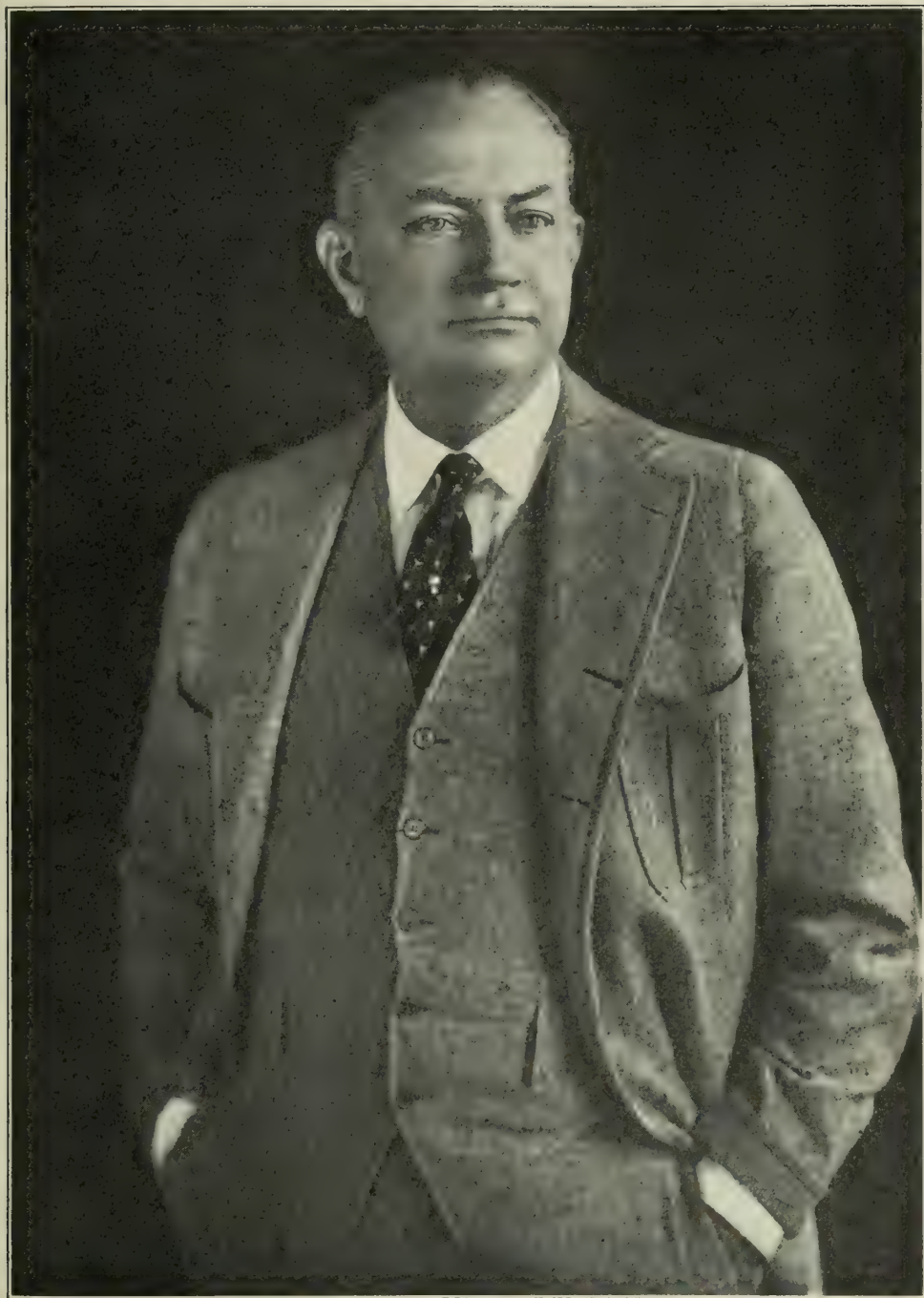
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#### GEORGE A. CHANDLER

George A. Chandler has a notable record of thirty-six years' connection with a business that has been in existence for one hundred and forty-one years, being the oldest established drug business in the country, and he manifests the same substantial qualities that have brought stability to the enterprise and have led to its continued success through the passing years, now numbering almost a century and a half. He feels justifiably proud of the fact that he is now the president of the Sisson Drug Company of Hartford, having been chosen for his present executive office in 1922.

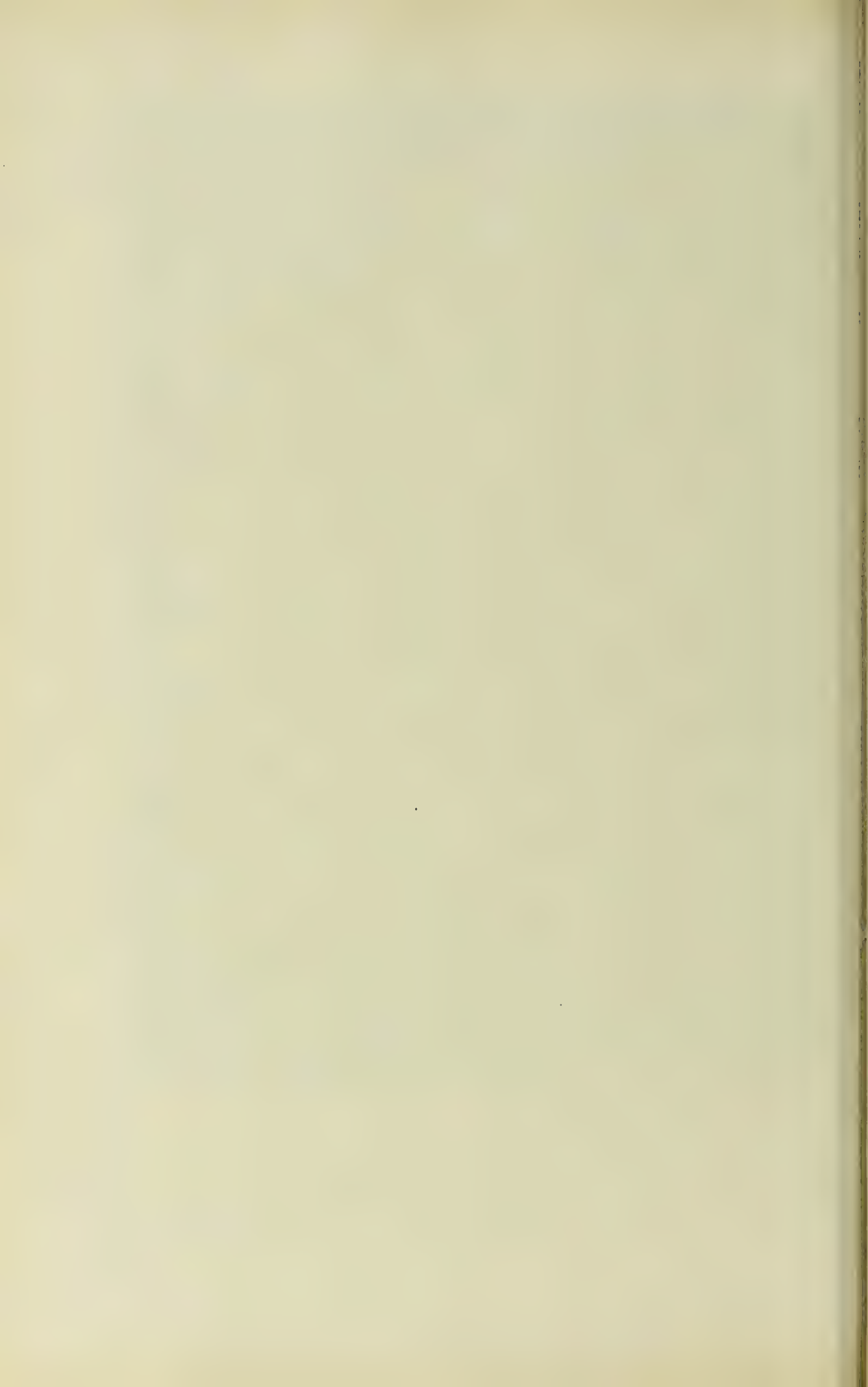
His life story had its beginning in Hartford, July 29, 1874, his parents being George P. and Mary (Rich) Chandler, of this city. The family is of English lineage and in the mother country was awarded a coat-of-arms handsome and unique, technically described as follows: "He beareth Checkie, Argent and Azure, on a Bend of the First Sable, three Lyons passant Gules. By the name of Chandler." The following is given as its significance: "The crest borne on the closed helmet above the coat-of-arms is that of the Pelican in her nest, wounding her breast to feed her young with her own blood—an emblem of parental affection expressive of the family motto, *Ad mortem fidelis*. The mantle, cut and jagged, hanging from the helmet, indicates the faithful service of the wearer; the gauntlet, his prowess."





F. C. Billings





William and Annis Chandler, with four children, settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1637, and records show that William Chandler was the owner of twenty-two acres of land in 1638 and that he was made a freeman in 1640. He died the following year. His son, Captain Thomas Chandler, was about seven years of age when he accompanies his parents to Boston, Massachusetts, and thence removed to Roxbury, while subsequently he became one of the original proprietors and the twenty-third settler of Andover. His first military title was that of "Lieutenant in ye foot Company in Andover, John Stephens, Ensign, under the command of Dudley Bradstreet, Capt." He served as representative to the general court in 1678-79, was a blacksmith and owned "a considerable iron works." His wife, Hannah Brewer, died October 25, 1717, and his will was probated February 8, 1702-03. Their son, William Chandler, born May 28, 1659, was married April 21, 1687, to Eleanor Phelps. They were parents of William Chandler (III), who was born July 20, 1689, married Susanna Burge, was a clothier and died July 27, 1756. His son, Benjamin Chandler, born about 1718, died at Petersham, June 14, 1798. He was married October 2, 1743, to Hannah Dutton, who died at Petersham, June 3, 1777. Their son, Benjamin Chandler (II), born August 4, 1752, died in Petersham, March 15, 1826, having made farming his life work. He married Jerusha Negus, who was born April 6, 1755, and died November 10, 1834. Their son, Abel Chandler, born June 9, 1778, was married June 22, 1806, to Mary Burrell, who was born June 13, 1784, and after the death of her first husband married again. She passed away February 10, 1871. Abel Gardner Chandler, son of her first marriage, was born November 14, 1810, and died January 25, 1870. He became a machinist at Saxton's River, Vermont. On the 2d of June, 1836, he married Jane M. Hopkins, who was born November 20, 1808, and after her mother's death she was adopted by Silas Pratt, whose name she then bore till her marriage. She died in February, 1888.

George Perry Chandler, son of Abel Gardner and Jane M. Chandler, was born at Saxton's River, Vermont, September 15, 1844, and when but seventeen years of age became a teacher but afterward removed to Greenfield, Massachusetts, where he learned the drug business. On January 1, 1865, he became a resident of Hartford and entered the employ of Sisson & Butler, proprietors of the drug store now conducted under the name of the Sisson Drug Company. In 1871 he was admitted to partnership under the style of Sisson, Butler & Company and in 1907 the business was incorporated under the name of the Sisson Drug Company, with Mr. Chandler as president and treasurer continuing as the directing head of the business until his death January 15, 1922, when he had served the company for fifty-seven years. He was a man of splendid business ability and marked executive force, and under his direction a small drug store was converted into one of the largest wholesale drug, chemical and paint houses in New England. Mr. Chandler was also vice president of the Prison Reform Association and served many years as chairman of its finance committee. In 1871 he became actively identified with the Charitable Society of Hartford, in which he also held office. He was a charter member and active worker in the Baptist church, gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was a Knight Templar Mason and Mystic Shriner. He was married January 30, 1868, to Mary L. Rich, who was born July 29, 1848, a daughter of John and Louisa (Gillertt) Rich, of Greenfield, Massachusetts, and they became parents of two children: Charles B., who was born April 23, 1870, and died April 23, 1903; and George A.

The younger son was a pupil in the public and high schools of Hartford and then, attracted to the calling in which his father was so long prominent, he prepared for his active business career by practical experience with the company from 1891 and by study in the College of Pharmacy in Hartford, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He then returned to active association with the Sisson Drug Company and is now in control of a business that had its inception in 1786 in a small store established by Daniel Hopkins. It was at a recent date, when officials of the company examined records that for many years had lain in the vaults, that there was established beyond doubt the fact that the business had been in existence from the date mentioned. An old book, tattered and torn, with some pages almost illegible and other pages missing, provides irrefutable evidence of the age of this concern. A building was erected by the company in 1828 at No. 729 Main street—the present site of the enterprise, at which time Lee & Butler were the owners. In 1850, Thomas Sisson was admitted to a partnership and in 1865 the firm name of Sisson & Butler was assumed. As stated, Mr. Chandler became an employe in 1865, a partner in

1871, and in 1881 the firm name of T. Sisson & Company was adopted, while in 1907 the business was incorporated as the Sisson Drug Company. After fifty-seven years of connection with the business George Perry Chandler passed away and was succeeded by his only surviving son, George A. Chandler of this review, through whose initiative and efforts the firm extended its business to include paints and in that connection has developed a trade that makes the house one of the foremost paint concerns in the country. The progressive policy of George A. Chandler has further found expression in the purchase of the large wholesale drug house of the Talcott company of Hartford, and today the enterprise that has had an existence of one hundred and forty-one years is now one of the largest and most important concerns of the kind in New England, conducting an extensive wholesale drug and paint business with ramifying trade relations reaching out into many sections of the country. In addition to his activities as president of the Sisson Drug Company, Mr. Chandler is a director of the Dime Savings Bank and also of the College of Pharmacy of New Haven.

On the 1st of October, 1902, Mr. Chandler was united in marriage to Miss Augusta May White, a daughter of Alfred and Jane M. (Case) White, of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. They now have two children, Mary White and Olive Augusta.

In his political views Mr. Chandler is a republican and fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. His social prominence is manifest in his membership connection with the Hartford, Hartford Golf, City, Farmington Country, Wampanoag Golf and Madison Country clubs, the last named of Madison, Connecticut. His entire life has reflected creditably upon a most honorable ancestral record. He possesses the enterprising spirit of the present day, which has been the dominant factor in producing the wonderful development of Hartford, and brooking no obstacles that honest effort can overcome, he has steadily advanced until he has long since left the ranks of the many and stands among the successful few.

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#### EDWIN SETH TODD

From office boy to bank president and president of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, Incorporated, at Milidale, is the business record of Edwin Seth Todd. Strong in his honor and his good name, he has achieved notable success in business but has not confined his efforts to the advancement of his own fortunes, for the consensus of public opinion is that few men have equaled him in his devotion to the general welfare and in effective effort for civic development and improvement.

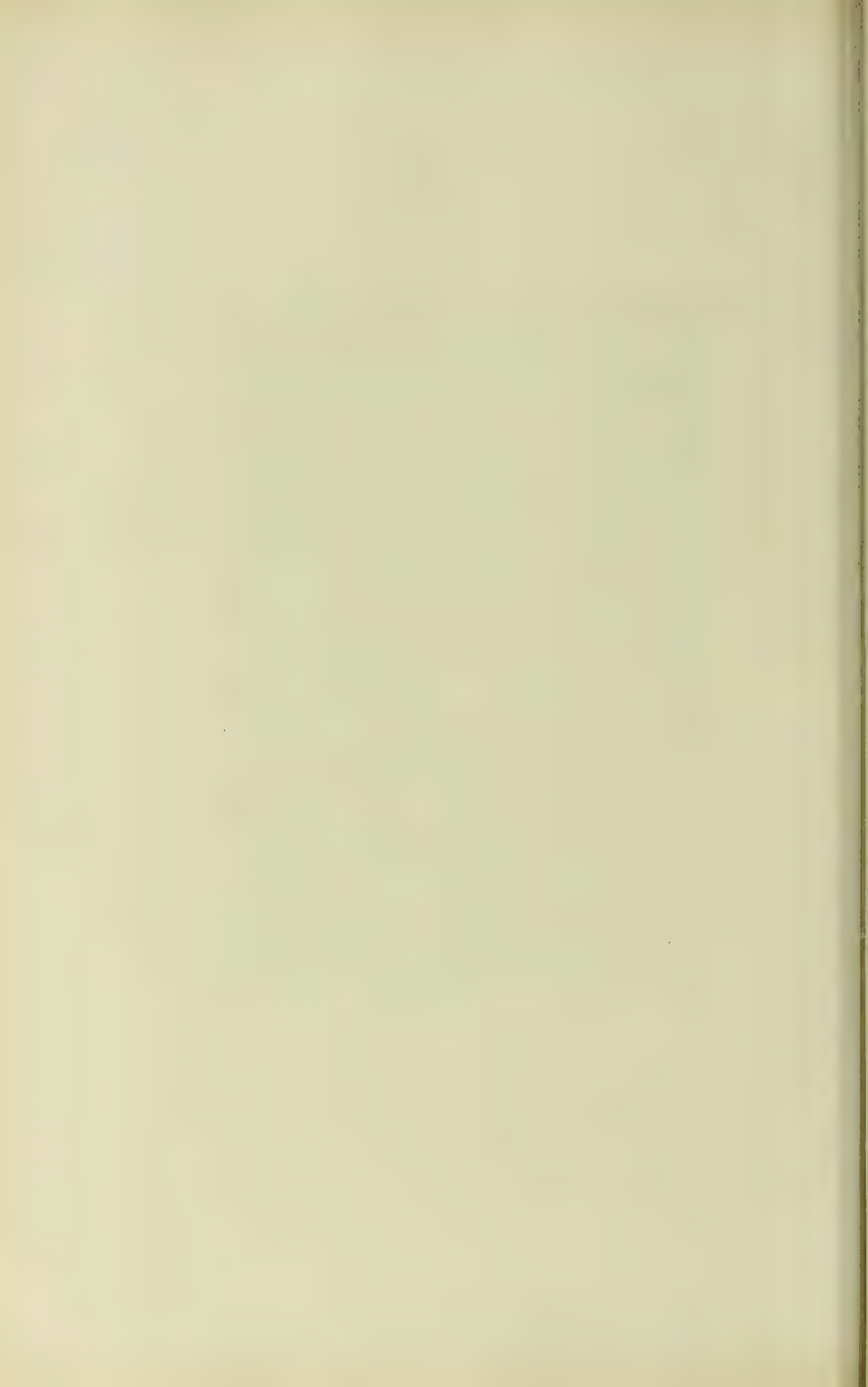
Born in the East Farms district of the town of Waterbury, Connecticut, March 25, 1869, he was one of the two children of William E. and Emeline E. (Barnes) Todd. His sister, Eva L., who was born July 30, 1870, became the wife of Charles H. Clark, of Royalton, Vermont, and died December 7, 1903. Edwin S. Todd was but two years of age when left an orphan, after which he lived in the home of his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda (Pond) Barnes, who removed to Southington in the Marion district when the boy was a youth of nine years, so that he has been a resident of Southington continuously since 1878. He represents early New England families. His grandfather in the paternal line was Edwin Todd, a farmer of the town of Waterbury and a direct descendant of Christopher Todd, who was a member of the Davenport colony that came from Pomfret, England, and settled in New Haven in 1638. The maternal grandfather was Seth E. Barnes, who was born at Southington, November 13, 1824, and died July 20, 1863, as a result of wounds sustained at Fort Wagner while serving in Company A of the Seventh Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, while held as a prisoner of war at Charleston, South Carolina.

Edwin Seth Todd pursued his early education in the district school in Marion and afterward spent eighteen months as a student in the Lewis high school in Southington. In 1888 he secured a position in the country store owned by H. J. Newell in Marion and later bought a half interest in the business, when the name was changed to Newell & Todd. He sold out a year later. The following year he spent in the Adirondack mountains for the benefit of his health, leading an out-of-door life in the North woods and also teaching school in that region. On the 1st of





EDWIN S. TODD



October, 1892, he obtained employment as an office boy with the firm of Clark Brothers & Company of Milldale and throughout the intervening period to the present has been connected with the bolt industry. As the years passed he gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the business and was advanced from time to time, becoming a stockholder and an officer in the company in 1903, in which year he was instrumental in bringing about the incorporation of the business under the name of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company. For more than twenty years he served as general manager and in 1925 became president of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, Incorporated, thus assuming executive control of one of the important productive industries of Milldale, where a large plant has been developed and splendidly equipped, while the ramifying trade connections of the company cover a wide territory. With the development of his powers Mr. Todd has extended his efforts into other fields. He became vice president of the Southington Bank & Trust Company, and is also vice president of the Southington Savings Bank and a director of the Atwater Manufacturing Company, the Southington Hardware Company and other manufacturing enterprises.

On the 23d of October, 1895, Mr. Todd and Miss Layette C. Newell, a daughter of Henry J. and Sophia (Bayer) Newell, of Marion, were married. Mr. Todd has always been a lover of music and when a youth of but fifteen years was identified with some of the musical organizations of Southington and when but twenty years of age was the leader of "Todd's Orchestra." He has ever figured prominently in the business and social clubs of his community and is widely known in fraternal circles, being a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Veterans. He is perhaps even more widely known through his efficient activities in behalf of public progress and improvement. He favors all those projects which are based upon true humanitarian principles and has served as president of the Hospital Corporation of Southington, while for many years he acted as secretary and treasurer of the board of water commissioners without compensation. He was also president of the Parsons Golf Corporation. Any project tending to promote the general welfare has been sure to receive his endorsement and support and throughout his entire life he has been actuated by a progressive spirit that has enabled him to reach his objectives.

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#### WILLIAM W. COTTER

William W. Cotter, registrar of voters for the City of Hartford, was here born July 12, 1888, and is a son of William and Ellen (Waters) Cotter, the former a native of Boston, while the latter was born in Northfield, Vermont. The father was brought to Hartford in 1849 by his parents, when but a year old, and became a sewer contractor. After he had attained his majority he filled the office of registrar of voters of Hartford for about thirty years. Having been here reared and educated, he was well known in the community and enjoyed and merited the respect and good will of those with whom he was associated. He was an earnest supporter of and an active worker in the ranks of the democratic party and he passed away July 14, 1916.

Having attended the public schools of Hartford until he had completed a course in the high school by graduation with the class of 1906, William W. Cotter then entered Trinity College as a member of the class of 1911. When his course was completed he became associated with his father in the registrar's office, filling the position of deputy, and at the death of his father in 1916 succeeded to the position, so that his entire business career has closely associated him with the duties that now devolve upon him. During the World war he was a member of the original registration board of district No. 2 of Hartford, through appointment of Governor Holcomb, and he was appointed by President Wilson a member of the draft board of district No. 2, being the democratic member on the board. He gave a great deal of time to war work, took an active part in all of the drives and did everything in his power to further the interests of the country during that momentous period.

On the 26th of June, 1922, Mr. Cotter was married to Miss Mary E. O'Laughlin, of Hartford, and they now have two children: William, who was born July 18, 1926; and Betty Joan, born February 17, 1928. The family residence is at No. 28 Hebron street in Hartford. Mr. Cotter belongs to the Hartford Lodge of Elks, to the Royal



Arcanum and to the Knights of Columbus, but the major part of his time and attention is given to his duties in connection with the office that has been run by the family since 1887. He is systematic, thorough, prompt and efficient and his work has occasioned uniform satisfaction.

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#### WILLIAM FRANCIS POWELL

William Francis Powell, treasurer of the Parkville Coal Company, is not only well known through his commercial activity in Hartford but also by reason of a progressive citizenship that has prompted him to render efficient service to his community as fire commissioner of Hartford. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, December 14, 1876, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Sutherly) Powell, both of whom were natives of England, where they resided until after their marriage. Almost immediately they bade adieu to friends and home in their native land and came to the new world, settling in Columbus, Ohio, where the father engaged in business as a merchant tailor. Subsequently he removed to New Haven, Connecticut, where he passed away in 1915 and where his widow still resides. They had a family of four children who are yet living: Bessie, now the widow of Dawson E. Beebe, of Los Angeles, California; William Francis; Albert H.; and Thomas E. The last two are business men of New Haven.

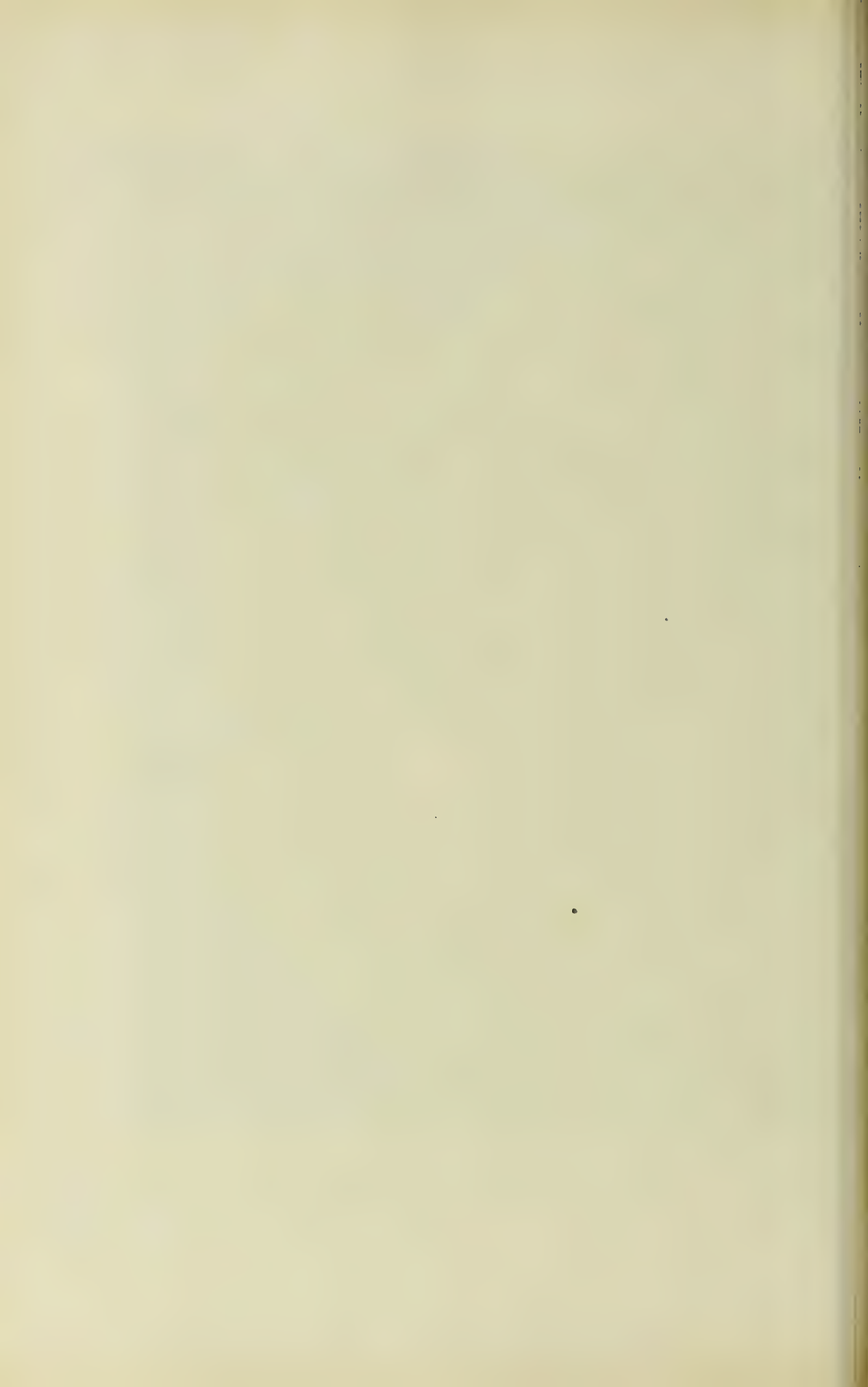
The educational advantages of William F. Powell were limited, for he left school and has earned his own living from the age of twelve years. He was with the New York, New Haven & Hartford and also with the Central New England Railway Companies for sixteen years, filling various positions and gradually working his way upward. He was first employed as a water boy with the New Haven Railway and continued to act in various capacities until he had become assistant station master. He was also a conductor on the road and became night agent at the Grand Central station in New York. Further promotion called him to the position of assistant manager of the Central New England Railway Company and shortly followed the acquirement of the property by the New Haven Road, and as a representative of that corporation he came to Hartford in 1904. He remained in that connection for four years, when he retired from the railway service, in which he had made a splendid record, his excellent achievement being manifest in his continuous advancement and increased responsibilities. Subsequently he turned his attention to the wholesale coal business in association with a large coal producing company, entering that employ as a salesman and retiring in 1921 from the responsible position of sales manager for New England. He next engaged in business on his own account as a wholesale and retail dealer in coal, with headquarters at 116 Ann street, and from the outset he has been very successful, building up a business the substantial proportions of which have brought him a very desirable competence. He has also become interested in other business enterprises and is now treasurer of the Connecticut State Fair Association and a director of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company.

On the 21st of November, 1899, Mr. Powell was married to Miss Bella Melius, of Kingston, New York, and they have four children: Albert E., Ruth F., Grace M. and Robert H. They occupy an enviable social position and Mrs. Powell presides graciously over their hospitable home. Mr. Powell is a well known and popular member of the Hartford Club, the City Club, the Lions Club, Jobs Sahara Club of Middletown and many other social organizations. He likewise belongs to the State and the Hartford Chambers of Commerce. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and his wife is a very active and prominent member of the Eastern Star, of which she was grand matron in 1923. Mr. Powell has been very active in the Mystic Shrine, in which he has held several offices, and he is also identified with numerous other orders based upon the spirit of fraternity and exemplifying in their activities an appreciation for the high standards of manhood and citizenship. In 1926 Mr. Powell was appointed fire commissioner of Hartford and is filling that office at the present time. He may truly be called a self-made man. Whatever he has accomplished has been the direct outcome of his strong personal qualities and his appreciation for the privileges before him. Fidelity to duty has ever been one of the outstanding features in his career and he possesses, too, initiative and keen discern-



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WILLIAM F. POWELL





ment which have enabled him not only to perform the task assigned him but to perform it in the most efficient manner. He thus gradually won recognition that resulted in promotion and he is today prominent in the commercial circles of Hartford, while the story of his life—the story of honest industry and thrift—should well serve to inspire and encourage others.

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#### JAMES M. LINTON

James M. Linton, who for nine years was vice president and advertising manager of the Hartford Times, is well known in journalistic circles not only in the east but also through the middle west. He was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, August 16, 1873, and is a son of James M. and Anna (Weir) Linton. He attended the public and high schools of Clinton, Massachusetts, and there was little foreshadowing of what he was to accomplish when he started out to work as an office boy with the Goodyear Shoe Machine Company of Boston, the predecessor of the United Shoe Machinery Company. He won promotion, became clerk and was with that corporation until 1899. In the latter year he became a reporter and solicitor with Bradstreet Company, for whom he traveled through the east, his connection with the firm continuing through a period of eight years. In 1909 he entered the journalistic field by becoming an employe of the Trenton Times of Trenton, New Jersey, which he represented as advertising manager through a period of two and one-half years. Chicago became the field of his labor in 1911, when he accepted the position of western manager of the Chicago office of the Kelly-Smith Company, newspaper representatives, and eight years were passed in that city. In 1919 he returned to New England to become vice president and advertising manager of the Hartford Times and continued in this connection until February 1, 1928, at which time he and his associates sold the Times to the present owners.

On the 14th of October, 1900, Mr. Linton was married to Miss Bessie Tripp, of Worcester, Massachusetts, who died December 14, 1920. Their children are: Elizabeth Louise, who was born April 4, 1903; and Robert F., born March 4, 1908. On the 14th of June, 1924, Mr. Linton married Kathleen Ewing, of Enfield, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Marjorie-Ann, born June 11, 1925.

Mr. Linton belongs to the Hartford Club and that he finds recreation and pleasure on the links is indicated in his membership connection with the Hartford Golf Club and the Farmington Country Club. He takes a helpful interest in religious activity, being a member and vestryman of St. John's church, and he is also a director of the Charity Organization Society. He was recently elected president of the Hartford Better Business Bureau. He resides in West Hartford and was a member of the first town council of that place, filling the office from 1921 until 1924. During the same period he served on the school board and for one year was its chairman. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and in this and other connections he has labored earnestly, effectively and resultantly for the public welfare.

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#### SAMUEL RUSSELL MINK

Possessing an analytical, well trained mind and the capacity for sustained effort, Samuel Russell Mink has risen rapidly in a most exacting profession and is well known in legal circles of Bristol owing to his judicial service and his ability as an advocate and counselor. He is a son of Samuel H. and Harriet (Bull) Mink and was born August 28, 1891, in Forestville, Connecticut. There he received his early instruction and was next a pupil in the public schools of Bristol. In 1913 he completed a course in the academic department of Yale University and in 1915 was awarded the degree of LL. B. by that institution of learning. For four years he was connected with the firm of Kirkham & Cooper, well known lawyers of New Britain, and in 1920 opened an office in Bristol, where he has since followed his profession. He is well versed in the minutiae of the law and enjoys a large practice, in addition to which he has business interests. It was in January, 1903, that Mr. Mink began his

career as a public servant, assuming the duties of probate judge, and in 1916 was appointed deputy judge of the police court. In 1917 he was elected judge of that tribunal, over which he presided for two years, meeting every requirement of the office, and from 1919 until 1922 again served as deputy.

On July 7, 1917, Judge Mink married Miss Edith Ramage, a daughter of Samuel M. and Annie (Sloan) Ramage. The children of this union are Samuel R., Jr., who was born April 15, 1919; and Eve, born June 26, 1923.

The Judge is a strong adherent of the republican party and chairman of the fourth voting district. During the World war he served on the draft boards of Bristol and New Britain and devoted much of his time to work of a patriotic nature. He is a member of the Chippanee Country Club, the Bristol Club, and the Yale Club of Hartford, while his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Elks. A young man of earnest purpose and high principles, Judge Mink has won the respect of all with whom he has been associated, and his industry and ability insure his continued progress in his profession.

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#### ARTHUR N. MANROSS

Throughout his life Arthur N. Manross has been identified with manufacturing interests and ably directs the operations of one of the pioneer industries of Forestville. He has also found time for civic affairs. He is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the county, his great-great-grandfather in the paternal line having been the first selectman of the town of Bristol and a man of much influence in his community. The grandparents of Arthur N. Manross were Elijah and Ellen (Woodruff) Manross. The former became one of the local leaders of the republican party, served in the state legislature and was also a member of the town constabulary.

Frederick N. Manross, the father of Arthur N. Manross, was born in Forestville in 1857 and became well known as a manufacturer of hair springs for watches, developing a large industry. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and figured conspicuously in public affairs, serving as first selectman at the time Bristol was changed from a borough to a city and afterward became one of its councilmen. For two terms he represented his district in the state legislature and also was vice president of the fish and game commission of Connecticut. In Masonry he attained the thirty-second degree and was connected with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His was a strong and serviceable life and in June, 1923, he was called to his final rest. He had married Sylvia E. Smith and they were the parents of two sons, Arthur N. and Robert H.

Arthur N. Manross was born March 27, 1878, in New Haven, Connecticut, and during his infancy was brought to Forestville. He acquired his education in Bristol, completing his high school course in 1896. In January, 1901, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked for a year for the Winton Automobile Company. Returning to Hartford, Connecticut, he aided in designing one of the first automobiles which was equipped with a gasoline engine and sold to the Electric Vehicle Company. Mr. Manross' mechanical skill won for him the position of chief engineer and designer of the plant of the Corbin Motor Vehicle Company, a New Britain firm, with which he was connected for eight years. At the end of that time the business was discontinued and in 1911 he returned to Forestville as general manager of F. N. Manross & Sons. After the father's death he took over the business and has since been the president of the company, closely adhering to the high standard of service established by its founder. The plant is completely equipped and under his expert administration the industry is constantly expanding. He is a director of the Bristol Trust Company and vice president of the National Marine Lamp Company.

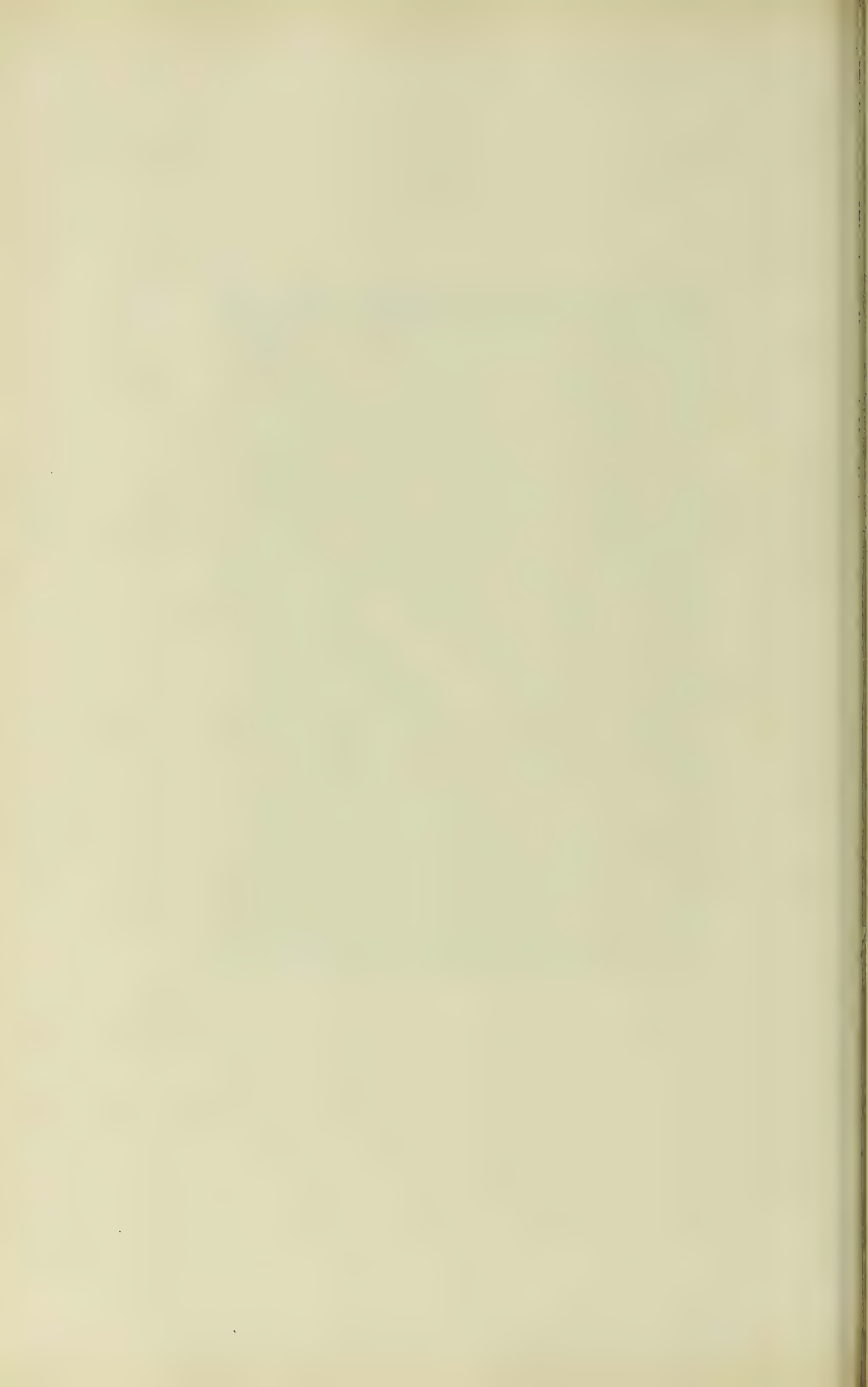
At Bristol, May 16, 1900, Mr. Manross married Miss Della Tuttle and they have one son, Frederick, who was born in December, 1901, and graduated from West Point in 1923. He is now associated with his father in the business. During the World war Mr. Manross had charge of the local department of registration and performed his duties with characteristic thoroughness and fidelity. A strong republican, he takes a keen interest in politics and from 1912 until 1923 was registrar of voters. He was a councilman for one year and a member of the school committee for



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ARTHUR N. MANROSS





eighteen years, working at all times for the best interests of the city. Along fraternal lines he is identified with the Masonic order, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and endeavors to fulfill in his life its beneficent teachings. He belongs to the Bristol Club and is a charter member of the Society of American Automobile Engineers. A student and a worker, Mr. Manross has progressed in his profession and his record reflects credit upon an honored family name.

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#### RAYMOND HARPIN FRENCH

Raymond Harpin French, examiner of abstracts with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, May 17, 1888, and is a son of William S. and Nellie (Norton) French, who were also born in this state. The father, now in his seventy-fifth year, is with the Waterbury Clock Company.

In the schools of his native city Raymond H. French pursued his early education and afterward took a correspondence course with the Minneapolis (Minn.) Business Institute. Starting out in the business world, he was employed in the paymaster's department by the Benedict & Burnham Company, now a branch of the American Brass Company, with which he remained for five years. In February, 1910, he came to Hartford and has since been in the employ of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. No higher testimonial of capability and faithfulness could be given than the fact that he has remained with this corporation for eighteen consecutive years.

Mr. French has also figured prominently in the political activities of the city. In 1924 he was elected alderman for the fourth ward by the board to fill out an unexpired term, at which time the board consisted of only twenty members. In April, 1925, he was elected to the office by the people and in 1927 he was reelected for another term of two years which will expire in November, 1929. In 1925 what was originally the fourth ward became the twelfth ward of the city. His reelections stand in incontrovertible evidence of his trustworthiness and his loyalty to the duties that devolve upon him. He served on the ordinance committee and as chairman of the claims committee for two years, as a member of the amusement committee for three years, as chairman of the railways committee for one year and as a member of the printing and telephone committee. He was instrumental in securing a new city ambulance in connection with the police department, although this project had been turned down by two former committees after rejection of reports. Alderman French, however, brought the subject back again and the act was passed. This gave the people of Hartford good service and Mr. French deserves much credit for what was accomplished. He was also instrumental in getting the main trunk sewer through the Blue Hills district west of Blue Hills avenue, this being a valuable project, as the trunk line takes care of all sewage in the district. His second proposition was the paving of Blue Hills avenue and the third was the accomplishment of Fire House No. 16 on Blue Hills avenue with an appropriation of one hundred and ten thousand dollars. He had the honor of turning over Keney park to the city, after which a resolution of acceptance was passed, and he has proposed a plan for a north-end subway which will be a pedestrian walk. His activities have thus been far-reaching, practical in character and beneficial in results, and his labors have brought to him the hearty endorsement of many. He has devoted much time and energy to the good of his ward and the city in general and it is the consensus of opinion that he has accomplished more than any other alderman on the board. He was elected chairman of the Northwest school district in June, 1928.

On the 23rd of August, 1910, Mr. French was married to Miss Clarissa May Painter, of Waterbury, Connecticut, and they have become parents of seven children, Wesley, who died in July, 1916, at the age of four years; Eunice, Ruth, Paul, Jane, John and Betty, five of whom are pupils in the Holcomb school.

Mr. French has a military chapter in his life record inasmuch as he became a member of Company A of the Connecticut State Guard in 1915. He was one of the first men drafted in Hartford after America entered the World war but was excused from service. He was, however, in the State Guard for two and one-half years, Company A being converted to a transportation company for that period. He is a mem-

ber of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lafayette Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1923, and he also has membership in Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; and Syria Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He likewise has membership in the Republican Club. His has been an active life fraught with substantial results both in business and in his political activity, and the worth of his work is widely acknowledged.

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#### JAMES F. HOLDEN

Among the pioneer citizens of Forestville, none is better known than James F. Holden, who has devoted much of his life to public service and for many years has ably discharged the duties of postmaster. A son of Felix and Jane (Farly) Holden, he was born July 20, 1857, and is a native of Plymouth, Connecticut. When he was a child of two the family moved to Bristol and in its public schools he received an education. For four and a half years he worked in the Sessions clock factory, gaining valuable experience, and then became associated with the Bristol Brass & Clock Company. His worth was recognized and he was promoted to the position of foreman, which he held for eleven years. In 1885 he was chosen postmaster of Forestville by President Cleveland and at the end of four years tendered his resignation. Reentering the employ of the Bristol Brass Company, Mr. Holden was assigned to duty in the lamp department and was thus engaged for five years. In 1893 he was reappointed postmaster of Forestville, which was then an office of the fourth class and is now in the second. For thirty-nine years Mr. Holden has been retained in this capacity, establishing a record of public service equaled by few, and in conjunction with the office conducted a store for a considerable period.

On May 15, 1884, Mr. Holden was married in Bristol, Connecticut, to Miss Margaret Gilleran, and they became the parents of a son, William C., who was graduated from Yale University, receiving the degree of LL. B. Endowed with a keen intellect, he rose to a high position of prominence in his profession and was chosen to draw up the charter which transformed Bristol from a borough into a city. He was its first city attorney and established an enviable reputation as a public prosecutor. His uncle, Ben Holden, of Hartford, with whom he formed a partnership, also achieved distinction in the profession and was regarded as one of the foremost lawyers of New England. William C. Holden was esteemed and respected by all who knew him and his death on February 19, 1916, was deeply regretted. His father is a staunch democrat and was one of the committeemen of the Forestville school district. In all matters of citizenship he is loyal, progressive and public-spirited, and his worth to the community is uniformly conceded.

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#### JAMES LESTER GOODWIN

Among the men whose labors have been vital forces in the material development and substantial upbuilding of Hartford and this section of the state is James Lester Goodwin, who is now president and treasurer of the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company, having its plant at Elmwood, just outside the capital. The greater part of his life has here been passed, his birth date being January 12, 1880. He is a son of Lester H. and Esther (Campbell) Goodwin, the father having for many years been a well known druggist of Hartford, where he died in May, 1904.

After leaving the high school of this city James L. Goodwin enrolled as a Yale student and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902. Following the completion of his course he became a salesman for the American Brass Company of Waterbury, Connecticut, at its branch office in Providence, Rhode Island, and continued to fill that position until 1904, when he came to Hartford and took charge of his father's drug business, which he incorporated under the name of the Goodwin Drug Company. He remained as manager of the enterprise until 1906. It was in that year that Mr. Goodwin became associated with the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company in the automobile department, which has since been discontinued. His association with the corporation has since been maintained, covering a period of twenty-two years. He won suc-





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JAMES L. GOODWIN



cessive promotions and with each advancement came added responsibilities, but also enlarged opportunities, and he has never neglected a chance to make legitimate progress. In the course of years he was called to official service and in January, 1925, became president and treasurer of the company, which is today one of the old and important industrial interests of Hartford county, having an extensive and well equipped plant just outside the city at Elmwood, where the lines manufactured include feed water heaters, instantaneous heaters, storage heaters, oil heaters, super heaters and special heat exchangers for heating and cooling all kinds of liquids and gases, air and ammonia receivers, coils and bends of copper, brass, iron and steel pipe and tubing. The foremost architects and engineers of the country in their construction work specify their desire to use the Whitlock products, which are today shipped throughout the length and breadth of the land and which at all times measure up to the highest requirements and the most advanced standards in their particular field. Mr. Goodwin is not only president and a director of this company but is also a director of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, Mechanics Savings Bank and the Standard Fire Insurance Company.

There are few fields of activity which have to do with the social, philanthropic and moral interests of Hartford with which Mr. Goodwin is not closely and helpfully associated. He has always voted with the republican party. He has strong friendships in the various clubs with which he is identified and which include the Hartford and Hartford Golf clubs, the Country Club of Farmington, the University Club of New York, the University Club of Hartford, the Graduates Club of New Haven, and the Hartford Community Chest. He is likewise president and one of the directors of the Newington Home for Crippled Children and is a director of the American School for the Deaf in Hartford. Any project which has for its object the amelioration of hard conditions of life for the unfortunate finds in him a champion and a supporter. In scientific fields he is also known through his membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and in the Manufacturers Association of Hartford County, of which he was president from 1924 until 1926 inclusive. His life work has been so carefully directed that prosperity has attended his efforts in gratifying measure and has given him the opportunity for helpfulness in important service for the public.

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#### NELSON CASE TAINTOR

Life insurance in Hartford finds a worthy representative in Nelson Case Taintor, who is carrying on his operations in an office at 75 Pearl street. He was born in this city February 5, 1887, and is a son of James Ulysses and Isabelle (Spencer) Taintor. The father, who was a native of Colchester, Connecticut, was connected with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company for a number of years and was later with the Orient Insurance Company as its secretary to the time of his death on April 13, 1907. His widow, who was born in Hartford, is still living in this city at 862 Asylum avenue.

In his youthful days Nelson Case Taintor was a pupil in the West Middle district school and afterward attended the Hartford public high school, from which he was graduated in 1905. His advanced course was pursued in Yale College, which in 1909 conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree, and thus equipped by liberal educational training for a business career, he continued his work with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, with which he had become identified during his senior year in college. Immediately following his graduation he went to Norwich, Connecticut, as district manager for that company and in 1912 was transferred to New Haven, where he occupied a similar position. In 1918 he came to Hartford as associate general agent and in 1923 the firm of Thompson & Taintor was formed to become general agents for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. Thus throughout his entire business career Mr. Taintor has remained a representative of this corporation and has thoroughly familiarized himself with the business, while his diligence and determination have been the basic elements of his growing prosperity.

On the 19th of October, 1910, Mr. Taintor was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Mowry Thayer, of Norwich, Connecticut, daughter of Charles F. and Mary (Hewitt) Thayer. They are the parents of three children, namely: Ruth Mowry, born May 2,



1913; John Thayer, who was born November 9, 1916; and Nelson Case, Jr., born January 10, 1925. The family residence is at 14 Marshall street in Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Taintor are well known socially in Hartford, where they have an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Taintor belongs to various clubs, including the University, Farmington Country, Twentieth Century, Lions Instructional, and also to the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Arcanum Club of Norwich, Connecticut, and the Yale Alumni Association. His political endorsement has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is now a member of the republican town committee by virtue of being chairman of the tenth ward. In April, 1925, he was elected alderman from that ward, was reelected in 1926 and again in 1928, and since 1926 has been chairman of the traffic committee and is also serving on the fire committee, working earnestly and effectively on these two committees for the good of the city. He is likewise a member of the Hartford Underwriters Association, of which he is a director and vice president. He is interested in the civic welfare, working diligently in that field, while at the same time his business interests have been so directed that substantial results have accrued, while the consensus of opinion concerning his methods is altogether favorable.

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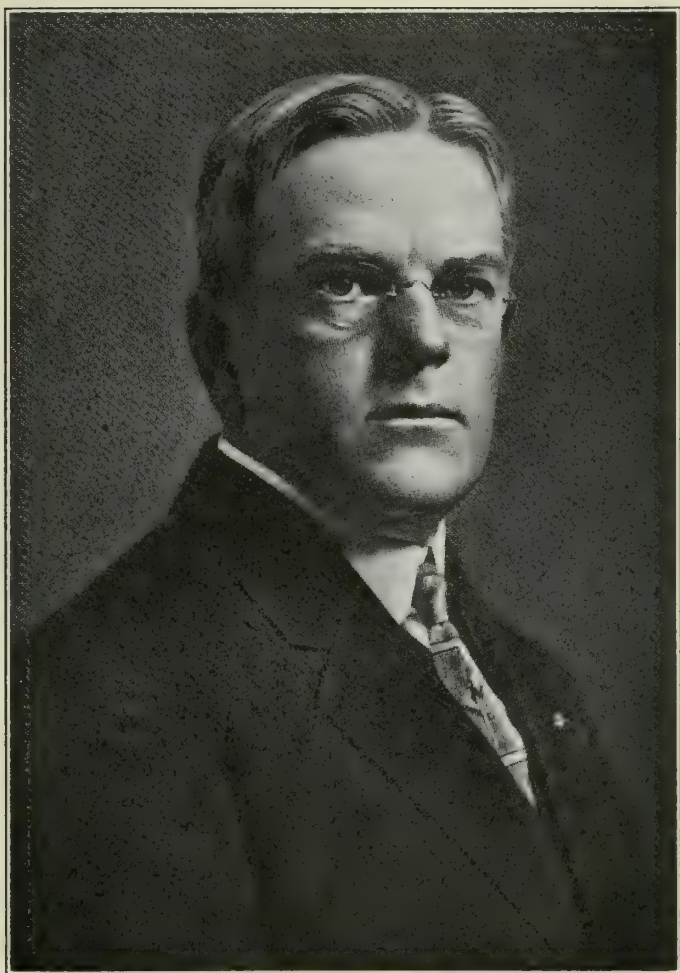
#### WILLIAM E. WIGHTMAN

William E. Wightman long figured prominently in industrial circles of Bristol as treasurer and a director of the New Departure Manufacturing Company, with which he had been continuously identified for nearly a quarter of a century when he passed away March 6, 1928, in the sixtieth year of his age. He was born in South Meriden, Connecticut, September 28, 1868, son of Jonathan Stoddard and Olive (Davis) Wightman. His early life was spent in his native place, where he attended the common school, and later he was graduated from the Yale Business College in New Haven. He embarked upon a business career as bookkeeper in the dry goods store of H. Dayton Humphrey of New Britain. After eleven years in this position he was engaged as an accountant at the office of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company in that city, in the service of which he continued for five years, from 1898 until 1903. Early in the latter year he became associated with the New Departure Manufacturing Company of Bristol in the capacity of chief accountant, and he had just about completed twenty-five years of faithful, able service with the corporation at the time of his death. On February 24, 1909, he was appointed as assistant to Charles T. Treadway, who was then treasurer of the company. On October 21st of the same year he was elected a director of the company and on the retirement of Mr. Treadway as treasurer on November 1st was elected to that position. The New Departure Manufacturing Company maintains branches in Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and London, England, and has built up an extensive business in the manufacture of ball bearings, coaster brakes and bells.

On the 22d of October, 1890, at South Meriden, Connecticut, Mr. Wightman was married to Katherine Watts Bristol, who died March 25, 1915. They are survived by a son and a daughter: Maybelle, the wife of A. L. Sherwood, of New Haven, Connecticut; and Stoddard E., of the New Departure Manufacturing Company. The latter married Louise Faulk, of Saybrook, Connecticut, and has two children, Elinor and William Stoddard.

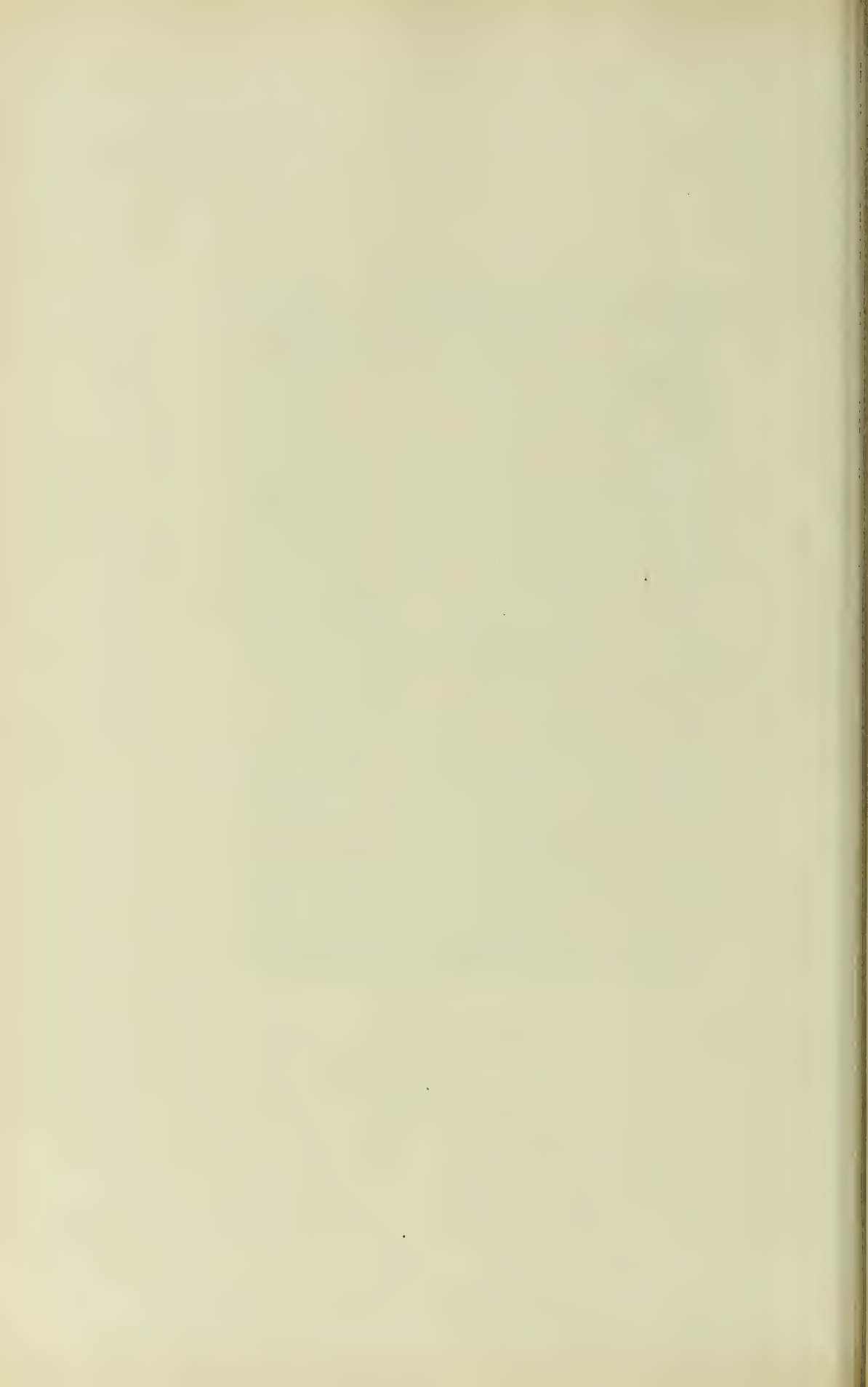
When the city of Bristol was instituted in 1911, Mr. Wightman was elected one of the city auditors, in which capacity he rendered excellent service to the municipality throughout the remainder of his life, being reelected biennially. In Masonry he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Franklin Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; Pequabuck Chapter, R. A. M.; Ionic Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; Norwich Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was also a member of Bristol Lodge, No. 1010, B. P. O. E.; New Britain Council, No. 738, Royal Arcanum, the Endee Club, of which he was treasurer, the Compounce Rifle Club, and the Chippabee Country Club. He enjoyed the social side of life and his sincerity, kindness and geniality won for him the esteem of many friends. His religious faith was indicated by his connection with the First Congregational church, in which he held membership for a number of years.

The following is an excerpt from a review of the career of Mr. Wightman which



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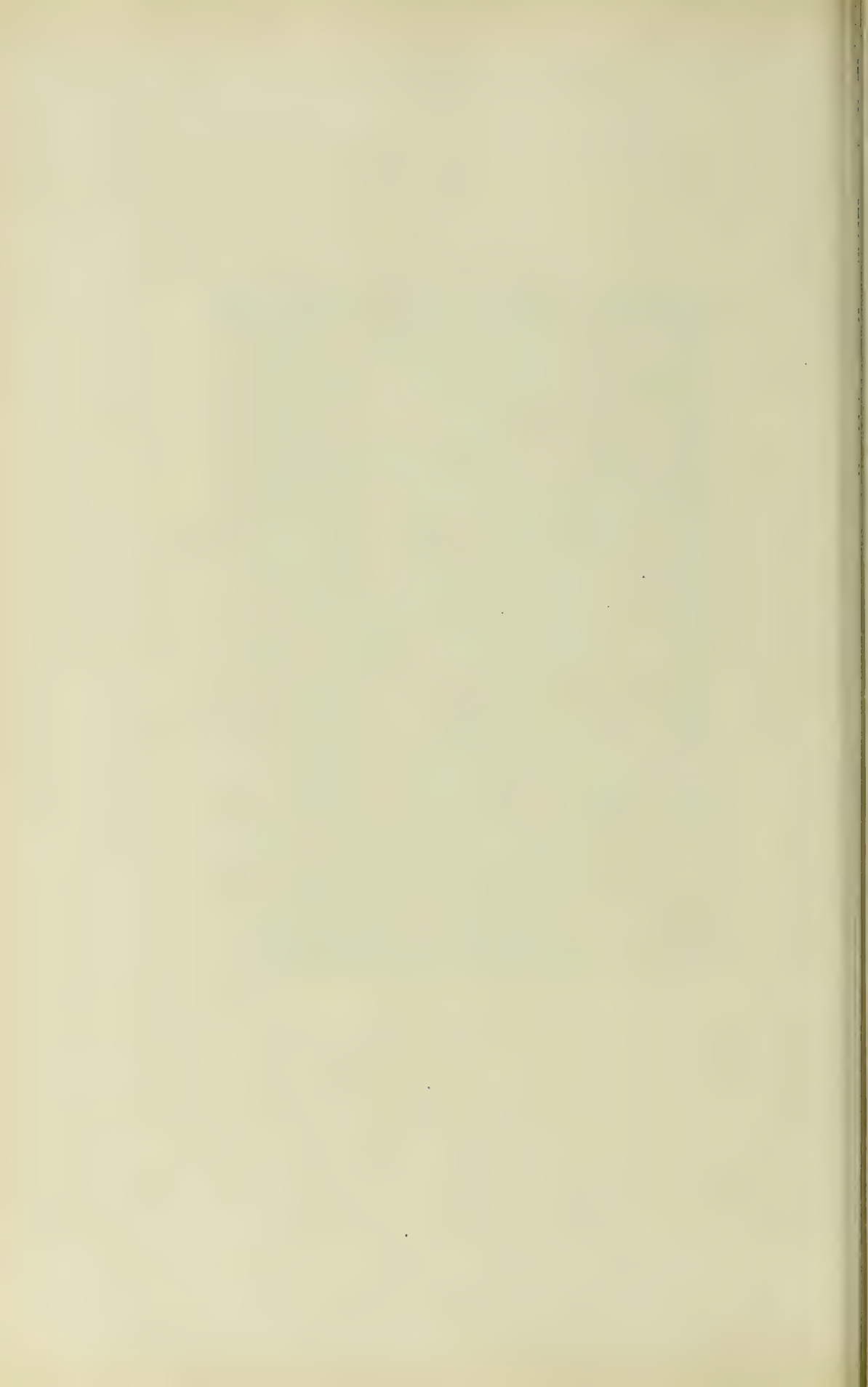
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In September, 1924, Major Larned joined the Equitable Life Assurance Society at Hartford and with the thoroughness that marked his previous experience he mastered the business and in March, 1927, was advanced to the responsible position of district manager in charge of the entire eastern territory, having a large number of representatives under his direction in this section of the country.

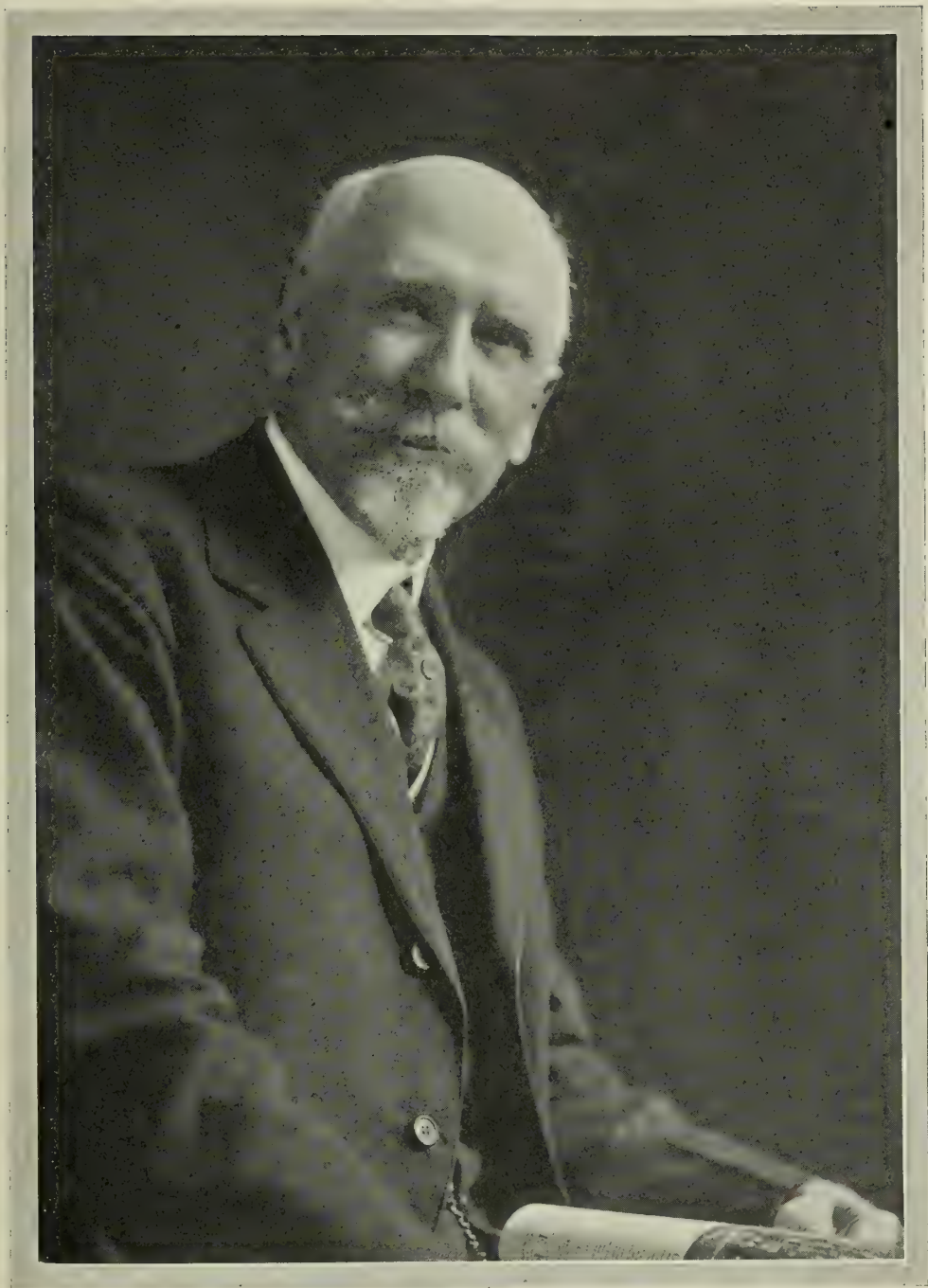
On the 17th of August, 1911, Major Larned was married to Miss Cecilia H. Davenport, of Charlestown, West Virginia, and they have two children: Cecilia A., born June 10, 1912; and Louise D., born September 12, 1913. They reside at No. 1 Lilley road in West Hartford, where they occupy an enviable social position. Major Larned is a member of the Union League Club of New York city and of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy. He is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Aztec Club of 1847, the Military Order of the World War, the Military Order of Foreign Wars and the West Point Army Mess. He also belongs to the Geographic Society and something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in his membership in the Windsor Golf Club. Having given so many years of active service to his country, it is to be expected that patriotism is one of the strong elements of his nature—manifest not so much in words as in practical service for the country and active support of those ideals which make for American progress and advancement.

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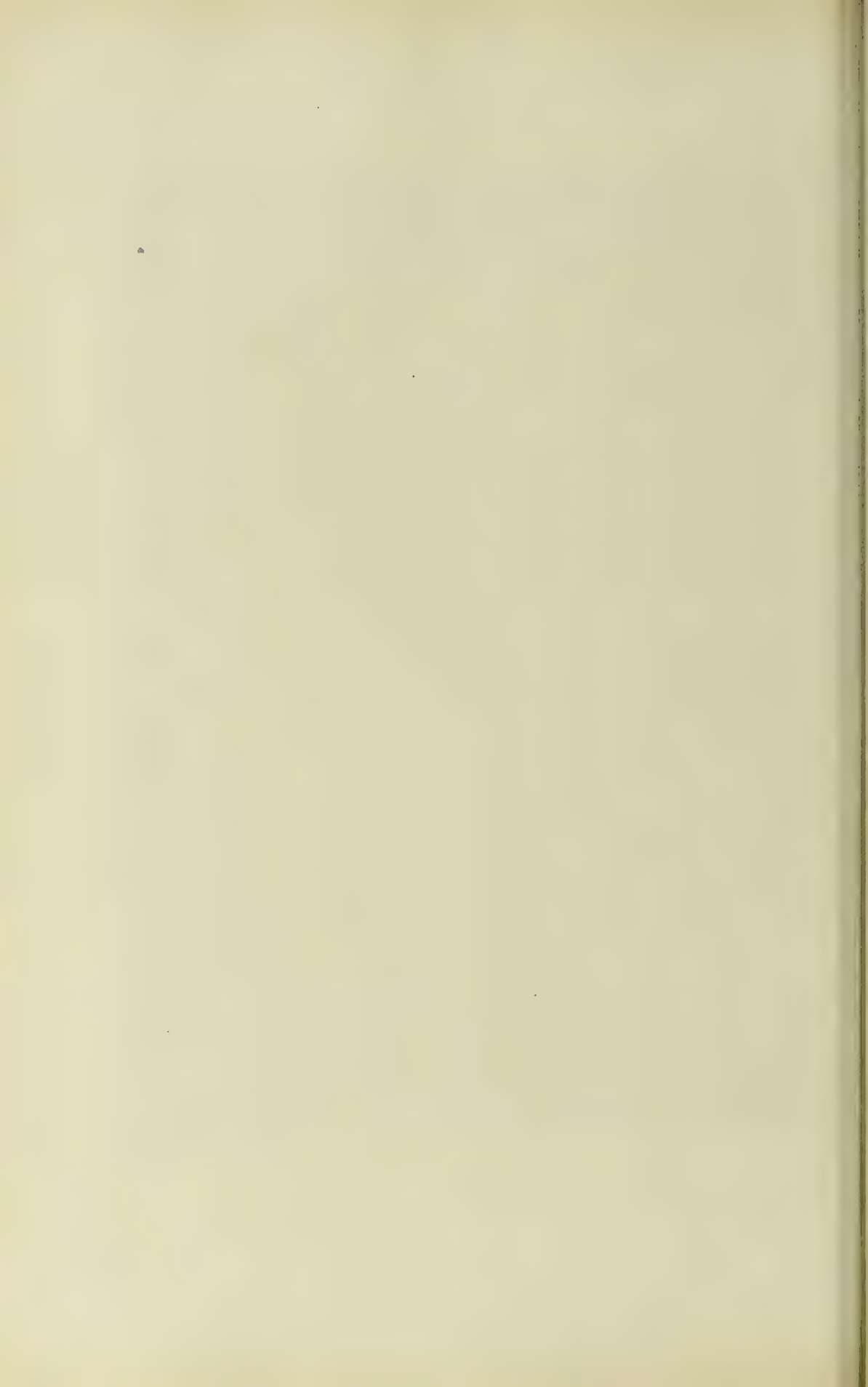
#### EDWARD BEECHER HOOKER, M. D.

Dr. Edward Beecher Hooker, a man of national prominence in the practice of medicine as a representative of the school of homeopathy, was for almost a half century an honored and successful physician and surgeon in Hartford, where not only his professional skill but his genial spirit, his helpfulness and his sympathetic nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Hartford on the 26th of February, 1855, his parents being Hon. John and Isabella (Beecher) Hooker. The former was for forty years reporter of the supreme court of Connecticut and the mother, a sister of Henry Ward Beecher, was equally distinguished as a leader in the woman suffrage movement. In tracing the ancestral record of Dr. Hooker it is learned that he was a direct descendant of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, who led the party that left Massachusetts to found the city of Hartford in 1636, and through all the intervening years down to the present representatives of the name have played a most important part in shaping the history and promoting the development and progress of Connecticut and of other sections of the country. The grandfather of Dr. E. B. Hooker was the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, an eminent divine, whose family included Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, long one of the most distinguished ministers of the gospel in the United States, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, world-famed author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Dr. Edward B. Hooker thus had the advantage of being reared in a home where intellectual culture was predominant. He used his innate talents wisely and well and gained intellectual power through wide reading and study. Following his graduation from the Hartford high school he received most thorough preparation for his chosen career as a medical practitioner, studying for some time at the Ecole de Medicin in Paris. He was graduated on the completion of a medical course in the Boston University in 1877 and pursued postgraduate studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. Returning to his native city, Dr. Hooker here opened an office in 1879 and remained in active practice from that time continuously until his demise, having his office for forty-five years in the Waverly Building. His powers constantly increased through the exercise of effort, through comprehensive study and broad experience, until he became one of the eminent representatives of homeopathy in the United States, and in 1907 was honored with the presidency of the National Institute of Homeopathy, while on many occasions he was chosen president of the Connecticut State Homeopathic Society. He gave much time and energy to the work of prevention of tuberculosis and his labors as president of the Hartford Tuberculosis Society were far-reaching and beneficial through a



DR. EDWARD B. HOOKER





period of many years. He always stressed the importance of building up the health of children to prevent disease and was active in promoting health clinics in the public schools. Although he attained the age of seventy-two years, he remained an active factor in the world's work to the last, although he had contemplated retiring in order to give all of his time to civic betterment.

There was no man who held the interests and welfare of Hartford dearer than did Dr. Hooker. He labored strenuously to maintain a high record of civic virtue for Hartford and to promote its growth and improvement along every line of progress. At one time he was president of the Hartford Get Together Club, the meetings of which he regularly attended, and when he passed away his successor as president of that club, A. B. Meredith, said: "I have heard with deep regret of the death of Dr. Hooker. From my associations with him during the last seven years, and particularly in relation to the work of the Get Together Club, I came to esteem him most highly as an open-minded, tolerant and interested citizen. The Get Together Club has been greatly stimulated by his courage with respect to public questions, a courage growing out of wide interests and associations. Hartford has lost a most distinguished physician and friend." Dr. Hooker also held membership in the Twilight Club, the Hartford Club and the Jeremiah Wadsworth branch of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1879 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Hooker and Miss Martha C. Kilbourne and they became parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Thomas, born July 20, 1886, who was a graduate of Yale University and a student in the Yale Forestry School at the time of his death, on the 20th of June, 1909; Joseph Kilbourne; and Isabel Hooker, wife of Walter Gordon Merritt, of New York. Dr. Hooker was a devoted husband and father, finding his greatest joy in promoting the welfare and happiness of his own household. Moreover, his interest in his fellow-men reached out in kindly sympathy to the needy and unfortunate and in warm friendship and brotherly kindness to those whom he met through social ties. His contribution to medical science was of the greatest benefit, for throughout the years he not only kept abreast with the latest researches and discoveries but was a leader in that progress which has greatly broadened the efficiency of medical and surgical practice at the present time.

Joseph Kilbourne Hooker, son of Dr. Hooker, was born in Hartford, September 12, 1887, and after attending the public schools entered Yale, from which he was graduated with the Master of Arts degree in 1909. After leaving college he entered the employ of the Van Norden Trust Company of New York, with which he remained until he joined the forces of the Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hartford on its organization in 1910, this being a part of the Aetna group of insurance interests. Mr. Hooker has occupied the vice presidency of the company since 1924.

On the 21st of June, 1924, Mr. Hooker was married to Miss Margaret A. Eddy, a daughter of E. B. and Mary (Welles) Eddy, of New Britain, Connecticut, and they have two children: Isabel Beecher, born April 15, 1925; and Mary Welles, October 3, 1927. Mr. Hooker is a republican in politics and socially is connected with the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Yale Club of New York and the Graduates Club of New Haven.

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#### WILLIAM C. SKINNER, JR.

A community depends in notable measure upon the efforts of its real estate men for the character of its development and improvement. Those who handle its realty transfers have every opportunity to add to or detract from the beauty of a given district or to further its industrial and commercial development through the segregation of its activities in those lines. Among the alert, wide-awake and progressive men in the realty field of Hartford is numbered William C. Skinner, Jr., a native son of the city, born December 27, 1888. His father, Colonel William C. Skinner, former president of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, passed away March 22, 1922, having for many years survived his wife, who died August 4, 1904. They are mentioned at length on another page of this work.

Having attended the public and high schools of Hartford, William C. Skinner, Jr., continued his education in the Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and then had

the benefit of further training in Trinity College, which numbers him among its alumni of 1911, in which year he received his Bachelor of Science degree. When his textbooks were put aside he joined his brother, Robert K., in organizing the firm of Skinner Brothers to handle automobiles. This association was maintained from 1910 until 1913, when they turned their attention to the real estate business, and the firm of Skinner Brothers occupies a position of leadership in their chosen field. They are also associated with Winthrop A. Haviland and the three partners are men of progressive spirit whose enterprise has enabled them to build up a large and satisfactory patronage. In addition to his other interests William C. Skinner is a director of the Fernwood Company of Hartford and a trustee of the West Hartford Trust Company, the Travelers Insurance Company, the Travelers Indemnity Company and the Travelers Fire Insurance Company.

On the 1st of July, 1911, Mr. Skinner was married to Miss Edith King, of Hartford, and their children are: Calvin C., born May 8, 1912; Sally, born September 22, 1915; and Susanne, October 22, 1920.

Mr. Skinner supports the republican party and the military chapter in his life record covers service with the United States army from the 14th of August, 1917, when he joined the cavalry and was stationed at Niantic, Connecticut, until he went overseas with the One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion of the Twenty-sixth Division, being on duty in France until discharged as a private on the 26th of January, 1919. It is characteristic of Mr. Skinner that he never falters in the performance of any duty or service, whether it be of a patriotic, a civic or a personal nature, and this spirit of loyalty which dominates him is one of the qualities that have brought him strong friendships among the members of the Hartford Club, the Farmington Country Club, the University Club and the East Haddam Fishing and Game Club. His association with these organizations, moreover, indicates something of the nature of his interests in his periods of rest and recreation.

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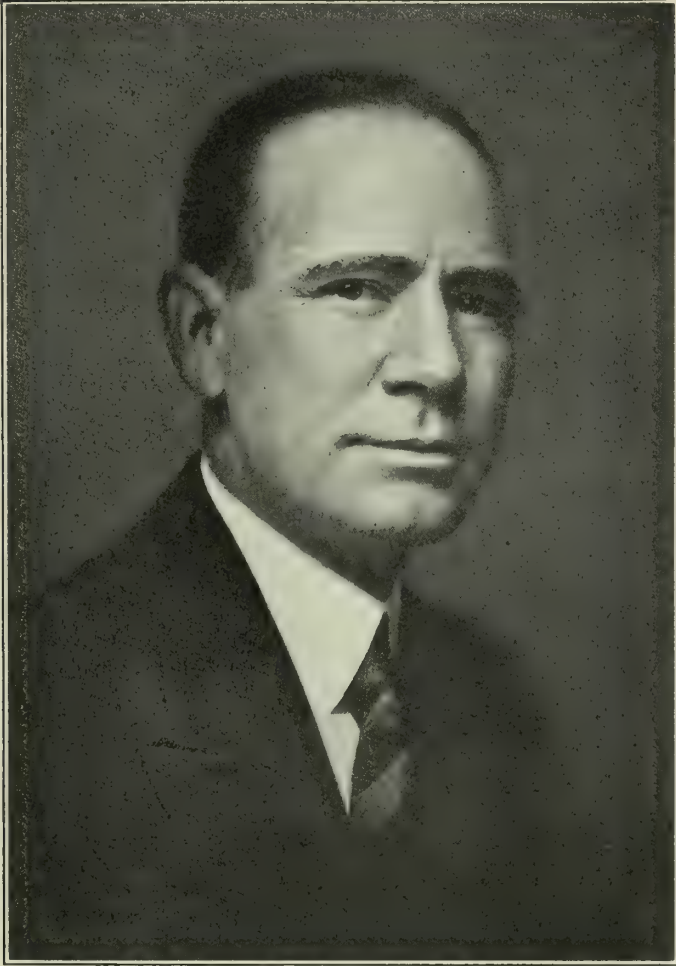
#### FREDERIC ERNST KINGSTON

A modern philosopher has said that "the sources of our power lie within ourselves," and this truth finds verification in the life record of Frederic Ernst Kingston, a man of well balanced capacities and powers who has occupied a central place on the stage of action almost from the time when his initial effort was made in the field of business. His labors have found culmination in the development of an important investment business which he now conducts under the firm name of F. E. Kingston & Company and is thus widely known in financial circles of Hartford.

He was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, September 20, 1888, his parents being James and Josina E. (Hersey) Kingston. His educational advantages were those offered in the public and high schools of his native city and in 1910 he became interested in the brokerage business as an employee of the Hayden-Stone Company of New York, with whom he remained until 1914, gaining wide knowledge and practical experience of the business during that period. From 1914 until 1916 he was associated with Kountz Brothers of New York and in 1916 he started in the brokerage business independently in New Haven, since which time he has met with growing success.

In 1921 he established a branch in Hartford, but the continuous and rapid development of the business in this city has since made it the main office of the organization, which now operates branch offices in New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New London, Danbury, Meriden, Middletown and Willimantic and maintains representatives in New Britain, Bristol, Winsted and Norwich. The firm is correspondent for Joseph Walker & Sons, New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange. The firm owns its own building in Hartford and its offices on the ground floor at 66-68 Pearl street are among the best equipped and the most attractive in the city of Hartford. All of the offices of the organization are connected by private wire and direct telephones and telegraph with New York city and Boston.

From the beginning, operations have been carried on under the name of F. E. Kingston & Company and they handle government and municipal bonds, public utility, bank, insurance and local securities. Their clientele is now extensive, as indicated by the establishment and development of their many branches, and Mr. Kingston has



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FREDERIC E. KINGSTON





come to be regarded as an outstanding financier in this section of New England, his broad experience enabling him to speak with authority upon the value of commercial paper. Aside from his interests as head of the organization which bears his name, he is also a director of the Arizona Power Company, the Hudson Valley Coke & Products Company, a director and treasurer of the New Haven & Shore Line Railway Company and an officer in many other corporations.

On the 4th of April, 1918, Mr. Kingston married Miss Ida Frances Leach, of Wilmington, Delaware, and they are now parents of four children: Alice, Patricia, June and John D.

In his political views Mr. Kingston is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him; yet he is neglectful of no duty nor obligation of citizenship and gives stalwart support to those projects which advance the civic welfare. He belongs to the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the New Haven Chamber of Commerce and he finds needed recreation through his club associations, having membership in the Wampanoag Golf Club, the Union League Club in New Haven, the Racebrook Country Club of New Haven, the Pine Orchard Country Club of Pine Orchard, the Fernleigh Club of Hartford, the New Haven Gun Club and the New Haven Yacht Club, being commodore of the last named.

His entire record has been one of steady progress. Possessing broad, enlightened and liberal-minded views, he has been alert to every opportunity that has presented itself and his has been an active career in which he has accomplished important and far-reaching results, contributing in no small degree to the business expansion of districts in which he has operated, and from which he has also derived substantial benefits.

He is a born leader and the strength and efficiency of his organization rest on his forceful personality and on the spirit and loyalty of his men. His decision once made after deliberation, he is aggressive and tireless in achieving his objective.

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#### MAYNARD THOMPSON HAZEN

The name of Maynard Thompson Hazen figures prominently in banking circles in Hartford, where he is widely known as vice president of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, one of the largest and strongest financial institutions of New England. His entire business career has been marked by a consecutive progress that now gives him voice in the management of an institution which is the basis of much of the growth and prosperity of Connecticut.

Moreover, he is entitled to representation in this work as one of the native sons of the Charter Oak state, he having been born in Middletown, September 21, 1887, his parents being Azel Washburn and Mary (Thompson) Hazen, residents of that place. In public and private schools of Middletown he mastered the preliminary branches of learning, while his more advanced study was done in Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, in which institution he won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1908, and in Wesleyan College, which conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1909. He next entered the Harvard Law School and gained the LL. B. degree in 1912, being admitted to the bar the same year, for his early manhood's purpose was to devote his life to the legal profession. He entered upon active practice in Boston, where he remained from 1912 until 1917, being associated with the law firm of Matthews, Thompson & Spring. The latter year might be termed a turning point in his career, for it was then that he came to Hartford as attorney for the Security Trust Company and this constituted the initial step toward his active banking career. When the Security Trust Company was merged with the Fidelity Trust Company and United States Bank in the organization of the United States Security Trust Company he continued with the newly formed corporation as vice president, concentrating his efforts more largely upon executive control and administration. When in June, 1927, the United States Security Trust Company and the Hartford-Aetna National Bank were merged to form the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company he continued as vice president of this institution and is now bending every effort to the further development of the business, which is today scarcely equaled by that of any other financial institution outside of Boston in New England. He forms his plans after due consideration, but when once formed he is prompt in their execution and never stops short

of the successful accomplishment of his purpose. His name is also further known in banking circles through his connection with the Mechanics Savings Bank, of which he is a director, and he is also serving on the directorate of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company.

On the 2d of October, 1913, Mr. Hazen was married to Miss Marjorie F. Howe, a daughter of the late Daniel R. and Henrietta (Collins) Howe, of Hartford. They now have two children: Richard, born October 23, 1919; and Frances, born August 1, 1925.

There is a military chapter in the life history of Mr. Hazen, who became an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve Corps and was assigned to the aviation department in April, 1918, remaining therewith until the close of that year. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. He has membership in the Hartford, Wampanoag Country, Hartford Golf, University, Twentieth Century, Twilight and Get Together Clubs—which indicates something of the nature of his interests and of his recreation outside of business hours. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### ALBERT R. WELLS

In a history of the business development of Southington it is imperative that mention be made of Albert R. Wells, the secretary and treasurer of the Beaton & Corbin Manufacturing Company, which has contributed in substantial measure to the general commercial and industrial development of this region. What he undertakes he accomplishes, allowing no difficulties or obstacles to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent and determined effort. Mr. Wells was born in Pepin, Wisconsin, June 15, 1856, and is a representative of one of the old families of Connecticut, his grandfather being Rossiter Wells, whose birthplace was Wethersfield and who devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He was the father of Isaac Newton Wells, who was born in Wethersfield in 1830 and there obtained a common school education, while in vacation periods he devoted his attention to farm work. In young manhood he married Miss Kate Butler and they became the parents of three children: Albert R.; Frank Newton, of New Britain; and Carrie S., who became the wife of E. T. Griswold, of Bloomfield, Connecticut. In the year 1854 Isaac N. Wells left New England to become a resident of Rock Island, Illinois, and afterward went to Pepin, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business as a tinsmith. He remained in the Mississippi valley for fourteen years and returned to Connecticut in 1868, when he resumed the occupation of farming, which he followed successfully in Bloomfield for three decades. His political allegiance was always unwaveringly given to the republican party and he filled various offices, serving for two or three terms as selectman and assessor and also as a member of the board of relief, discharging his duties at all times with promptness and fidelity. His wife died in 1876 and he afterward removed to Southington, where his remaining days were passed and where for a number of years he was the treasurer of the Beaton & Corbin Manufacturing Company. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and a man highly esteemed by all who knew him.

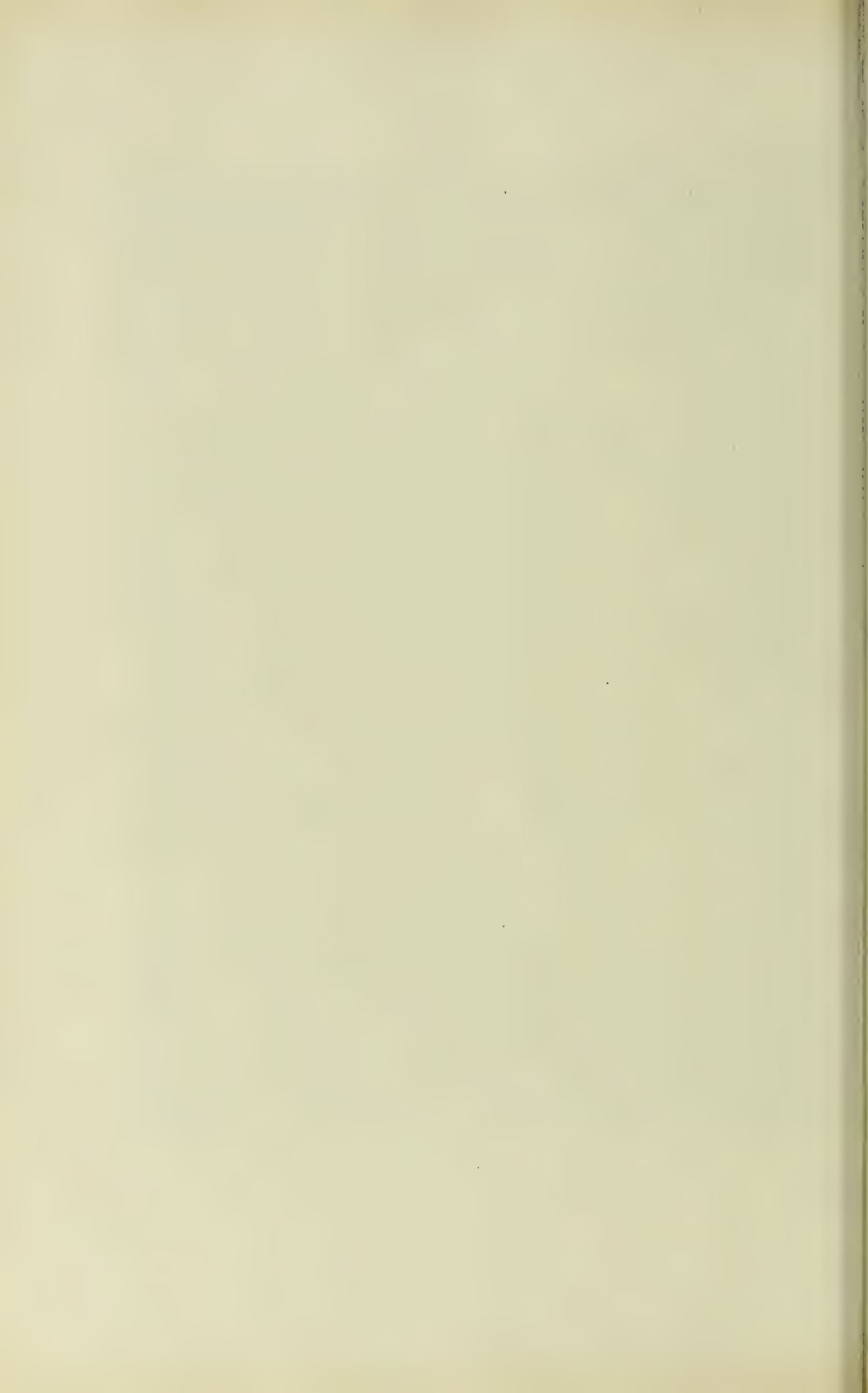
Albert R. Wells was a youth of twelve years when the family left his native town of Pepin, where for six years he had been a public school pupil, and returned to New England. He afterward spent two years as a student in the schools of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and in the schools of Bloomfield, pursuing his studies during the winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farm work. When nineteen years of age he started out in business by obtaining a position as driver of a seed wagon through the states of New Hampshire and Vermont, representing the firm of Comstock & Ferry of Wethersfield. Subsequently he covered the territory of Delaware and Maryland and in 1878 he established an independent business as a grain and feed merchant and as proprietor of a mill at Bloomfield, successfully carrying on the business until 1894, when he became associated with Wallace C. Dean under the firm style of Wells & Dean. They purchased the general store of C. D. Strickland and carried on the business in connection with the operation





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of the mill until January, 1898, when Mr. Wells leased the mill to the Daniels Mill Company for a term of five years. He then confined his attention to merchandising, handling not only a general line of goods but also dealing in coal, flour and feed. He and his partner built up a substantial business which grew steadily and became one of the prosperous commercial enterprises of the town. Mr. Wells' identification with the Beaton & Corbin Manufacturing Company dates from 1899. He is now the secretary and treasurer and his capability as an executive is largely furthering the interests of the business, which is now regarded as one of the substantial enterprises of Southington.

On the 19th of March, 1878, Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Estelle F. Gillette, of Bloomfield, a daughter of Amos H. Gillette. She passed away December 17, 1895, survived by two of her three children, her son, Albert G., who was born August 10, 1882, having departed this life April 13, 1883. The daughters are: Ethel K., born July 19, 1884; and Nina E., born December 19, 1887. Mr. Wells was again married September 1, 1897, when Miss Jennie E. Coburn, of Carlstadt, New Jersey, became his wife. They are well known socially, having many friends in Southington and this section of the state. Fraternally Mr. Wells is associated with the Masons, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Patrons of Husbandry. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, to the teachings of which he has ever been loyal, and he has given nineteen years' service as chairman of board of trustees of the Congregational church. His political support is given the republican party and in October, 1896, he became town clerk, being the first republican ever elected to that office in Bloomfield. On the 31st of October, 1897, he was appointed postmaster and efficiently filled that office until his removal to Southington on the 1st of July, 1899, when he resigned as postmaster and as town clerk to enter into active connection with the Beaton & Corbin Manufacturing Company. His public activity has covered service as a member of the board of burgesses, as selectman of the town of Southington for four years, when he resigned, and two terms in the state legislature, having been elected in 1913 and 1915. His lines of life have been cast in pleasant places because he has always followed a course in harmony with honorable progress and successful achievement. He has many friends who recognize and appreciate his sterling worth, and his strong characteristics are such as have won for him the confidence and good will of all.

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#### MORTON CANDEE TREADWAY

The exercise of effort has developed the latent powers of Morton Candee Treadway, who is now an influential business man of Bristol and also figures prominently in political and community affairs. He was born January 26, 1887, in this city and attended its public schools. In 1906 he completed a course in the Phillips-Exeter Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and in 1910 was graduated from Yale University. A liberal education prepared Mr. Treadway for the responsibilities of life, and his first position was that of a clerk in the Bristol National Bank. In February, 1912, when a young man of twenty-five he entered the employ of The Horton Company in a clerical capacity and has since remained with the firm, which manufactures sporting equipment. Its products are distributed over a wide area and Mr. Treadway is now treasurer of the corporation—an important office for which he is thoroughly qualified. He understands every phase of the business and is devoted to the interests of the firm. His name appears on its directorate, and he also represents the American Silver Company, the Bristol National Bank, the American Trust Company, and the North Side Bank & Trust Company of this city in the same capacity.

Mr. Treadway was married December 27, 1911, in Bristol to Miss Faith Allen Ingraham, and they now have four children: Morton C. Jr., William I., Jean and Lucy Townsend.

Mr. Treadway takes a keen interest in politics and has been chairman of the local republican committee. During the World war he held the rank of second lieutenant in the Connecticut National Guard and also acted as vice chairman of the local committee in charge of the third, fourth and fifth Liberty Loan drives. Since its establishment in 1922 he has been president of the Bristol Community Chest and for a year was the executive head of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a director



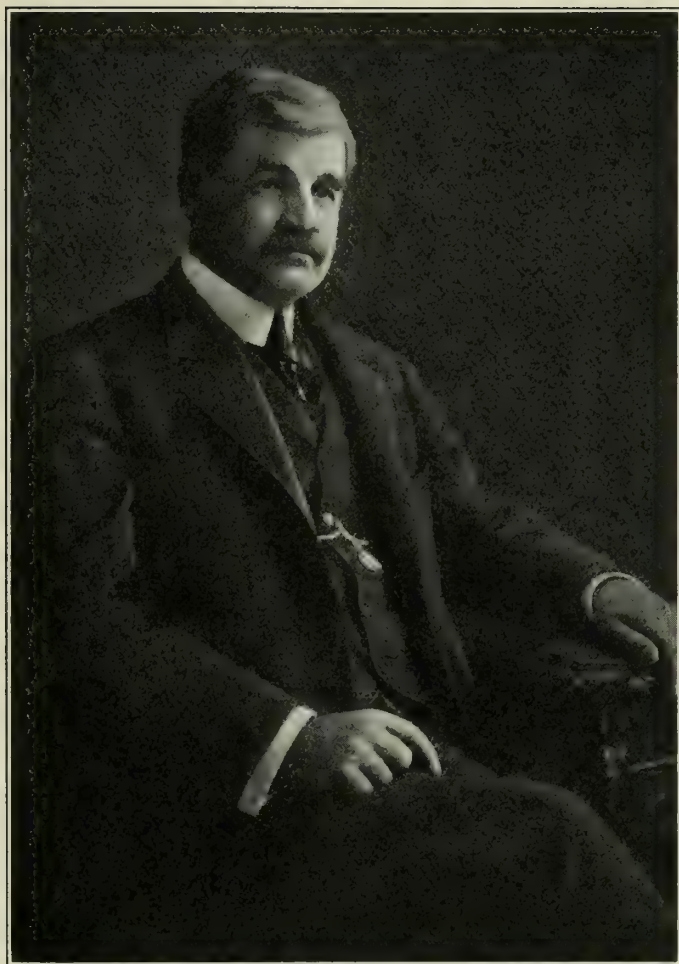
of the Boys Club and an ardent champion of those movements which are destined to further the cause of good citizenship. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

#### SYLVESTER CLARK DUNHAM

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave a perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Connecticut Sylvester Clark Dunham was spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life was so varied in its activities, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it became an integral part of the history of Hartford and left its impress upon the annals of the state. He possessed untiring energy, was quick of perception and his close application to business and his excellent management brought to him a measure of success that made him an outstanding figure in the business circles of the capital city.

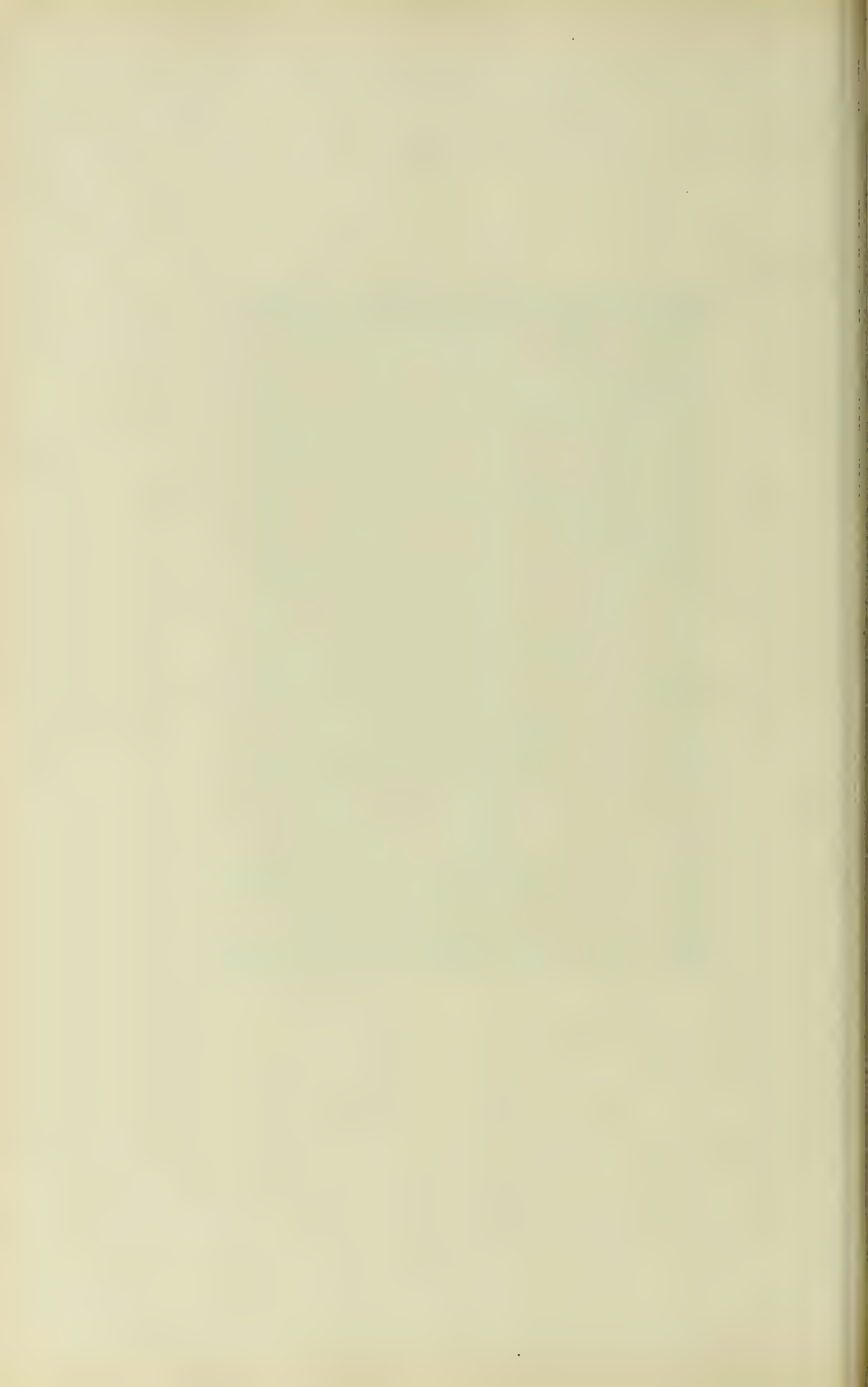
Mr. Dunham was a native of Mansfield, born April 24, 1846, his parents being Jonathan Lyman and Abigail Hunt (Eldridge) Dunham. From almost the earliest settlement of New England his ancestors abode in this section of the country, his line being traced back on the maternal side to Elder William Brewster and others of equal distinction in New England's annals. Sylvester C. Dunham also sprang from an honored ancestry in the paternal line, tracing back to Richard Dunham, of record in Devonshire, England, in 1294. John Dunham, of the eleventh recorded generation, was founder of the family in America. He was born in 1589, at Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, where was born Elder William Brewster, and where the Pilgrim church was organized. It is claimed by the family historian, that owing to the persecutions which drove the Pilgrims hitherward, this John Dunham temporarily changed his name to Goodman, and that he was the John Goodman who came in the Mayflower, and was a signer of the famous compact. His son John, born in Holland, was succeeded by another John, and he by an Ebenezer, whose son of the same name was the father of Jonathan Dunham, a soldier in the Revolution in Captain Wales' company of Colonel Latimer's regiment of the Connecticut Line. Ralph Dunham, son of Jonathan Dunham, was the father of Jonathan Lyman Dunham, born at Mansfield, Connecticut, who married Abigail Hunt, daughter of Elijah Eldridge, who traces her ancestry to Elder William Brewster and John Hopkins, of the Mayflower company.

Sylvester C. Dunham obtained a public school education, with one year at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, while his more advanced course was in the university of experience. He early learned lessons of value concerning business management and correctly judged the worth of diligence, perseverance and determination. He started out to provide for his own support as a reporter on a newspaper and his progress in that field was rapid, so that after a time he became editor of the New Britain Record. He turned from journalism, however, to the practice of law, which he followed for twelve years in Hartford, continuing in general practice until 1885, when he became associated with insurance interests through appointment to the position of general counsel of the Travelers Insurance Company. He soon found that his duties in that connection demanded all of his time, so that he no longer remained in the private practice of law. Again the spirit of thoroughness was manifest and he acquired a knowledge of the insurance business that led to his election to the presidency of the Travelers Insurance Company on October 14, 1901. He remained at the head of that corporation until his demise and the Travelers owes much to his capability in management and in control. It is true that he became interested in a business already established, but in enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed. His career demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius but the outcome of clear judgment and experience. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense and guided by resistless will power, were his chief characteristics and the success with which he directed the affairs of the Travelers Insurance Company led to his cooperation being sought in various other fields. He served as president of the American Board of Casualty and Surety Underwriters;



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and was a leading figure in the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, of which he was president one year, president of the Travelers Bank and Trust Company, vice president of the National Exchange Bank of Hartford; and was a member of the directorates of the Metropolitan Bank and the American Surety Company, both of New York; the United Gas and Electric Corporation, and the American Hardware Company, both of New Britain; the Glastonbury Knitting Company, the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, the Hartford City Gaslight Company, Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, the Underwood Typewriter Company, and the First Reinsurance Company of Connecticut.

On the 18th of October, 1877, Mr. Dunham was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mercy Austin, a daughter of Dr. James H. Austin, of Bristol, and they had one son, Donald Austin, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Dunham was fond of travel and he indulged his taste in that direction in his later years, when prosperity had come to him, by various trips to Europe, to Panama and to different points in America. He was a valued member of the leading clubs and social organizations of Hartford, including the Hartford, Hartford Golf, Farmington Country and Twentieth Century clubs, while in New York he had membership in the Union League and the Lawyers' clubs. His social qualities were pronounced and made him a favorite in the various organizations with which he was identified. He was always optimistic, looking on the bright side of things, and his good nature and his belief in the ultimate triumph of progress and right were always an inspiration to those with whom he came in contact. In 1903-04 he lectured at Yale University on the science of insurance, giving a course which was subsequently put into book form. He served his city as water commissioner from 1893 until 1895 and as a member of the board of finance during the years 1910 and 1911. In religion he was a Congregationalist, and in politics a republican. His societies were the Society of Mayflower Descendants, being for one year governor of the Connecticut Society, Wadsworth Branch of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the Revolution, and the Order of Founders and Patriots. When death called him on the 26th of October, 1915, there passed from the scene of earthly activities one who had not only contributed much to the material development of his state but also shed around him much of the sunshine of life.

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#### FRANCIS P. PALLOTTI

Francis P. Pallotti, who is efficiently discharging the duties of deputy sheriff of Hartford county, was born in the capital city September 14, 1895, and is a son of Rocco and Anna Marie (Guerrieri) Pallotti, both of whom were natives of Italy. The son pursued his education in the public schools of his native city and at the present time is a student in the Hartford College of Law, from which he will graduate in June, 1928. After leaving the public schools he entered the theatrical business, taking small parts in stock companies in Hartford. He had devoted about fourteen months to the histrionic art when in 1917 he engaged in the real estate business, but on the 13th of April, 1918, he enlisted for service in the World war, joining the Wentworth Institute Training Detachment in Boston. He then went to Camp Jackson at Columbia, South Carolina, and thence to Camp Zachary Taylor, where he was a member of the Field Artillery Officers Training Corps. He received a commission as second lieutenant and was honorably discharged on the 26th of November, 1918. Thereafter he returned to Hartford, resuming his real estate business, in which he continued until June, 1922, when he was appointed deputy sheriff, which office he has since filled, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. That he is a law student indicates that he has further plans for the future, and those who know Mr. Pallotti and recognize his progressive spirit and laudable ambition predict for him continued success in whatever line of life he follows.

On the 9th of June, 1920, Mr. Pallotti was married to Miss Marion A. Flanagan, of Meriden, Connecticut, and they have two children, Frances R. and Lorraine M.

Mr. Pallotti is a member of the American Legion and is filling the office of state treasurer of the Connecticut Reserve Officers Association. He is likewise identified with other military organizations and holds a commission as a captain in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army, being in command of Battery F, Three Hundred

and Fifty-fifth Field Artillery Reserves and is a member of several fish and game clubs. He helped to organize the Manchester Rod and Gun Club and also the Hartford Fish and Game Association and he finds his chief recreation along those lines. He has ever taken an active and helpful interest in the public welfare of the city and is widely and favorably known in its business and social circles.

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#### WALTER E. MALLORY

Walter E. Mallory, agency secretary of The Travelers Insurance Company, was born in Woodsfield, Ohio, November 11, 1885. He is a son of Wickliffe and Rosena (Schumacher) Mallory, and grandson of Benjamin R. Mallory, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, who left this city with his parents in 1810 to locate in Wheeling, Virginia.

Walter E. Mallory was educated in the public schools of Woodsfield, and attended Ohio Wesleyan University. His business career started in 1905, when he became connected with the Oil Well Supply Company of Pittsburgh. His insurance experience commenced in 1907, when he became a representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, at Woodsfield, Ohio.

On June 10, 1908, he contracted with The Travelers as local representative at Woodsfield, Ohio. On January 1, 1909, he was appointed special agent for The Travelers, with headquarters at Cleveland. Six months later he was transferred to Boston, Massachusetts, and on January 1, 1912, he was called to the home office at Hartford as agency assistant, life and accident departments. In 1917 he was made assistant superintendent of agencies, and in 1927 he was elected to the newly created office of agency secretary.

His wife was formerly Miss Gertrude Mooney of Woodsfield, Ohio. They have four children: Esther Rosalind, Walter E., Jr., John Wickliffe, and Elizabeth. Mr. Mallory is a member of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wellesway Fish and Game Club, and Ohio Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta. After a lapse of over a hundred years, he has again established a Mallory homestead in Hartford, at "Rosemary," Albany avenue, West Hartford.

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#### SAMUEL COLT DOTY

With firm purpose and unfaltering energy Samuel Colt Doty has pushed forward to the goal of success, directed by a laudable ambition that has enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward until his name is now well known in connection with real estate and insurance activities in Hartford. Moreover, his record shows what can be accomplished through individual effort, intelligently guided, and should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others.

Mr. Doty was born in East Hartford, March 12, 1867, and is a son of Alexander Hamilton and Mary Elizabeth (Dusenberry) Doty, the father having been a prominent brick manufacturer of that place. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof the son pursued a public and high school education in Hartford and in early life devoted his attention to several lines of business. For four years he was associated with the Hartford Post as secretary during the ownership and management of John Addison Porter of Pomfret. It was in 1894 that he turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business and through the intervening years his close application, thoroughness and reliability have been effective forces in the attainment of prosperity. There is no phase of the business with which he is not thoroughly familiar and few men can speak with equal authority upon either real estate or insurance problems. A third of a century's experience along this line, however, has given him a knowledge concerning realty values and insurance opportunities that cannot be called into question. He has, too, that pleasant approach so essential in business and his record shows that thorough reliability has continuously been one of the strong elements in his success.

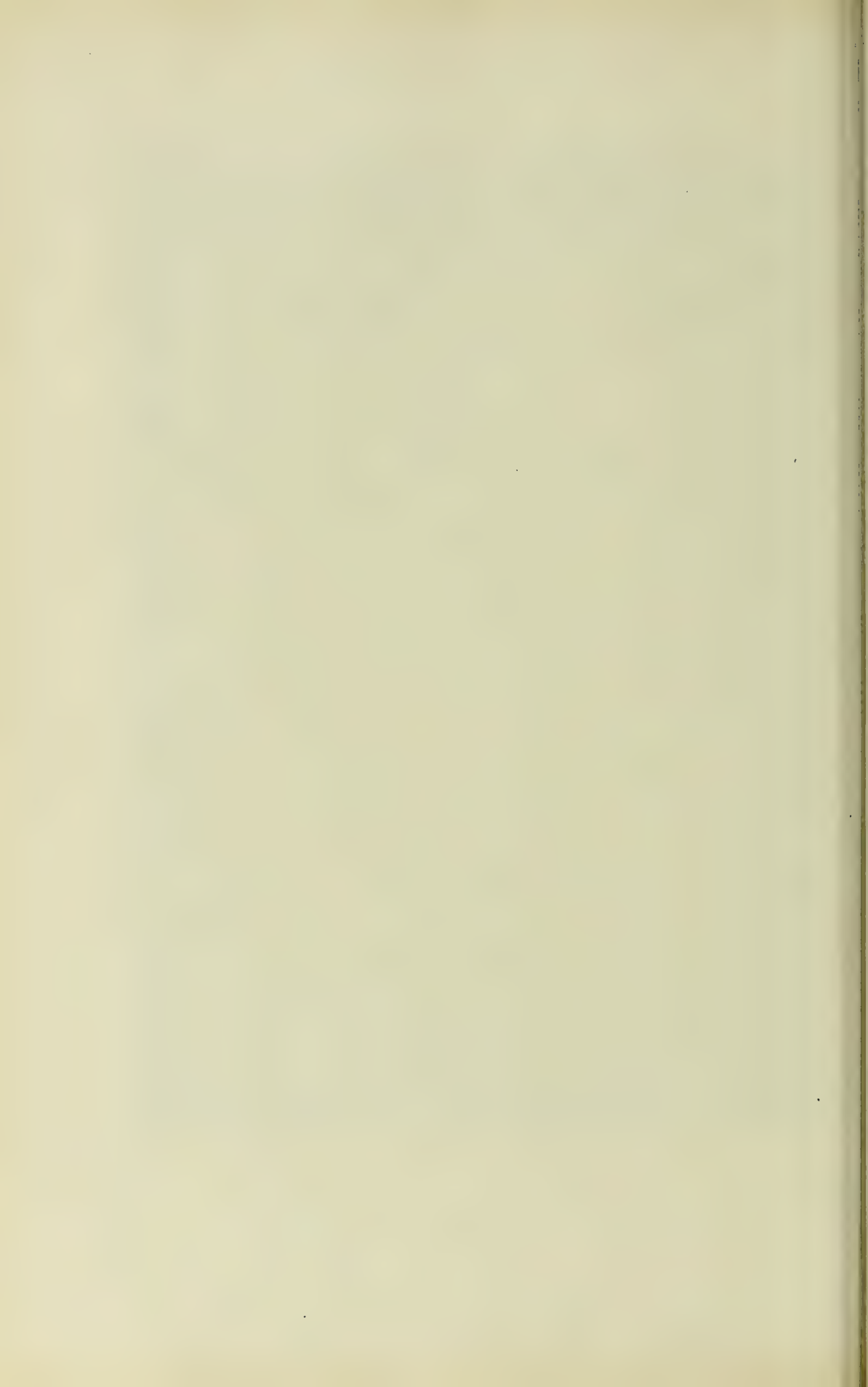
On the 7th of September, 1887, Mr. Doty was united in marriage to Miss Helen Ballou, a daughter of Loren and Helen (Dewey) Ballou, of Hartford. They now have



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two children, Marjorie B. and Helen Arline. The family is well known in connection with the social activities of the city and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

Mr. Doty has membership in various leading social and patriotic organizations. He belongs to the Hartford Club, was one of the founders and the first treasurer of the Sequin Golf Club, occupying that position for many years, and is a charter member of the Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Municipal Art Society and is interested in all those activities and forces which contribute to the city's cultural progress. He belongs to the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Connecticut, to the Sons of the Revolution and to the City Club. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Mystic Shriner. His military record covers seven years' service as a member of Company F, Connecticut National Guard, known as the Hartford City Guard, while later he served for thirty-six years as a member of First Company, Governor's Foot Guard. Subsequently he was made a captain on the staff of Major Wilcox of the Foot Guard and his interest in the military affairs of the state is pronounced. Politically he has always been a republican and on the party ticket was elected councilman and alderman. He was twice chosen to represent the first senatorial district in the upper house of the general assembly, serving in the senate sessions of 1923 and 1925. For three terms he was president of the Republican Club of Hartford and still retains his membership therein. In the field of business, too, he has been honored with various official positions. For seven years he was president of the Landlords and Taxpayers Association of Hartford and was honored by being made the first president of the State Association of Landlords and Taxpayers. He also became the first president of the Hartford Real Estate Boards, of which he is now a director. He was also the first president of the Connecticut Association of Real Estate Boards and is serving at the present writing on its directorate. He is always approachable, genial and tolerant and his unfeigned friendliness and cordiality have made him not only a prominent but a most popular resident of the capital city.

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#### STARR L. BECKWITH-EWELL, D. D. S.

Dr. Starr L. Beckwith-Ewell, an oral surgeon in Hartford, with offices at 750 Main street, and keeping at all times in touch with the most advanced methods and with the most thorough research work of the profession, is numbered among the substantial citizens that Boston has furnished to Connecticut's capital. He was born in the Hub city December 13, 1891, his parents being Dr. Glover C. and Susie Starr (Beecher) Beckwith-Ewell, of New Haven. The father was a graduate of the Vermont Medical College and was a grandson of George Beckwith, who was one of the best known mathematicians of his day and was also widely known as one of the staunch abolitionists and prohibitionists of the state of Connecticut. He died very suddenly while making a prohibition address in New Haven. For many years he had published Beckwith's Almanac, personally making all the forecasts. His daughter, Martha Lewis Beckwith, followed in his footsteps as a public speaker and enjoyed wide repute in that connection. She became the wife of John Jones Ewell, of Scituate, Massachusetts, a representative of the Ewell family numbered among the founders of Scituate. In a well on the original homestead of the Ewells at that city hung the bucket that led to the composition of the well known song, "The Old Oaken Bucket," the composer having married a daughter of the Ewell family. Dr. Glover C. Beckwith-Ewell engaged in practice in various cities, including Boston, Denver, Philadelphia, Syracuse and New York, and in 1912 he established his home in Hartford, where he passed away in 1924. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Susie Starr Beecher, was a daughter of Edward C. Beecher, of New Haven, Connecticut, and a cousin of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe. She was also a direct descendant of Thomas Hooker.

The various removals of his parents led Starr L. Beckwith-Ewell to pursue his education in the public schools of Denver, Toronto, Canada, Syracuse, New York, and Bridgeport, Connecticut, after which he became a student in the Mount Pleasant Military Academy at Ossining, New York, which he attended for three years. He was afterward graduated from the Berkeley School of New York in 1909 and in

preparation for his professional career he attended the College of Oral and Dental Surgery of New York city, which numbers him among its alumni of 1912. The same year he came to Hartford, where he established himself in practice on Pratt street in association with Dr. Mary L. Warren. The partnership was terminated a year later and Dr. Beckwith-Ewell then concentrated his efforts upon the general practice of dentistry until 1918, at which time he withdrew from the general field to limit his practice to oral surgery and X-ray work. In 1918 he went to Columbia University for postgraduate work in oral surgery and at all times he has kept abreast with the trend of modern professional thought, wide reading keeping him informed concerning the latest methods and researches. He is a member of the Hartford Dental Society, the Connecticut State Dental Association, the New England Dental Association, the Interstate Association of Anesthetists and the Psi Omega, a dental fraternity, of which he was state secretary for several years.

On the 1st of December, 1915, Dr. Beckwith-Ewell was married to Miss Myra Lillian Livermore, a daughter of Elliott Prouty and Carrie (Goodwin) Livermore, of Bridgeport. They have two children, Glovette and Starr.

During the World war period Dr. Beckwith-Ewell enlisted in the Sanitary Training Detachment No. 2 at Hartford and was gradually promoted until when he received his discharge he was the highest ranking non-medical officer in the local detachment. He became a first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps and subsequently accepted a commission as captain in the Dental Corps, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry, Connecticut National Guard. During his college days he was treasurer of the Gamma Lambda Chapter of the Psi Omega and after coming to Connecticut he filled the position of state secretary for several years. In Masonic circles he is widely known, having been raised in St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., in May, 1920. He entered the line by becoming marshal in 1921 and in 1928 was made worshipful master. He also belongs to Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and Cyrus Goodell Chapter of the Rose Croix, all of Hartford, and also to Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Norwich; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His political endorsement has been given to the republican party since he attained his majority. He is a member of the City Club of Hartford and his interests are broad, covering those activities which are the measure of a man's value in citizenship and in all public relations.

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#### ERNEST JUSTUS EDDY

Ernest Justus Eddy, chairman of the board of directors of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, has long been an active and outstanding figure in financial circles in the east. He has ever been actuated by a laudable ambition, a persistent purpose and unfaltering determination, and thus he has been able to overcome the difficulties and obstacles which always feature to a greater or less extent in business life, and has worked his way steadily upward until he occupies a place of leadership among those who control important financial interests in Hartford and New England. He is a native son of Massachusetts, born in Worcester, November 13, 1879. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, William Justus and Martha (Prescott) Eddy, he attended the public schools and after leaving high school continued his education in Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree. His close connection with financial activities dates from 1899, when, at the end of his sophomore year in college, he entered the banking business in the employ of the old Worcester Safe Deposit & Trust Company. It was twelve years afterward when in 1911, at a reunion of the class of 1901, the trustees of Dartmouth College voted him his degree of Bachelor of Arts, as in course, in recognition of what he had accomplished. He remained with the bank until 1906, being employed in its various departments, and then went to Portland, Maine, where he became treasurer of the Fidelity Trust Company, which at that time was in process of organization. There he continued through the succeeding decade as chief executive officer and he was president of that bank when he resigned in 1916 to become associated with Kidder, Peabody & Company, investment bankers of New York, as their Hartford correspondent. In January, 1923, he was





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instrumental in organizing the corporation known as Eddy & Leavenworth, Incorporated, a company that continued to act as local correspondents for Kidder, Peabody & Company, Dana T. Leavenworth becoming the partner of Mr. Eddy. On the 1st of May, 1927, the affairs of this company were liquidated, the business being carried over to the Capitol National Company, which continues to act as Hartford correspondents for Kidder, Peabody & Company. It was on the 27th of March, 1927, that the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company of Hartford was organized, Mr. Eddy becoming chairman of the board of directors, as he is also chairman of the board of directors of the Capitol National Company. Throughout his entire business career he has been associated with banking and financial interests, his experience being of a comprehensive character, bringing him wide knowledge, and that his skill has been developed to a high point of efficiency is shown in his notable standing in business circles as well as in the success which has attended the organizations which he has helped to promote and direct. In addition to his service as chairman of the board of the two corporations just mentioned he is serving as a director of the Parker-Bridget Company of Washington, D. C., as a director of the Charles Forster Estate of Farmington, Maine, as director of the C. M. Bailey's Sons Company of Winthrop, Maine, and as director of the Irving Safety Razor Company of Torrington, Connecticut. His plans have ever been carefully formulated and promptly executed and he has ever displayed keen insight into business affairs, while the development of his interests has made him an outstanding figure in financial circles.

On the 19th of April, 1919, Mr. Eddy was married to Miss Helen Sholes, a daughter of De Ver and Delphina (Clarke) Sholes, of Omaha, Nebraska. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been an earnest republican but without political ambition. As a clubman he has wide acquaintance, holding membership in the Hartford, Wampanoag Golf and University clubs of Hartford, the University Club of Boston, the Dartmouth Club of New York and the Dartmouth Club of Hartford. His friends, and they are many, find him a congenial companion to whom business has been but one phase of life and who has ever found time for those friendships which add so much to the world's happiness. At the same time his career in the field of finance has been one of notable achievement.

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#### GEORGE HENRY GABB

George Henry Gabb, vice president of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company, with offices at 983 Main street, in Hartford, was born in Bloomfield, Connecticut, August 5, 1880, and is a son of William John and Kate A. (Parsons) Gabb. William John Gabb was a son of Thomas Gabb, who came from Bristol, England, and settled in Connecticut about 1828, here devoting his life to blacksmithing, while his son, William J. Gabb, was a farmer and one of the pioneer breeders of Jersey cattle in this section, and also conducted a profitable business as a tobacco grower and packer, coming to rank with the foremost residents of his section. He served as representative from Bloomfield in the general assembly in 1870 and he also held all the town offices and was selectman for several years. He died in 1911 and his widow is now residing in Hartford in her seventy-eighth year.

George H. Gabb attended the grammar schools of Bloomfield and of Hartford and has always remained a resident of Connecticut. He became timekeeper for the Acme Screw Machine Company, and when this concern moved its plant to Cleveland, Ohio, he joined his father in the tobacco business, continuing until 1914. He next engaged in the automobile business in Hartford until 1919, and was then elected sheriff, taking the office in June, 1919, for a term of four years. On the expiration of that period he became connected with the Connecticut Valley Tobacco Association, being thus engaged until August, 1927, and on the 9th of January, 1928, was elected vice president of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company.

In March, 1902, Mr. Gabb was united in marriage to Miss Antoinette Goodwin, of Bloomfield. They are the parents of three children, as follows: Eunice Ethelwyn, now the wife of Dr. Louis H. George, Jr.; Kathryn Antoinette, now Mrs. Kenneth H. Simmons, of Bristol, and the mother of one child, Janet; and William John (II), who is a student in the Noah Webster school.

In the public life of his community Mr. Gabb has been a prominent and influential



figure. He organized the town board of finance at Bloomfield and was chairman for several years. This was the first town to have a trust company as tax collector and town treasurer and was the first to abolish the statutory auditors and employ public certified accountants. He represented Bloomfield in the general assembly in 1909 and was a candidate for state senator in 1912. He managed all of the Liberty Loan campaigns in Bloomfield and all of the drives put forth during the World war for the benefit of the country. He is a prominent figure in Masonic circles, holding membership in Hiram Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M., of Bloomfield, of which he was master in 1907 and 1908, while in 1920 and 1921 he was district deputy grand master of the fifth district. He also belongs to Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, R. A. M.; to Wolcott Council No. 1, R. & S. M.; and to Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., and served as its commander in 1918. He is also a member of the consistory, having taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine of which he was potentate in 1925. He belongs to Winterbury Chapter of the Eastern Star and is a member of the Hartford County Past Masters Association, of which he served as president in 1922. He was major commandant of Putnam Phalanx in 1920.

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#### RICHARD T. O'CONNELL

Richard T. O'Connell, judge of the probate district of East Hartford and a member of the Connecticut bar since 1908, was born in Colchester, this state, August 17, 1878, a son of Michael T. and Ann (Smith) O'Connell, natives of Ireland. During the Civil war period they crossed the Atlantic, taking up their abode in Montreal, Canada, where they were married, and subsequently they established their home in New London county, Connecticut, where the father engaged in business as a farmer and mill worker. He died in Colchester and his wife has also passed away.

At the usual age Richard T. O'Connell became a public school pupil in Colchester and subsequently attended Bacon Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. For a number of years he engaged in teaching school and proved a capable educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He next entered Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he pursued his classical course, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1903. He remained in the college for two years longer as a teacher and the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him. In 1905 he matriculated as a student in the New York Law School and completed the course in 1907, being admitted to practice at the Connecticut bar in January of the following year. He then located in East Hartford, where he has since followed the profession, and for about two years he filled the office of assistant prosecuting attorney of the town court. In November, 1910, he was elected probate judge and has been continuously reelected to the present time, so that he is now serving for the eighteenth year.

On the 9th of August, 1922, Mr. O'Connell was married to Miss Sarah J. O'Callaghan of Hartford. They have two children, Geraldine Smith and Sallie W. They are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church and Judge O'Connell is interested in all that makes for intellectual, social, civic and moral progress in his community. No higher testimonial of efficient judicial service can be given than the fact that he has been so long retained on the bench, where his fair and impartial rulings have gained him the strong endorsement of all who hold themselves amenable to law.

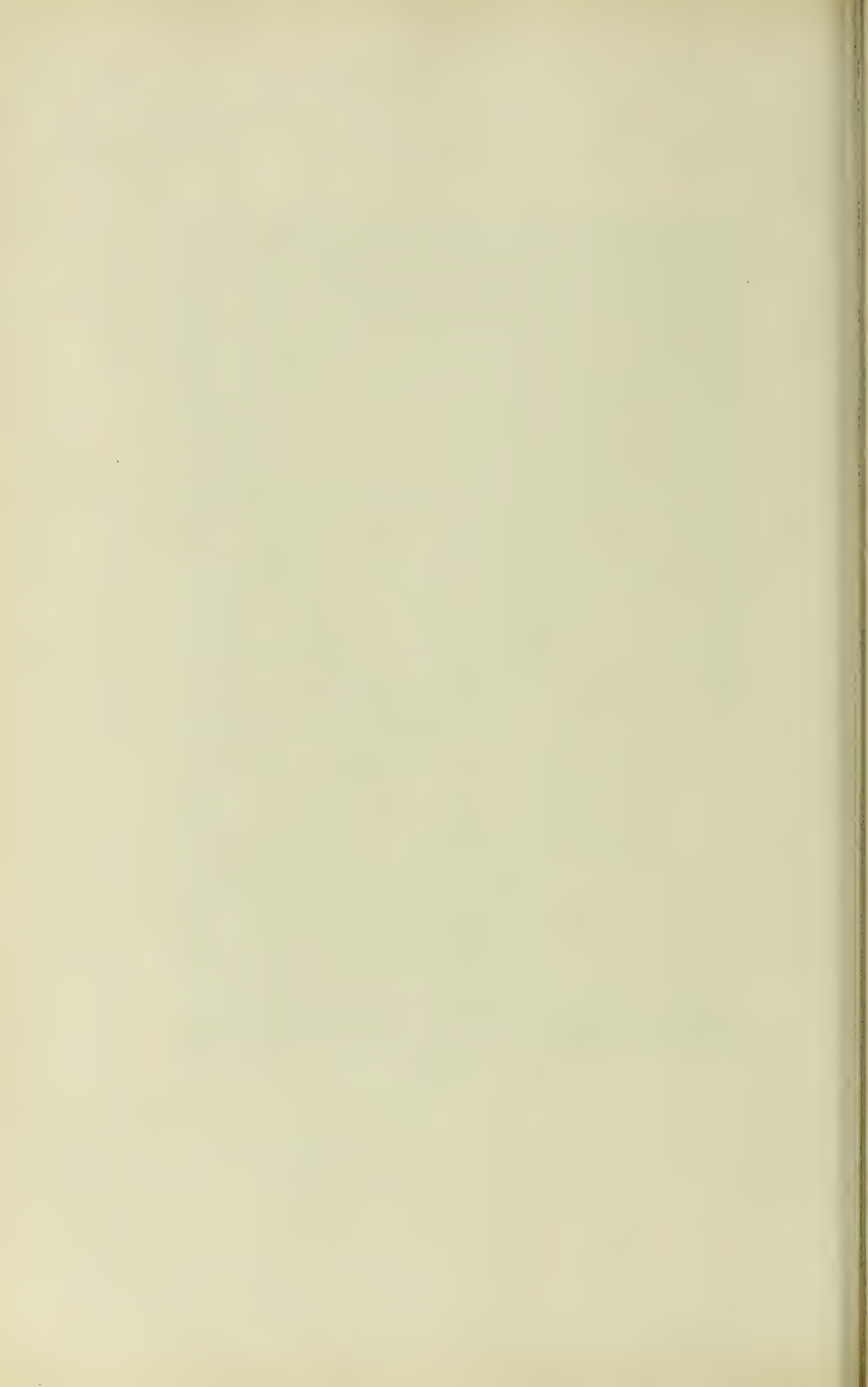
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#### FRANK ANDREW HAGARTY

Frank Andrew Hagarty, vice president and general counsel of the City Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, was born in this city, January 29, 1870. He attended St. Peter's parochial school and received additional training in the evening schools of Hartford and under private instruction. When a youth of thirteen he was employed in the plant of the Atlantic Screw Corporation, and his faithfulness and diligence were the means of bringing him promotion after but a brief period. He was ad-



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vanced to a position in the office of the company, later being given charge of the stock and shipping departments, and he remained with that company for twelve years or more. When he had reached the age of twenty-eight he determined to study law and pursued a course of reading under the direction of William F. Henney, then one of the leading lawyers of Hartford. After three years he had gained legal knowledge sufficient to procure his admission to the bar, and as he had had no college training, the board of legal examiners also required him to pass a literary examination. He made a good record in both examinations and in 1902 was admitted to the bar.

With his advent into legal circles Mr. Hagarty also became an active factor in the political life of Hartford, for the seventh ward elected him as one of its representatives in the common council, to which he was reelected in 1903. In 1904 he was chosen alderman. The same year he was a candidate for state senator in the third district and again in 1906, but that district has always been strongly democratic, while Mr. Hagarty has been a staunch republican. While thus active in politics he was making a creditable and notable record as a lawyer and in 1905 was appointed special prosecuting attorney, while in 1906 he received appointment to the board of park commissioners, filling both positions until 1907, when he resigned to accept appointment to the office of postmaster of Hartford. He served eight years as postmaster, retiring in 1915 after the advent of a democratic national administration under President Wilson. He it was who inaugurated the parcel post and the postal savings bank departments in Hartford, and he also was instrumental in establishing an all-night service in the sale of stamps. Under his administration and as a result of his efforts with the post office department at Washington the Hartford office became one of the earliest post offices to install motor-driven belt conveyors and other labor-saving devices designed to expedite the handling of the mails. His work brought Mr. Hagarty prominently before the public and led to his selection as mayoralty candidate in the spring of 1916. He had not sought the nomination and in fact in this instance, as on the other occasions when he was called to public office, it was the wish of his friends rather than his own wish that he should hold official position. However, he consented to become the republican nominee for mayor and following his election the Hartford Courant said: "He is the possessor of attributes which may be described as the 'big four' of the letter 'S' for he is safe and sane and sound and sincere." As chief executive of the municipality Mr. Hagarty gave evidence that the faith of his friends and supporters was not misplaced. He introduced needed reforms and progressive measures, which were far-reaching and beneficial. He practiced economy but not useless retrenchment in money matters, and municipal expenditures were always wisely made and brought valuable returns. His mayoralty service covered the period from 1916 to 1918 and involved many additional duties occasioned by the fact that America was then involved in the World war.

Mr. Hagarty was particularly interested in and gave much study to plans for the relief of traffic congestion through the widening and extension of streets in the center of the city. Upon recommendations contained in his messages to the court of common council, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars was appropriated by the electorate at the spring election in 1917 for the purposes of widening Church street, of extending Wells street into Hudson street, including the building of a stone bridge across Park river at Elm street, the extension of Prospect street into South Prospect street by means of a bridge across Park river from Arch street to Sheldon street, and the extension of Capitol avenue by means of a viaduct passing under the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. Each of these improvements has resulted in great benefit to the city. Mr. Hagarty was a pioneer in recommending the reclamation of the North and South Meadows by means of a dyke to be built along the river bank, and made this project the subject of special messages to the court of common council. That was in the days when aviation was in its infancy and Hartford's aviation field not thought of. Neither had the power plant of the Hartford Electric Light Company been established in the South Meadows, nor the plant of the Standard Oil Company. The meadow at that time was entirely virgin territory untouched by the hand of industry or commerce and valued at less than fifty dollars per acre on the tax list of the city. Mr. Hagarty's recommendation was not at the time followed although he continued to advocate it for several years after retiring from the office of mayor. The project was destined to lie untouched for more than another decade, until the great flood of 1927 and the increased requirements of the aviation field again brought it prominently into public notice and dis-

cussion. At the spring election of 1928 the foresight of Mr. Hagarty was justified when the voters approved an appropriation of one million dollars to carry out the reclamation work.

While in office Mr. Hagarty continued in the practice of law and long held a prominent position among the able and learned members of the Hartford bar. He retired from general professional activity, however, in 1922, when he became vice president and general counsel of the City Bank & Trust Company, in which position he has continued to the present time. He is also a director of the City Bank & Trust Company, of the Society for Savings, of the City Company of Hartford, Inc., and of other business organizations.

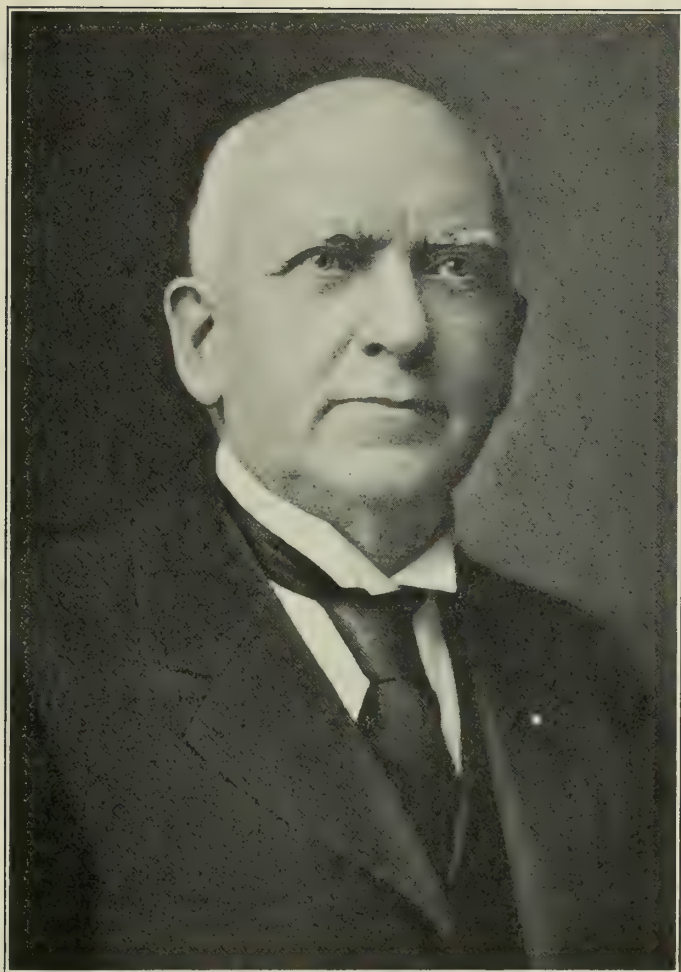
In 1907 Mr. Hagarty was married to Miss Isabel Cody, of Hartford, and they have one child, Christine. Mr. Hagarty is well known to and popular among his fellow members of the Hartford Club, the City Club and the Republican Club. His fellow townsmen have ever been loath to relinquish his public service, and he is now serving as a director of the Hartford Public Library and of St. Francis Hospital. He became the first president of the Hartford Meadows Development Commission and wrote the charter under which it was formed. In 1919 the legislature passed an act authorizing the establishment of that commission, and in 1920 Mr. Hagarty was called to the presidency thereof. Men of every party, of every creed and of every race respect and honor him, and he is most esteemed by those whose judgment of men is founded upon true worth of character.

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#### FRANK H. WHIPPLE

Frank H. Whipple occupies a position of distinction in business circles in Hartford not only by reason of his capability and success but also owing to his long association with one of the old established commercial enterprises of the city, for he is president of the firm of Olds & Whipple, manufacturers of fertilizers and also dealers in seeds and tools. For a half century the business has been carried on at Nos. 164 to 168 State street and has shared in the continuous development and growth of Hartford. Mr. Whipple was born in the town of New Braintree, Massachusetts, April 23, 1856, and is a son of John C. and Elizabeth (Allen) Whipple, the former a native of eastern Connecticut, whence he removed to New Braintree with his parents when a little lad of but four summers. He became a farmer and met with a substantial measure of success in the conduct of agricultural interests. He belonged to one of the old and honored pioneer families of Massachusetts.

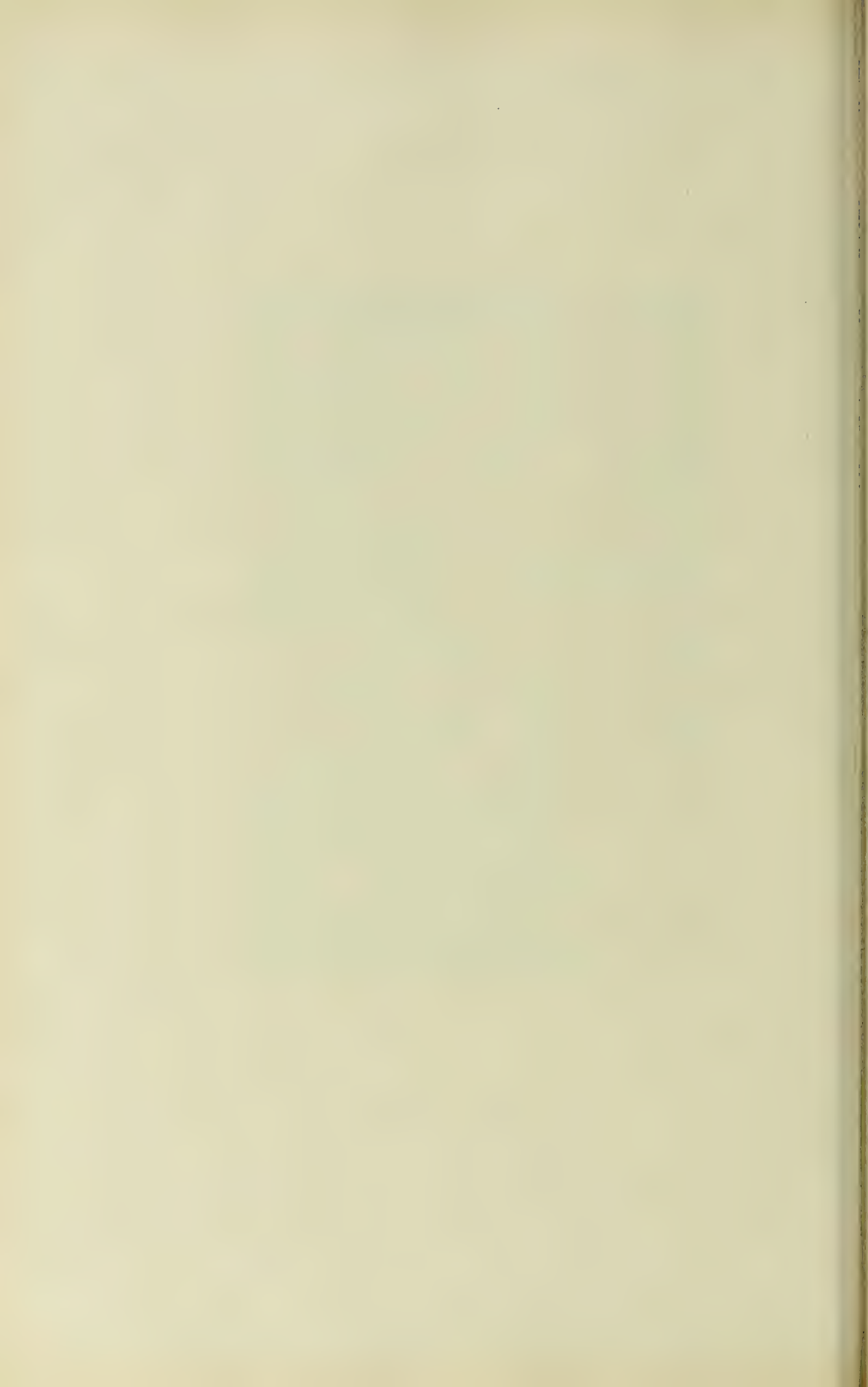
His son, Frank H. Whipple, acquired his education in the Worcester Academy and in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated. Early in his business career he was associated with the firm of Homer, Foote & Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, dealers in hardware and steel. He represented that house for three years and afterward spent a year as bookkeeper in the employ of J. S. Carr & Company, wholesale cracker manufacturers of Springfield. In 1877 he came to Hartford and on the 15th of November of that year entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Alfred A. Olds, in the establishment and conduct of the present business. Mr. Olds had formerly been associated with the firm of Allen & Willard, engaged in the sale of stoves, furnaces, fertilizers and agricultural implements. Later Mr. Willard purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. Allen, and when the firm of Olds & Whipple was organized they purchased the business from Mr. Willard. From the outset success attended the new undertaking. Their diligence and enterprise led to the rapid expansion of their business and after three years they purchased the business of Charles Allen & Son, who were handling similar lines in the store east of them. About the same time they purchased the entire property holdings occupied by both stores and also acquired property on Ferry street, where they erected a storage warehouse. For a half century the business has been conducted at Nos. 164 to 168 State street and Mr. Whipple is now the only business man on the street that was connected with commercial activities there at the time he became a partner in the firm of Olds & Whipple. In 1896 they erected their present building—a five-story structure which the company has since occupied. Some time later property was acquired on Commerce street, on which a fertilizer manufacturing plant was erected, the business



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FRANK H. WHIPPLE





being carried on for many years, with additional buildings being added from time to time. At length, however, this space proved inadequate and a large tract of land was acquired in East Hartford, where was erected a fertilizer plant with a capacity of twenty-five thousand tons during the planting season, covering about five months. In 1900 the firm took over large tobacco interests, including both the growing and packing of tobacco, and this branch of the business has since attained mammoth proportions. In 1920 the business had reached such a size that it was reorganized under the name of Olds & Whipple, Inc., but there was no change in ownership, the senior partner remaining an active factor in the business until his death, on the 17th of September, 1925. Associated with Frank H. Whipple, who is president of the company, are Merle W. Whipple (vice president), Frank A. Olds (treasurer) and Ernest J. Brewer (secretary). All through the passing years the company has kept in touch with the trend of modern business progress and improvement and in fact has stood in the vanguard of those who have achieved. In addition to the extensive business now handled by Olds & Whipple, Inc., in the manufacture of fertilizers and in the sale of seeds and tools, Mr. Whipple is also treasurer and a director of Steane, Hartman & Company, a director of the City Bank & Trust Company, a director and treasurer of the Otee Tobacco Corporation and president and director of the Windsor Tobacco Growers Corporation. His business interests have thus reached extensive proportions and the results achieved have been most satisfactory. He is a man of broad vision whose plans are always carefully formulated and promptly executed and his efforts most intelligently directed.

On the 1st of November, 1888, Mr. Whipple was united in marriage to Miss Clara M. Williams, of Springfield, Massachusetts. They are the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Frank A., who resides at Suffield, Connecticut, and who is in charge of the advertising agency of Charles W. Hoyt Company, Inc., of Springfield, Massachusetts; Merle W., who makes his home at Windsor and who is vice president of the firm of Olds & Whipple, Inc.; and Marion E., the wife of Kenneth T. Mackay, of Hartford. Mr. Whipple maintains his family residence at Hartford and a summer home at Black Point, Niantic, Connecticut. He and his wife are members of the Asylum Hill Congregational church, in which he has been a deacon for six years, taking active and helpful part in the church work. He belongs to the Hartford Club and to the City Club and few men are so widely and favorably known in Hartford as Frank H. Whipple, whose memory forms a connecting link with the somewhat primitive past and compasses the era of present-day business conditions that have led to the development of greater Hartford. Unqualified respect is entertained for him by all who have been associated with him or know aught of his career, and he is accounted one of the valued residents of the city.

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#### HENRY B. ROLLINS, M. D.

Broad experience in the field of his profession, combined with a sense of conscientious obligation to his fellowmen, has brought Dr. Henry B. Rollins to the front as one of the younger members of the medical fraternity in Hartford county. A son of Edward Henry and Anzonetta Rollins, he was born in Palmer, Massachusetts, on the 5th of May, 1896, and with the removal of the family to Connecticut he pursued his preliminary education in the Hartford public and high schools. His collegiate training was obtained in Dartmouth University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1920, and he then began preparation for medical practice as a student at Yale and is numbered among its alumni of 1922. Following his graduation he spent one year as interne in the New Haven General Hospital. For three years thereafter he was with the Yale Foundation at Changsha, China, where he served as professor of pathology. His experiences there were interesting, broad and enlightening. After his return from China he came to Southington on the 23d of March, 1927, and already had become well established as a capable physician with a growing practice. On March 1, 1928, he was made assistant medical director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

On the 23d of June, 1923, in Hartford, Dr. Rollins was united in marriage to Miss Helen Bristol, and they have two children, Edward Henry and Janice, both of whom were born in China. Dr. Rollins is a member of the various Masonic bodies

and loyally adheres to the teachings and purposes of the craft. He has membership in the Southington Club, and his social qualities, as well as his professional ability, have placed him high in public regard.

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#### HAROLD TALMADGE MESSENGER

Harold Talmadge Messenger, conducting an insurance business at 125 Trumbull street in Hartford, was born in Winsted, Connecticut, June 21, 1888, and is a son of Merritt and Alice (Talmadge) Messenger, also natives of this state. After completing a course in the Gilbert school in Winsted he entered Yale University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1909. He spent six months in New York city with the banking house of J. W. Seligman & Company and then came to Hartford, where in March, 1910, he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company, with which he remained for thirteen years, acting as cashier of its offices in Minneapolis and Detroit, after which he returned to the home office, where he was in the personnel department for four years.

In December, 1917, Mr. Messenger enlisted for service in the World war and was assigned to the quartermaster's department at Camp Johnston, Florida, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in July, 1918. He was then sent to Washington, D. C., remaining there until January, 1919, receiving a commission as first lieutenant. With his return to Hartford he became special agent in the office here and so continued until April, 1920, when he was sent to Detroit as assistant manager at that point. In September, 1921, he returned to Hartford to become assistant manager of the branch office in this city and in January, 1923, he joined the firm of Chase, Morrison & Company in charge of the insurance department. The firm discontinued business on the 1st of February, 1926, and Mr. Messenger took over the insurance department, since which time he has conducted independently a general insurance agency.

On the 12th of October, 1919, Mr. Messenger was married to Miss Nell Gwyn, of Elkin, North Carolina, and they have two children, Richard Gwyn and Betty. They reside at No. 177 Warrenton avenue in Hartford, and Mr. Messenger has membership in the University Club and the Hartford Golf Club.

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#### CARLYLE C. THOMSON

Carlyle C. Thomson, well known member of the Hartford bar, having for nineteen years been capably and successfully engaged in practice in the courts which convene in this city, is a native son of Connecticut and a Yale man. He was born in West Hartford, March 19, 1884, and is a son of Paul Thomson, who was a native of Scotland and for a long period after coming to America conducted business as a florist in West Hartford. He passed away in February, 1909. His wife, Jennette D. Thomson, was of English lineage, although the family has long been represented on this side of the Atlantic, as indicated in the fact that she is a Daughter of the American Revolution.

The youthful days of Carlyle C. Thomson were unmarked by event of special or spectacular importance. He attended the public schools of his native town and after leaving the high school entered Yale University, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in 1906. During his senior college year he studied law and then continued his preparatory reading in the office of Bill & Tuttle, well known attorneys of Hartford. In 1909 he was admitted to the bar and the following year he began practice independently. Throughout the intervening period he has steadily progressed, his practice becoming more and more important in character as well as in volume, so that his name figures in connection with some of the most notable litigation heard in the courts of this district. He has largely confined his attention to civil law and his knowledge of legal principles is comprehensive and exact.

In May, 1908, Mr. Thomson was united in marriage to Miss Alice B. Harvey, a daughter of Lewis W. and Jennie W. (Hotchkiss) Harvey, of West Hartford. They





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CARLYLE C. THOMSON



now have three children: Paul, born in August 22, 1909; Virginia H., born in October 29, 1910; and Dorothy Jane, born August 26, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are highly esteemed in the social circles in which they move and he is a member of the University, City and West Hartford Country clubs. Fraternally he is a Mason, loyal to the teachings and high purposes of the craft. Politically he is a republican and since 1907 has continuously served as justice of the peace of West Hartford. He has also been assessor there and in 1917 he represented his town in the general assembly, where his powers of analysis enabled him to judge of the value of any proposed measure, while his patriotic spirit led to his strong endorsement of any cause which he believed beneficial to the commonwealth. Since 1920, when the town government of West Hartford was changed to the council-manager form of government, Mr. and prior to that had been legal adviser to the town on many important matters. Thomson has been continuously corporation counsel for the town of West Hartford,

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#### CHARLES R. RILEY

Throughout his business career Charles R. Riley has been identified with industrial affairs, giving his best efforts to every task that he has undertaken, and in the steps of an orderly progression he has reached an influential position in manufacturing circles of Bristol. He is a son of William J. and Margaret (Russell) Riley and was born August 14, 1875, in Colchester, Connecticut. In the public schools of East Hartford he pursued his studies and prepared for a commercial career by a course in the Huntsinger Business College. His first position was that of a clerk in the Ingraham clock works and later he was employed in a similar capacity by the New Departure Corporation of Bristol. In 1905 he became connected with the Horton Company, manufacturers of sporting equipment, and his worth soon won recognition. Mr. Riley worked his way through the various departments and is now vice president and general manager of the corporation, to which he has given twenty-two years of faithful, efficient service, working untiringly to promote its interests. He is one of the directors of the firm and also of the National Marine Lamp Company of Bristol.

In this city Mr. Riley was married February 22, 1898, to Miss Louise F. Michael and they have one child, William C., who was born October 29, 1902. During the World war Mr. Riley was a member of the Connecticut National Guard, in which he served for two years, and was made corporal of his company, later becoming a sergeant. He belongs to the Shuttlemeadow Country Club of Bristol and the Explorers Club of New York city. In the Masonic order he holds the thirty-second degree and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Earnest, purposeful and industrious, Mr. Riley has converted his opportunities into tangible assets and his strength of character and personal magnetism have drawn to him a large circle of sincere friends.

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#### CAPTAIN LEONARD C. DEWING

Captain Leonard C. Dewing, operating in the field of real estate and making steady progress toward the goal of success, is a native of Hartford, born July 13, 1893. His parents, Leonard Hiram and Fanny Chandler (Ames) Dewing, were natives of Mansfield, Connecticut, and of Oswego, New York, respectively. The father was a broker of New York city for some years and afterward a farmer but about 1880 removed to Hartford, where he retired from active business life and where he passed away in April, 1926. The mother survives and now makes her home at No. 208 North Beacon street in Hartford.

Captain Dewing was educated in the South school and in the high school of this city, being graduated with the class of 1912. He later attended Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, completing his course in 1917, when the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. In the same year he enlisted and went to the officers' training camp at Plattsburg, New York, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant on the 26th of November. From there he was transferred to Camp Dix,



New Jersey, and joining the Three Hundred and Eleventh Infantry he sailed for Europe on the 18th of May, 1918, and was on overseas duty with the British until the following September. He was in the front line training in August and on the 12th of September participated in the St. Mihiel drive, being also on duty in the Limey sector and in the Meuse-Argonne drive, when with the troops of his command he was relieved on the 5th of November, 1918, and went into camp near Dijon, France. He was promoted to a first lieutenant November 8, 1918, and attended the Second Corps School at Chatillon-sur-Seine, also the British Fourth Army Musketry School at Norbecourt, France. Between the 1st of March and the 1st of July, 1919, he was a student in the Sorbonne university in Paris and then returned to America, landing on the 28th of July, 1919, and receiving his discharge on the 11th of August following. He then joined the Officers Reserve Corps and on the 25th of January, 1923, was promoted to a captaincy, while at the present writing he is plans and training officer of the Three Hundred and Fourth Infantry. He belongs to the American Legion, the Military Order of the World War and the Military Order of Foreign Wars.

Since the war Captain Dewing has been engaged in the real estate business and is now treasurer and one of the directors of Dewing & Dewing, Inc., at the same time holding a similar connection with Falcone & Dewing, Inc., the latter organization being engaged in the manufacture of an adjustable arch for shoes. His business affairs are wisely and capably conducted and at all times he displays the thoroughness and close application which constitute the basis of growing success. His appreciation of the social activities is manifest in his membership connection with the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club, the Westmoor Polo Club and the Williams Club of New York city. He resides with his mother at No. 208 North Beacon street, Hartford.

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#### CHARLES WINSLOW BURPEE

Charles Winslow Burpee was born in Rockville, Tolland county, Connecticut, November 13, 1859, being the second son of Thomas F. and Adeline M. (Harwood) Burpee. His father was colonel of the Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war and was killed at Cold Harbor. On both his father's and his mother's sides, he is of early colonial ancestry. After graduating at the Rockville high school, where he established a school publication, he went to Yale University, receiving the degree of B. A. with the class of 1883. There he served as chairman of the Yale Daily News. Immediately on graduation he became city editor of the Waterbury (Conn.) American.

Colonel Burpee married Bertha Stiles, daughter of Ransom B. and Anna (Stillman) Stiles, of Bridgeport, in 1885. They have one son, Stiles, who was graduated at Yale University in 1926 and is now on the staff of the Hartford Times.

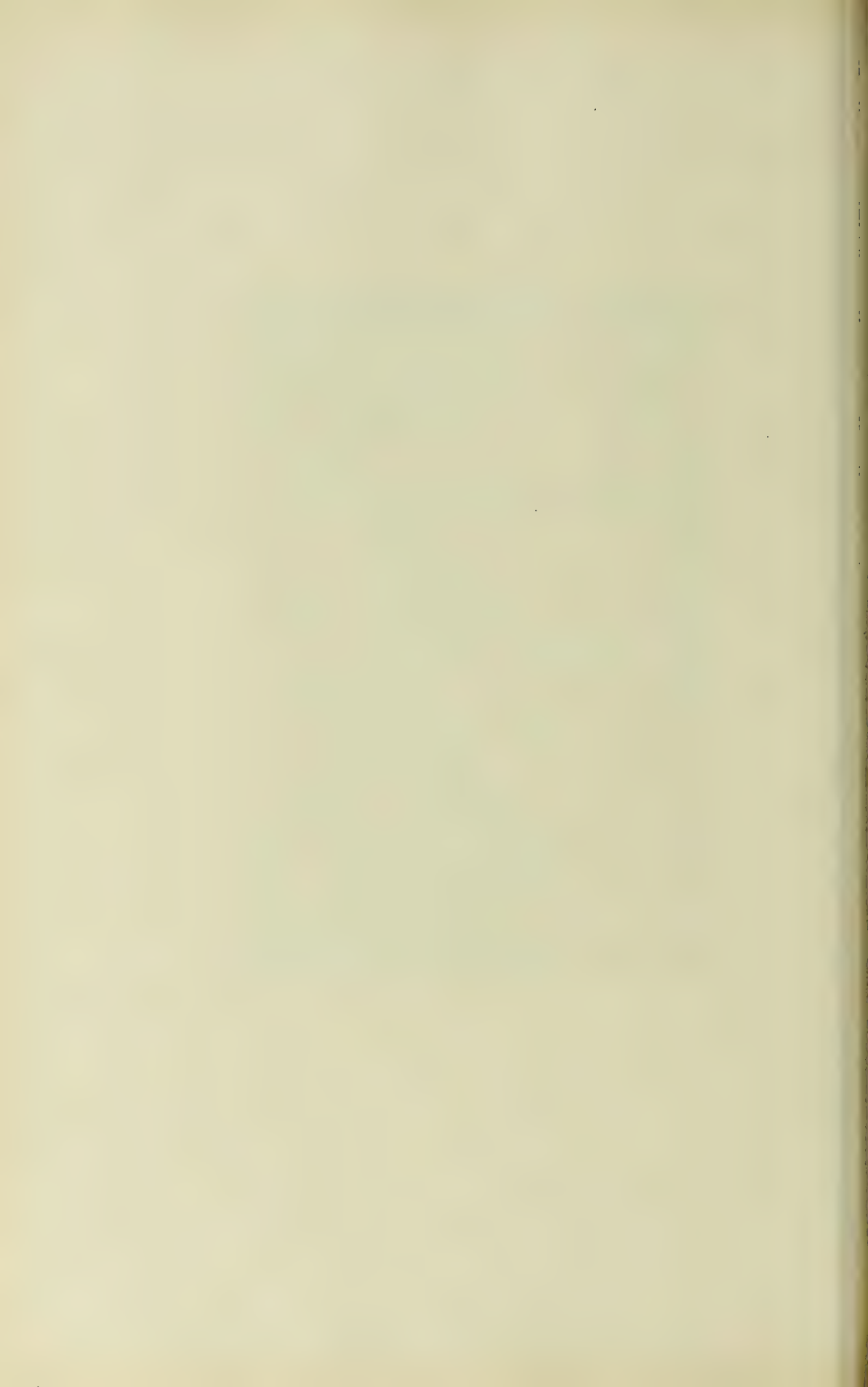
From 1891 to 1895 he was associate editor of the Bridgeport Standard. He joined the staff of the Hartford Courant in 1895 and was managing editor from 1900 to 1904, when he went as editor with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, with which company he is still connected, being in charge of the reinstatement division. He has contributed to various periodicals, chiefly on historical subjects, to the "History of Waterbury," which was published in 1896, and to the "History of Connecticut," published in 1925.

He held five commissions at different times in three different regiments of the Connecticut National Guard. In the Spanish-American war, having resigned a year previously, he went out with the First Infantry, on Colonel Charles L. Burdett's staff, to assist, without commission. For the World war he was beyond the age limit. He First Infantry, Connecticut State Guard, composed of men who by reason of age or served from 1917 to 1921 (disbandment) as district commander and colonel of the exemption were not called or accepted for active federal service and were organized, under call by the legislature and Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, for service of protection within the state.

He has served on the board of education, on the high school building committee and as secretary of the Municipal Art Society. He is a member of the Connecticut Historical Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the National Council of the National Economic League of veteran military associations (president of the Twenty-first Regiment Connecticut Volunteers Association), of the Hartford County Yale



CHARLES W. BURPEE





Alumni Association (of which he has been president and also secretary of the loan fund committee) and of the Twilight Club. In Yale, he was in Psi Upsilon fraternity and in Skull and Bones.

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#### FRANK L. COROSO, D. D. S.

Dr. Frank L. Coroso, while one of the younger members of the dental profession in Hartford county, has sought success along the well defined lines of close application and thoroughness, and thus it is that he is accorded a liberal practice which is constantly increasing.

The Doctor is a native son of Hartford, he having been born in that city on the 12th of May, 1900. His parents, Rocco and Margaret Coroso, were natives of Italy but established their home in Hartford, where the Doctor was reared and educated, attending the city schools until he had passed through consecutive grades and had completed the high school course. It was then that he determined upon a professional career and in preparation therefor entered the Baltimore College, gaining his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery upon graduation with the class of 1922. Returning to Hartford, he there opened an office but in 1923 removed to Bristol, where he has since remained. He soon gave evidence of possessing the three qualities which are essential to success in his chosen field—mechanical skill and ingenuity, a knowledge of scientific methods and the business ability to wisely direct the financial phases of dental practice. Gradually his patronage has increased until he now occupies a most creditable place in professional circles. He belongs to the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Dental Associations and he is the vice president of the Bristol Dental Society. He also belongs to the Sons of Italy, thus keeping in touch with those who, like himself, trace their ancestral lines to that country. He has pleasing social qualities and has thus gained a creditable place in social as well as professional circles.

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#### FREDERIC L. WAY

Since the completion of his World war service Frederic L. Way has been actively engaged in the insurance business in Hartford as the head of The Fred L. Way Agency of the Travelers Insurance Company, with offices at No. 15 Lewis street. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 24, 1896, and is a son of John L. and Gertrude (Hammer) Way, both of whom are natives of Hartford county. The father, after many years' service as vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company, resigned in 1924 and is now living retired.

Frederic L. Way was brought to this city by his parents when a small boy and attended the Hartford grammar school, after which he entered Yale as a member of the class of 1919. With America's advent into the World war, however, his textbooks were put aside and he joined the One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion of the Twenty-sixth Division, with which he went overseas, remaining with this battalion on active duty in France for about two years. He saw service at the front in the Chemin des Dames section and was an instructor in the machine gun school at Langres, France, for some time. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and was mustered out at Camp Devens in Massachusetts in 1919.

With his return home Mr. Way became actively associated with the Travelers Insurance Company as a special agent in Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained for two years, and subsequently he spent a similar period as special agent at Syracuse, New York. He then returned to Hartford and has since conducted an agency for the Travelers in this city, his business having now reached extensive and gratifying proportions. His progressive spirit and reliable methods have constituted the basis on which he has built his success.

On the 19th of February, 1921, Mr. Way was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Sloan, of Hartford, and they are the parents of two children: Ruth, born July 26, 1923; and John L. (II), born September 3, 1925. They reside at No. 126 Whiting Lane in West Hartford.

Mr. Way is well known through membership connections as well as by reason of his business activity. He belongs to the Hartford Golf Club, to St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to the Military Order of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and his social qualities make for popularity in these organizations.

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#### OSCAR G. KNAPP

With his business career yet largely before him, one does not hesitate to prophesy a successful future for Oscar G. Knapp, judged by what he has already accomplished and the qualities which he has displayed in business management thus far. A native son of Connecticut, he was born at Southington on the 18th of September, 1889, and now makes his home at Plantsville. He is secretary and treasurer of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, Incorporated, of Milldale, Connecticut. While spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Jacob and Magdalena (Wagner) Knapp, he attended the public schools, which constituted his preliminary training to his business life. It was on the 3d of August, 1903, when a youth of but fourteen years, that he entered the employ of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company at Milldale in a clerical capacity. From the outset he realized that industry, perseverance and diligence are essential features of business advancement and his cultivation of those qualities subsequently led to his appointment as assistant secretary of the company, while in 1925 he was advanced to the position of secretary and treasurer. He has also become a director of the company and has further broadened the scope of his business activities by association with other important interests having to do with the welfare and material development of Hartford county. He is now on the directorate of the Southington Bank & Trust Company and has been a director and the treasurer of the Southington Building & Loan Association since its organization in 1912. What he undertakes he accomplishes and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail for obstacles and difficulties in his path seem to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part.

At Southington, on the 4th of June, 1913, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Clara Louise Ramsay, and they have one child, Jean Louise, born March 1, 1924. Fraternally Mr. Knapp is a Mason, identified with the various branches of the order, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. He is a popular member of the Southington Club, the Exchange Club, the Meriden Home Club, and the Southington Country Club, of which he was the first president. His interest in community welfare has found tangible manifestation in his service as burgess of the borough of Southington through a period of eight years and he is now auditor of the borough. He discharges his public duties with the same spirit of earnestness and fidelity that has characterized his business career and he is widely recognized as a young man of worth, enjoying the high esteem, confidence and good will of all by reason of what he has accomplished and the sterling traits of character which he has displayed in all the relations of life.

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#### WILLIAM HORACE ROSENFELD, D. D. S.

Dr. William Horace Rosenfeld, who has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Hartford since 1912 and is also known in business circles as a director of the Merchants Bank, was born in New York city December 24, 1890, and is a son of Marks and Libbie (Sapiro) Rosenfeld, who were natives of Poland but came to America about a half century ago, settling in New York city. Fifteen years later they established their home in Hartford, where both passed away.

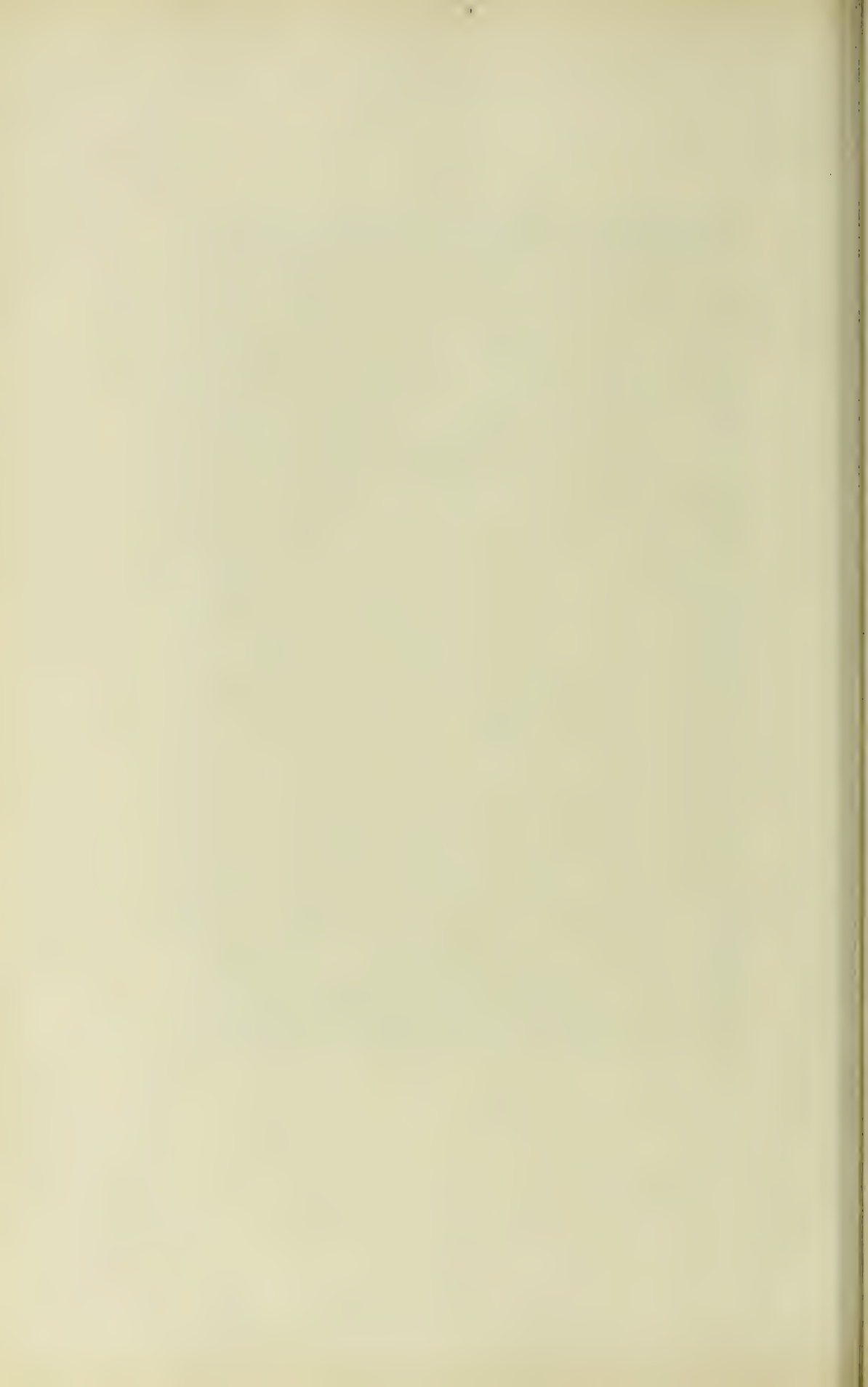
Following the removal of the family to Connecticut, Dr. Rosenfeld attended the Hartford schools until graduated from the Brown school, after which he continued his studies in the Hartford public high school. Wishing to follow a professional career, he took up the study of dentistry, completing a course in the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, a department of the University of Maryland, with the class of 1911. He then practiced in New York city for about a year but on the expiration of that period again took up his abode in Hartford, where he has since followed his



(Photograph by Bachrach)

OSCAR G. KNAPP





profession, being accorded a good practice in recognition of the skill and ability which he has developed in this field. He also became one of the organizers of the Merchants Bank and has been a director from the beginning, while at the present writing he is the first vice president of the institution and is now acting in the capacity of president in the absence of Mr. Pilgard. In 1925 he took a course in finance and banking at Columbia University, New York. He is a director of several corporations.

Dr. Rosenfeld maintains his office at No. 1039 Main street and makes his home at No. 1572 Main street. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and the Probus Club of New York. He also has membership in the Alpha Omega fraternity, of which he was at one time president. That he keeps in close touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and progress is indicated in his membership connections with the Harris Hayden Odontological Society, the Connecticut State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

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#### DANIEL L. CARPENTER

Daniel L. Carpenter, assistant advertising manager of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, was born in Lebanon, Connecticut May 3, 1895. On the 27th of April, 1917, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Irene Swift, of Sharon Springs, New York, and they are the parents of a son, Hugh Swift.

Mr. Carpenter is actively interested in community affairs and in 1925 was elected alderman from the fourth ward of Hartford, filling the position for one term and serving on several important committees during that period. Fraternally he is connected with St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

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#### JOHN ANTHONY DANAHER

John Anthony Danaher, attorney at law in Hartford and possessed of those qualities which not only make for progress in his chosen calling but for popularity among his constantly extending circle of friends, was born in Meriden, Connecticut, January 9, 1899, his parents being Cornelius J. and Ellen (Ryan) Danaher, who are also natives of Meriden, where representatives of the Danaher family have been found since about 1847. They came from County Clare, Ireland, and the grandfather, John Danaher, served as a sergeant in the Seventh Connecticut Regiment during the Civil war. The father, Cornelius J. Danaher, is an attorney of Meriden, where he has filled the office of corporation counsel.

In the acquirement of his education John A. Danaher completed a course in the Meriden high school and was later graduated from Yale College, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1920. He then pursued a law course at Yale and passed the required examination which won him admission to the bar on the 14th of January, 1922. He was appointed to the position of vice consul under Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, resigning that position to enter into active connection with the law firm of White & Case, at 14 Wall street, with which firm he served his legal clerkship in New York city. When the United States entered the World war he became an officer candidate and was assigned to the Fourth Replacement Regiment at Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, where he remained from the 1st of July to the 10th of September, 1918. He was then transferred to New Haven with the Yale Artillery Batteries and was commissioned a second lieutenant of the field artillery on the 14th of December, 1918. He then resigned his commission in March, 1919, and resumed his studies in Yale College.

In April, 1922, Mr. Danaher took up his abode in Hartford, where he has since engaged in the practice of his profession. On the 14th of July of that year he was appointed special assistant United States attorney and so continued until October 11, 1923, when he was appointed assistant United States attorney and is still filling that office. Mr. Danaher is also a representative of our national game inasmuch as he is a stockholder and secretary of the Hartford Baseball Club, Inc., which was pur-

chased from James H. Clarkin, the new owners being: Robert J. Farrell, president; Alex W. Creedon, vice president; James C. E. Dillon, treasurer; Thomas J. Spellacy, assistant treasurer; John A. Danaheer, secretary; and James De Monte, assistant secretary.

On the 3d of February, 1921, Mr. Danaheer was married to Miss Dorothy King, of Meriden, Connecticut, and they have three children: John A., Jr., born November 10, 1921; Robert C., born December 22, 1922; and Jeanne, September 1, 1926.

The family resides at No. 63 Tremont street, while Mr. Danaheer has his office at 50 State street in Hartford. He is very fond of all outdoor sports, including fishing, hunting and golf, and to these he turns for recreation. He is a member of the University Club, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and of Corbey Court of the Yale Law School. He likewise has membership connection with the Sons of Veterans. He is alert to the interests and opportunities of the day and his own activities have been wisely directed and have been prompted by a laudable ambition that is carrying him steadily forward.

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#### WILLIAM JOSEPH TRACY

As a merchant and financier, William Joseph Tracy has stimulated Bristol's development, displaying that spirit of enterprise which makes for public progress as well as individual prosperity, and in community affairs he is equally prominent. A son of James and Catherine (Baggett) Tracy, he was born November 16, 1869, and is a native of the city. His education was acquired in its public schools, and his start in life was obtained by working in the plant of the Ingraham Clock Company. For eight years he was in the employ of that corporation and then opened a retail meat market, of which he was the proprietor for twenty-seven years. His patronage constantly increased, and he was regarded as one of the leading meat dealers of Bristol. In 1920 he organized the Tracy-Driscoll Company, investment brokers, and is president of the company, which transacts a large business. An astute financier, Mr. Tracy has also become a forceful figure in the operations of the American Trust Company, of which he is vice president and a director, and his name likewise appears on the directorate of the Bristol National Bank, all of which have benefited by his experience and sound judgment.

Mr. Tracy was married June 12, 1895, in Bristol to Miss Ellen B. Lacey, a daughter of John and Catherine Lacey. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy numbers five children: William E., Francis, Joseph, Paul B. and Helen B.

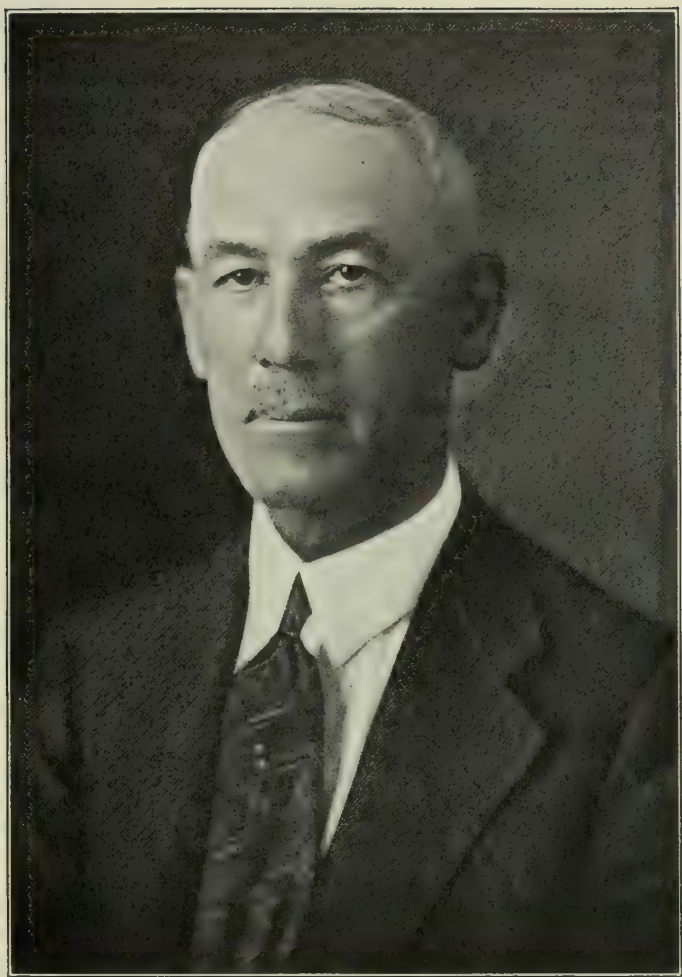
In politics Mr. Tracy is a democrat and his public spirit has been expressed by tangible efforts for the general good. When Bristol was organized as a borough he was its first burgess and since Bristol has enjoyed the status of a city he has been one of its park commissioners. He has served as a director of the Chamber of Commerce for several years and loses no opportunity to exploit the resources, advantages and attractions of this locality. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic and for some time has been a member of the board of trustees of St. Joseph's church, working untiringly in its behalf. Along fraternal lines he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Formerly he was active in sports. For some years he owned the Hartford Base Ball Club and it is generally acknowledged that he did more for this sport than anyone else during his connection with it. After selling his interest in the club he was elected president of Eastern League and served from 1902 to 1906. Mr. Tracy leads a well balanced life and the years have strengthened his position in public esteem, for worthy motives and high principles have actuated him at all points in his career.

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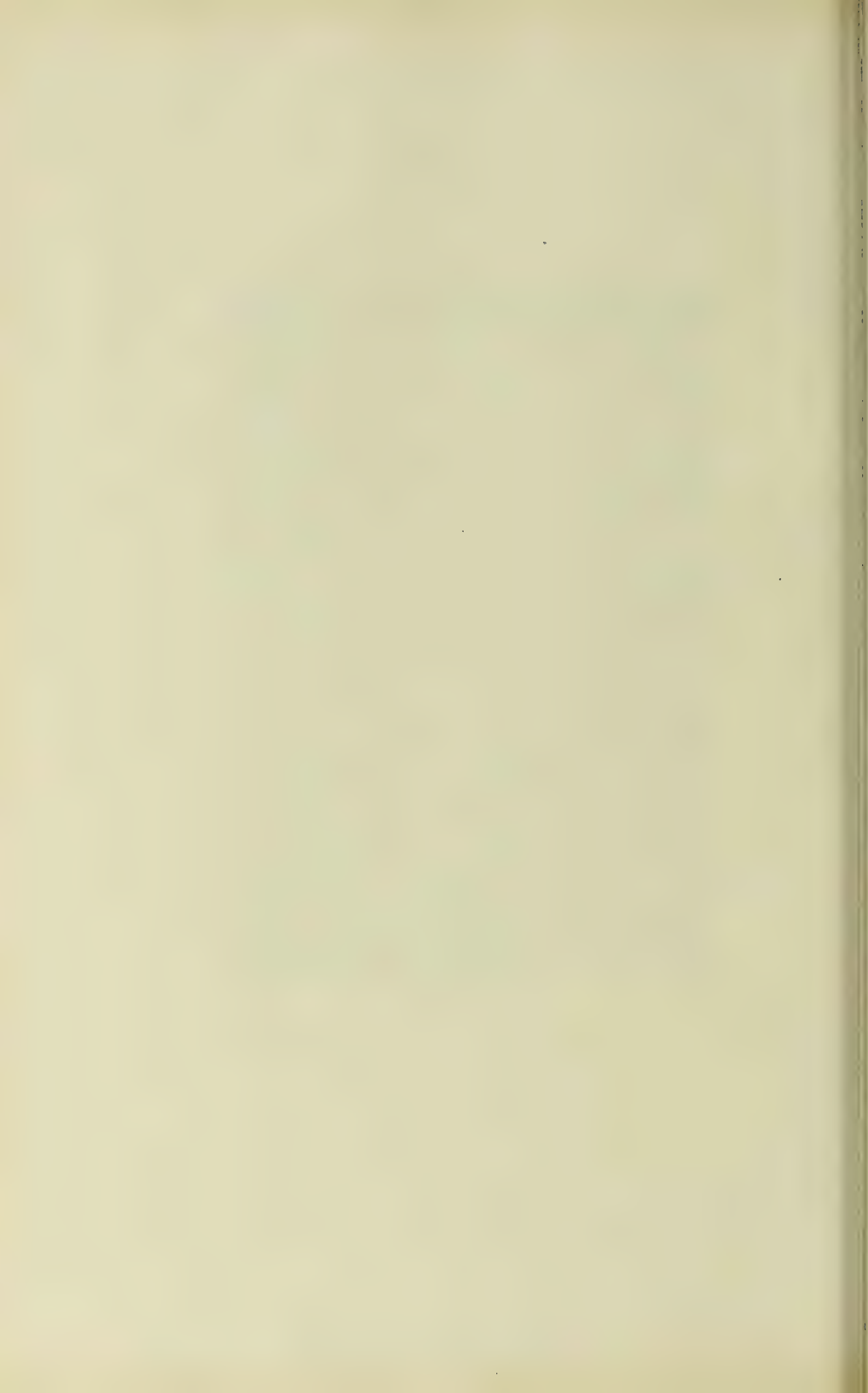
#### WILLIAM J. HARRIS

Although his residence in Plainville covers but a few years, William J. Harris is a business man of broad experience and has already become a forceful figure in local industrial circles. A native of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, he was born December 10, 1874, and is a son of William J. and Phoebe B. (Baldwin) Harris. He completed a





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course in the high school at Montclair, New Jersey, and also studied under private tutors. For eight years he was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and then ventured in business for himself. In 1912 he located in New York city and soon became well known as a manufacturer's export agent. During the World war he was in charge of a section of the supply division of the Emergency Fleet and afterward resumed his activities in connection with the export trade. In 1925 he established his home in Plainville and has since been connected with the Peck-Harris Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of small stampings, flat springs and wire forms. D. C. Peck is president of the corporation and Mr. Harris discharges the duties of secretary and treasurer.

In 1903 Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Theona C. Peck, a daughter of Donald C. and Frances (Marshall) Peck. The family is one of prominence in Plainville and a sketch of Mr. Peck is published elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Harris is a business man of high standing and has thoroughly allied his interests with those of Plainville, which regards him as a valuable addition to its citizenship.

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#### CHARLES DONALD RAREY

Charles Donald Rarey, comptroller of the Travelers Insurance, Travelers Indemnity and Travelers Fire Insurance Companies at Hartford, was born in Columbus, Ohio, May 8, 1888, a son of Dr. Franklin Stage Rarey and Frances M. (Scofield) Rarey, who are also natives of Ohio. Both represent old pioneer families of the Buckeye state who removed westward from New England and both trace their descent from early colonial ancestors. Dr. Rarey is a physician still actively practicing in Columbus, Ohio.

Charles Donald Rarey, having attended the public schools of his native city until he had graduated from high school, then entered Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, and in January, 1910, when a young man of twenty-two years, became associated with the Travelers as cashier in the branch office at Columbus. There he remained until June, 1911, when he was made a traveling auditor for the company and visited branch offices and agencies throughout the United States and Canada. In January, 1915, he was elected auditor of the Travelers and held that position until March, 1927, when he was elected comptroller. Throughout his entire business life he has been with the Travelers.

On the 1st of September, 1917, Mr. Rarey was united in marriage to Miss Helen Huntington Staples, of Westport, Connecticut. There are three children: Mary Frances, Helen Huntington and Ralph Stage.

Mr. Rarey served in the navy during the World war. He belongs to Psi Upsilon, a college fraternity, and is a member of the Hartford Club and the Hartford Golf Club. He is also identified with the Sons of the American Revolution.

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#### RALPH A. RICHARDSON, M. D.

The medical fraternity of Bristol finds a worthy representative in Dr. Ralph A. Richardson, who established practice here in 1916 and for twelve years has devoted his attention to professional activities, his labors being attended with gratifying results. A native of Maine, he was born at Amherst on the 18th of January, 1890, and is a son of James Edward and Nettie (Sumner) Richardson. He pursued his primary education in the local public schools and afterward had the benefit of instruction in the Hebron Academy. Later he attended the University of Vermont, in which he pursued his professional course, winning the M. D. degree at his graduation in 1914. He gained valuable practical experience as an interne in the Fannie Allen Hospital at Burlington, Vermont, and in 1915 he opened an office at Randolph, Vermont, where he remained until coming to Bristol in 1916. In August, 1917, he joined the United States army for World war service and was thus engaged until May, 1919, being connected with the officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and afterward transferred to the base hospital at Camp Jackson. In September, 1918, he went to France, where he was attached to Base Hospital No. 58 at Rimau-



court Haute Marne. In April, 1919, he returned to the United States and was mustered out at Camp Devens in May.

In October, 1917, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Dr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Estelle Platt and they are now the parents of three children: Martha, Ralph and Lynn.

Dr. Richardson has membership in Phoenix Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and has also taken the degrees of the chapter and council in Masonry. He likewise has membership with the Elks and with the Odd Fellows and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of these organizations. He always fully meets the duties and obligations of life in matters of citizenship and is most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties, while his ability is widely recognized and has brought him prominently to the front.

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#### OWEN MORGAN

Owen Morgan, assistant secretary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, came to Hartford from Texas. He was born in Dallas, January 14, 1883. His parents were Richard and Lilly (Owen) Morgan. His father was a native of Savannah, Georgia, and his mother a native of Lebanon, Tennessee. The father was an attorney at law and served during the latter years of his life as a judge of the state court of Texas. He died in 1907, and his wife died in 1898.

Owen Morgan received his early education in the schools of Dallas. He later attended St. Paul's School, Garden City, Long Island, from which he was graduated in 1902. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1906 from Trinity College, Hartford. After three years in business in New York he became identified with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company in the actuarial department.

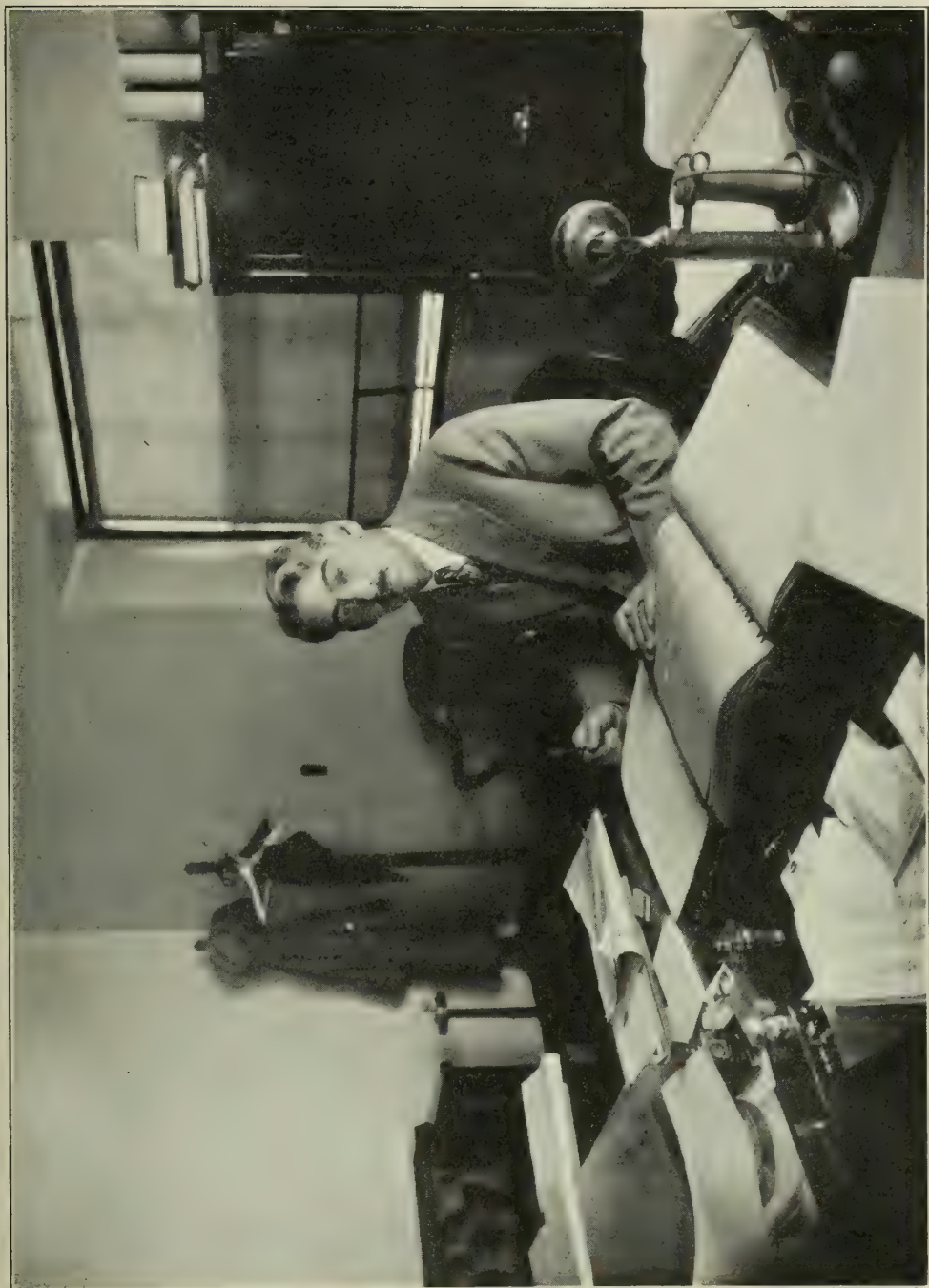
On June 28, 1913, Mr. Morgan was married to Emily Tenney Silsby of Newbury, Vermont. They have two boys, Richard Morgan IV, born January 19, 1915; and William Silsby Morgan, born January 19, 1916.

Mr. Morgan is a member of the University Club of Hartford, the Hartford Golf Club and the Twentieth Century Club. He was appointed by Mayor Stevens in May, 1926, to the board of police commissioners. He is also a trustee of Trinity College, a director of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind and a director of the American School for the Deaf and a vestryman of Trinity church.

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#### PERCY ROTHWELL

Percy Rothwell, a certified public accountant holding a foremost position in his profession because of highly developed skill and efficiency, was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England, July 2, 1873, and is a son of Peter Richard and Alice (Chatburn) Rothwell, of that place. His father was an insurance broker. The son after acquiring a common school education attended All Souls College in his native town and in due time was graduated. He then started out in the business world as an employe of Andrew Knowles & Sons, proprietors of a colliery at Bolton. He was a youth of nineteen years when in 1892 he crossed the Atlantic to Canada and was employed by the Guardian Assurance Company of Montreal. In 1894, however, he crossed the border into the United States and here turned his attention to the fire insurance business as a representative of the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company, being appointed to a clerical position in the Hartford office. He remained with that corporation for five years, or until 1899, when he removed to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and was employed by the Raritan Copper Works for five years, becoming chief accountant of that concern. In 1904 he became associated with Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants of New York city, as a member of their traveling staff, and so continued until 1906, when he returned to Hartford and established business on his own account. On the 27th of March, 1916, he received a certificate which licensed him to practice as a certified public accountant of Connecticut. On the 31st of March, 1918, he entered into partnership with Seth Hadfield, under the firm style of Hadfield & Rothwell, and in 1922 Charles F. Coates was



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admitted to a partnership, having previously been associated with Mr. Hadfield as an employe from the time when the latter began an independent practice. In the same year Frank E. Soule likewise became a member of the firm and the business is now conducted under the style of Hadfield, Rothwell & Soule, Mr. Coates still remaining in the partnership.

On the 24th of June, 1899, Mr. Rothwell was married to Miss Emmy Aubanel, of Geneva, Switzerland, who passed away June 20, 1925, leaving one daughter, Natalie Aubanel, now the wife of Wendell A. Teague, of New Bedford, Massachusetts. In his political views Mr. Rothwell is a republican and during the World war period he did important service as general auditor for all war bureaus in Connecticut, to which position he was appointed by Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, February 12, 1917, serving until the close of hostilities under the title of auditor of the Connecticut Bureau of Military Census. Socially he is connected with the Hartford Club, Hartford and Wampanoag Country clubs and with the Brooklawn Country Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut, while along strictly professional lines he is associated with the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Certified Public Accounts and the American Institute of Accountants. Fraternally he is a Mason. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in America, for here he has found opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has made steady advancement until success has rewarded his efforts and his position in his profession is an enviable one.

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#### HERMAN ARTHUR GOLDSTEIN

Herman Arthur Goldstein, attorney at law with offices at 75 Pearl street in Hartford, has come to New England from the middle west. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 29, 1899, his parents being Abe and Sophia (Kulberg) Goldstein, who are natives of Austria, the father coming to America about 1884, while the mother crossed the Atlantic about 1886. They made their way westward to Minneapolis, where they were married, and there the father engaged in business as a manufacturer of furniture for a number of years but is now connected with the Hagerstown (Md.) Chair Company.

Having completed a course in the public schools of his native city, Herman A. Goldstein then continued his education in the University of Minnesota, but after the United States declared war in 1917 he entered the service as a wireless operator on the United States Ship Indianapolis, going overseas on that ship. He continued in the transport service, making four round trips between the American and European ports. He had previously attended the Dunwoody Institute of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the radio department or, as it was known, the United States Navy Department Dunwoody School. He received his discharge in July, 1919, and when his country no longer needed his aid he entered the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in June, 1923, with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to practice at the Minnesota bar but soon afterward came east, settling in Hartford. Here he entered the office of Judge Elsner, with whom he remained until March, 1925, when he became associated with S. Polk Waskowitz, that relation being maintained until January, 1927. At the death of Thomas McKone he took over his office, which he has since occupied, and is now devoting his attention untiringly to the practice of his profession. He recognizes that progress is a cumulative process and that where there is no advancement there has been no effort. The success which he has attained is due to his own merit and at all times he seems to fully realize the importance of the profession to which he devotes his energies, being ever careful to conform his practice to the highest professional ethics and standards. In addition to his work as an attorney he is serving as a director of the Capitol Fuel Oil Company and as a director of the Hartford Sugar Company.

On the 15th of October, 1925, Mr. Goldstein was married to Miss Adeline Elizabeth Suisman, of Hartford, and they have one child, Jean Myra, born November 17, 1926, who is now the life and light of the household at 124 Westbourne parkway.

Mr. Goldstein is a trustee of Emanuel Synagogue and is a director of the United Jewish Charities. In Masonry he has membership in Khurum Lodge, F. & A. M., of Minneapolis, and in Syria Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He also belongs to the Yale

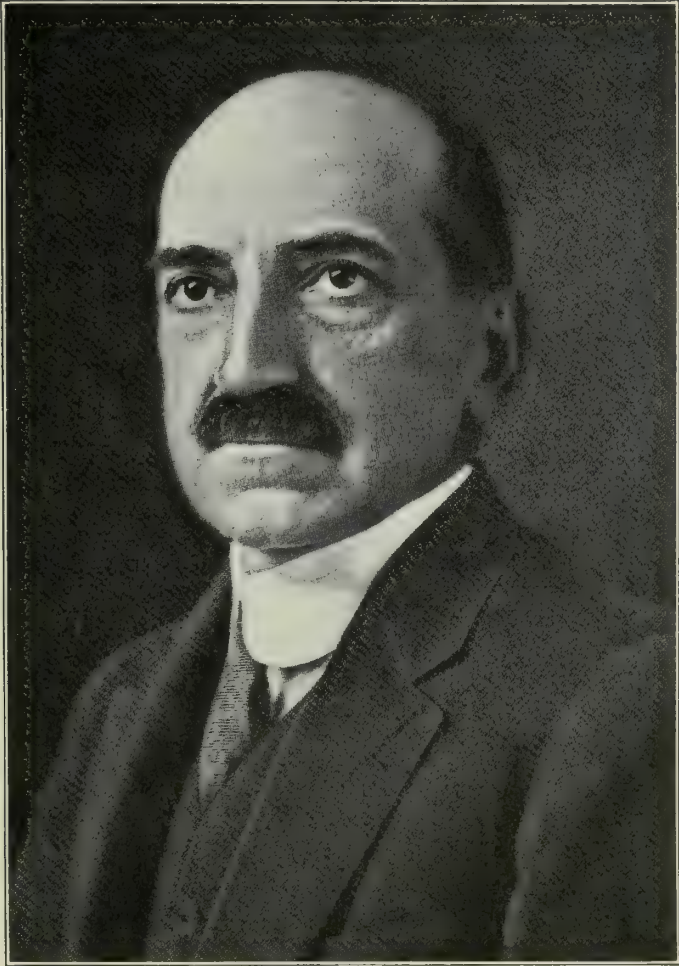
Alumni Association and the Tumblebrook Country Club. His activities and interests are of normal order. His efforts are intelligently directed and the results, whether in business or professional life or in club circles, are always far-reaching and effective.

#### WILLIAM POST ROBERTSON

There are men who make history through their daily living—men whose activities continuously contribute to progress and improvement—and in this connection mention should be made of William Post Robertson, who had much to do with the commercial development of Hartford. He was the senior member of the firm of Newton, Robertson & Company, owning one of the oldest grocery houses of the city. He was born in Columbia, Connecticut, February 14, 1858, his parents being Gurdon Young and Sybil (Post) Robertson. His youthful days passed uneventfully, but on attaining his majority, he came to Hartford and entered the employ of his uncle, Charles A. Post, who was a grocer here. Thus he gained his initial experience along a line to which he was to devote practically his entire life. After eighteen months' experience with his uncle, he and his brother, Lafayette J. Robertson, established a partnership for the conduct of a grocery business, in which they continued until 1886. In that year Mr. Robertson joined Joel P. Newton in organizing the firm of Newton & Robertson and they became owners of a wholesale and retail grocery business on Asylum street. In 1893 Henry H. Dickinson was admitted to a partnership, at which time the firm name of Newton, Robertson & Company was assumed. In 1904 upon the return of Mr. Newton, who had been inactive for several years, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Dickinson continued the business, which later on incorporated as the Newton-Robertson Grocery Company, with Mr. Robertson as the president and Mr. Dickinson as the vice president and treasurer. Not only did the firm sell extensively to the wholesale and retail trades but also enlarged the scope of its activities when in 1902 a bakery and confectionery plant was established. In 1906 they opened the Enarco store and restaurant, at 858 Main street, and in 1914 established the Spa at 614 Main street, but subsequently disposed of both stores. Later their grocery business was established in the Hartford Life Insurance Company building at the corner of Asylum and Ann streets, and with the discontinuance of the Enarco store a new store and restaurant were opened at the corner of Main and Church streets. From the beginning the trade of this house steadily grew and developed, being built upon the strong foundation of unfaltering integrity and unabating enterprise. They made it their purpose to give their patrons the best possible service and they found in doing so that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement.

Mr. Robertson was married in 1883 to Miss Julia Hortense Downer, a daughter of James L. Downer, of Columbia, and they became the parents of four children: Adelaide Hortense, now the wife of J. Harris Minikin, of Farmington, and the mother of two children, Hortense Minikin and John Robertson Minikin; Hazel Adele, who is the wife of Harold Sumner Winship, of Hartford, and has one child, Sumner Robertson Winship; William Post Robertson, Jr., a resident of Manchester, who married Charlotte Merriman, of East Hartford, and they have a son, William Post Robertson III, who was one year old at the time of his grandfather's death, and a daughter, Nan Elizabeth Robertson, born since Mr. Robertson's death; and Julia Rebecca, the wife of Raymond Fox, of Hartford. The wife and mother passed away at the age of thirty-four years and Mr. Robertson was married in 1896 to Mary Agnes Beardsley, who died in February, 1902. In October, 1903, Mr. Robertson married Olive M. Allen, a daughter of Frank and Mary (Abbe) Allen, of Hartford, who survives him.

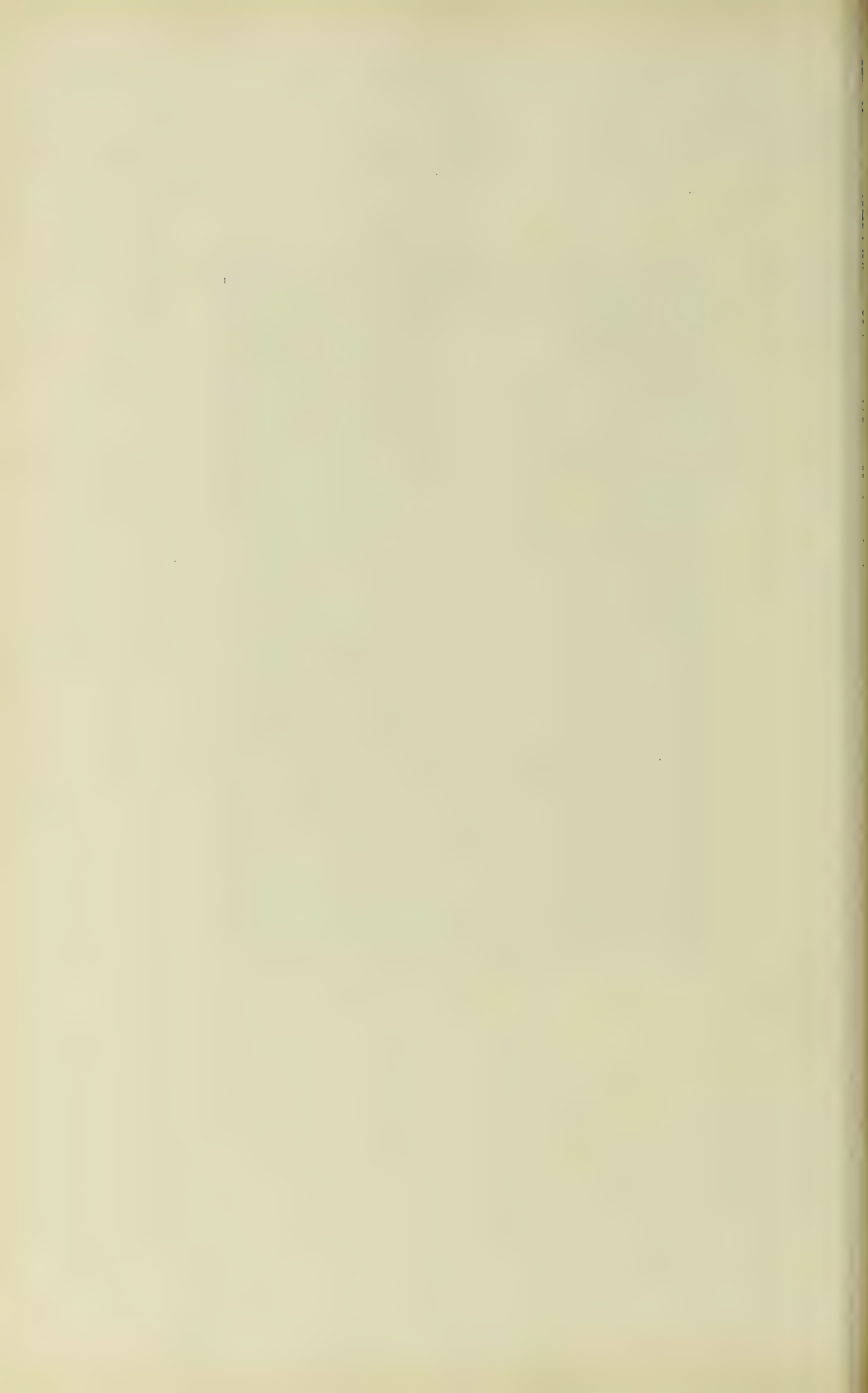
Mr. Robertson owned a very attractive summer home which he called Crestland, in Coventry, near Bolton Notch, and he took great delight in entertaining many friends there. His cordality, his genial disposition and his kindly manner made him a favorite with all who knew him. When he passed away one of the local papers wrote editorially: "William P. Robertson lived a long and honorable life in Hartford. His sudden death comes as a shock to much more than merely the business community in which he moved. Mr. Robertson was a veteran marketman. In business as in private life he was actuated by high ideals and infallible integrity. As a citizen he supported many worthy enterprises and retained a keen interest in his



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fellowmen. Born in the country, he continued to love it and his summer home on a Bolton hilltop gave him great joy, never greater than when he was sharing its beauties with some of his multitude of friends." One of the prominent business men of the city said: "The death of W. P. Robertson has caused a vacancy in the city of Hartford that can never be filled."

From the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Robertson supported the republican party but had no ambition to fill public office. He belonged to the City, Automobile, Get Together and Rotary Clubs and was a member of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, helpfully interested in all of its projects for the city's upbuilding and improvement. He loyally adhered to the high principles of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., and to the teachings of the Immanuel Congregational church. So straightforward was his life in every respect that he could look back over the past without regret and to the future without fear, and when he was so suddenly called home April 13, 1927, at the age of sixty-nine years, of him it might be written:

No trembling or sad farewell  
From his quivering lips was heard  
So softly he crossed that the quiet stream  
Was not by a ripple stirred.  
He was spared the parting tears  
He was spared the mortal strife,  
It was scarcely dying—he only passed  
In a moment to endless life.  
So low was his Master's call  
That it did not reach our ears;  
But he heard the sound, and his response  
Was instant, without fears.  
We must not mourn his soft release  
From earthly pain, or care;  
Nor grieve that he reached his home and rest  
Ere he knew that he was there.  
But think of the sweet surprise  
The sudden and strange delight  
He felt, as he met his Saviour's smile  
And walked with Him, in white.  
We will not weep that his toils are o'er,  
Our race may soon be won,  
So with sandalled feet and staff in hand  
Let our work for our Lord be done.

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#### PASQUALE CAVALIER

Pasquale Cavalier, assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company, with offices at 983 Main street in Hartford, is a representative of that substantial class of Italians who have readily adapted themselves to changed conditions in the new world and have made steady progress toward the goal of successful achievement. He was born in Abruzzi, Italy, April 5, 1885, and is a son of Gaetano and Carmella (Storlazzo) Cavalier, who are also natives of sunny Italy. They came to America in 1886, settling in New Haven, where the family home is still maintained, the father having now retired from active business.

Pasquale Cavalier was only a year old when brought to the United States by his parents, so that his youth was passed in New Haven and its public school system accorded him his early educational privileges. After leaving school he engaged in factory work for a time and early realized the value of industry and persistency of purpose as factors in business life. Subsequently he became connected with real estate dealing in New Haven and in 1911 he turned his attention to the field of insurance, becoming a representative of the Prudential Company. Since that time he has made steady progress and in 1914 was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent and came to Hartford, where he has since remained. He yet fills this position of responsibility. His previous acceptable service as a salesman, for he was recog-

nized as one of the best in the company's employ, gained him his advancement and because of his knowledge of salesmanship he is able to advise and direct the efforts of the salesmen who are now under his immediate supervision, working out from the Hartford office.

On the 8th of August, 1906, Mr. Cavalier was married to Miss Rosalie Maturo, of New Haven, and they have become the parents of three children: Carmela, Theresa and Ferdinand. The family resides at 103 Grandview terrace. Mr. Cavalier is a member of the Italian Club, Inc., and has won many friends among the people of his own nationality in Hartford as well as among those of American birth. He has been so long a resident of this country as to be truly American in spirit and interests and his aid and influence are always on the side of progressive movements resulting in public benefit for the community.

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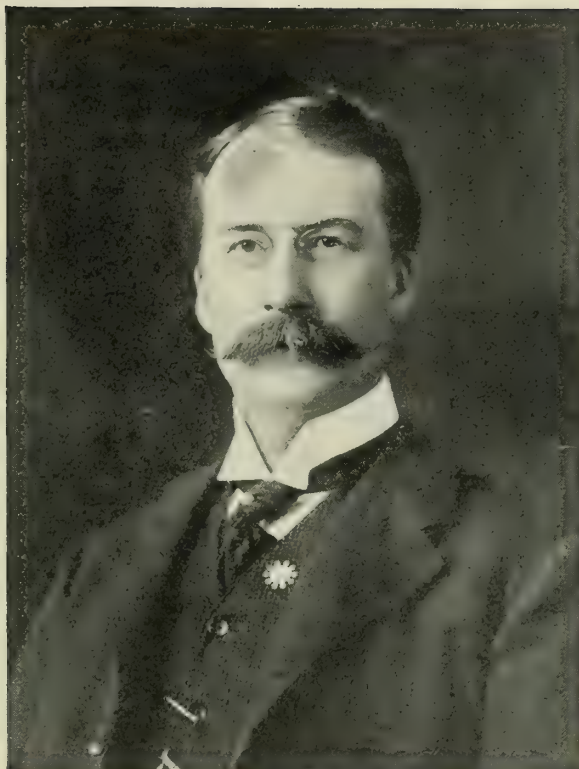
#### CHARLES RUSSELL MERRIMAN

Charles Russell Merriman, of the Charles Merriman Agency, handling general insurance at 75 Pearl street, in Hartford, was born in East Hartford, May 29, 1891, and is a son of Charles and Lizzie Emma (Ranney) Merriman, who were likewise natives of East Hartford. The father was one of the foremost fire insurance men of this section of the state and acted as agent for several of the leading insurance companies of Connecticut as well as for a number of the strong companies elsewhere. He was born March 20, 1855, and in his youth attended the Center district school and also a private school conducted by Miss Ann Ayres, while later he had the benefit of two years' instruction in the Hartford high school. In 1871 he entered the wholesale clothing store conducted by his father in Hartford and after two years accepted a position in the retail clothing store conducted by his brother. In 1876 he purchased the grocery store of W. A. Loomis in the Center and a few months later was appointed postmaster there, while reappointment continued him in the office for about twelve years. He remained in the grocery business for eleven years and in 1887 sold out to H. Wilbur Vinton, after which he purchased the insurance business of Ezra E. Smith. He steadily developed his agency until it became one of the most extensive in the country east of the Connecticut river. In November, 1906, he removed his office to No. 65 Pearl street, in Hartford, and the business is still being conducted under the name of The Charles Merriman Agency at 75 Pearl street. In his political views Charles Merriman, Sr., was a republican and was active in politics and in educational affairs. He was elected treasurer of the East Hartford fire district at its formation and he also served as treasurer of the Center school district and the Center cemetery committee. For nineteen years he was treasurer of the town, receiving the support of both parties during most of that period. In 1901 he became a member of the house of representatives and served on its committee on insurance. He belonged to Orient Lodge, No. 62, A. F. & A. M., and to East Hartford Council, No. 1237, of the Royal Arcanum. On the 17th of January, 1884, he married Lizzie E. Ranney, and they became parents of a son and three daughters, who are yet living: Charles Russell; Helen and Irene, twins; and Charlotte.

In the attainment of his education Charles R. Merriman attended the East Hartford grammar school and the Hartford high school, and when his textbooks were put aside he started out to learn the more difficult lessons in the school of experience by entering the employ of the Aetna Fire Insurance Company, with which he remained for two years. Upon the death of his father in April, 1912, he assumed the management of the Charles Merriman Agency, which had been established in 1887, and has since continued the business, meeting with very gratifying success. The company has the agency for fourteen fire companies and three casualty companies, and by reason of careful organization and progressive business methods the business of the firm has enjoyed steady growth.

Mr. Merriman, like his father, is a faithful follower of the teachings and purposes of Masonry. He belongs to Oriental Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of East Hartford, and he is also a well known and popular member of the City Club. With the others of the family he occupies the Merriman home, one of the most beautiful in East Hartford. There is also an interesting military chapter in his life record. He was a member of Company E of the First Infantry Regiment of the Connecticut State





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Guard and rose from the ranks to first sergeant. On the 2d of July, 1917, he enlisted as a volunteer, and although then rejected by reason of physical disability, he was later drafted and went into camp June 22, 1918. He received his discharge December 20, 1918, having been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in the Field Artillery Officers Reserve Corps, while later he passed the required examinations and became first lieutenant. He was one of the organizers of Brown Landers Post, No. 77, of the American Legion in East Hartford. He also has membership with the Military Order of Foreign Wars. Mr. Merriman is a young man widely known throughout Hartford county, possessed of attractive social qualities and of splendid business ability, as demonstrated in his capable and successful management of the business of which he assumed control in 1912. The passing years have chronicled an achievement which attests the development of his powers and his future course will undoubtedly be one of steady progression.

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#### LEONARD C. RICCIO

Leonard C. Riccio, widely known as treasurer of the Italian Club, Inc., and as accountant for the Southern New England Electric Company at Hartford, was born at Castelfranco, in the province of Benevento, Italy, July 11, 1899, his parents being Donato G. and Bridget Riccio, who are also natives of that country, where they remained until September, 1902, and then came to America, settling first in Rye, New York, where they continued until 1908 and then came to Hartford. The father is now living retired from active business.

Leonard C. Riccio was but three years of age when brought by his parents to the new world and his education was largely acquired in the Brown school on Market street in Hartford and in the high school. When he put aside his textbooks he entered the employ of Charles Dillon & Company, dry goods merchants and milliners, with whom he remained for seven years, his long connection with that house being unmistakable proof of his loyalty and capability. In 1923 he took up accounting, which he has since followed, and for more than four years he has been with the Southern New England Electric Company, fully meeting every requirement in that connection.

Mr. Riccio is a member of the Italian Club, active and prominent in its work. He has served as a trustee and as recording secretary and in 1928 he was elected to the office of treasurer. He is also a member of Court Garibaldi of the Foresters of America and he belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. He remains at home with his parents, who reside at 24 Groton street in Hartford.

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#### JAMES J. CONNORS

James J. Connors, treasurer of the Art Craft Engraving Company, one of the leading enterprises of this character in Hartford, was born in Airdrie, Scotland, October 25, 1890, his parents being William and Mary (Mahoney) Connors, both of whom are natives of Ireland. During his youthful days the father came to the United States and made his way to Butte, Montana, where he worked in the gold and copper mines, serving under Senator Clark when the latter was a foreman at the mines, the city of Butte being then a town of only two or three hundred inhabitants. Later Mr. Connors returned to Scotland, there married and brought his wife to the new world, at which time he settled in Lewiston, Maine, where he engaged in blacksmithing and where he is still employed in the Lewiston Bleachery & Dye Works.

James J. Connors was a little lad of three summers when brought by his parents to America. He acquired his education in the public schools of Lewiston, Maine, and after his textbooks were put aside secured a position with the Lewiston Journal, with which he learned photo engraving, being thus employed until the United States declared war, joining the allied forces. He enlisted in the Twelfth Infantry and was later transferred to the ordnance department, with which he went overseas, being stationed at ordnance bases in Ursine Broulle, France, for six months. He was then placed in other ordnance departments and was a non-commissioned officer. Returning to this country, he was mustered out at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, July 25, 1919.



Mr. Connors then went to Boston, where he was employed by C. J. Peters & Son, who conducted the oldest photo engraving establishment in that city. After six months he went to New York city, where he was with the Miles Engraving Company and afterward with Zeese, Wilkinson & Company. On the 21st of March, 1921, he arrived in Hartford and with his brother, Richard T., organized the Art Craft Engraving Company, establishing their plant at the present location. Here they have built up a very satisfactory business, employing from six to eight people. Richard T. Connors is president of the company, with James J. as treasurer.

On the 22d of September, 1924, Mr. Connors was married to Miss Catharine E. Meehan, of Patchogue, Long Island, and they have one child, James. Mr. Connors belongs to the Advertising Club, is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is interested in politics as a democratic supporter. His progress in business has been the direct outcome of those qualities which ever make for success. Close application has enabled him to overcome obstacles and difficulties and excellent workmanship has brought a liberal patronage.

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#### HENRY HALE HUNT

Upon the pages of Hartford's legal history and on the records of her legislative service appears the name of Henry Hale Hunt, who has ever been actuated by a marked spirit of devotion to the general good, manifesting at all times the keenest interest in the welfare of the state and in those great problems which have had to do with the progress, upbuilding and advancement of the commonwealth and the maintenance of high standards of citizenship. Born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, April 30, 1878, Henry Hale Hunt is a son of Wilton and Sarah A. (Stafford) Hunt. The father traced his ancestry from one of the pioneer settlers of New England—John Hunt, who late in life settled in Connecticut and died prior to 1659. He was married in England to Mary Webster, daughter of Governor John and Agnes Webster, of Warwickshire, and about 1633 John Webster settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and became a member of Rev. Thomas Hooker's company that founded Hartford three years later. He filled many positions of honor and trust in the colony and served for several years as governor following his election to that office in 1656.

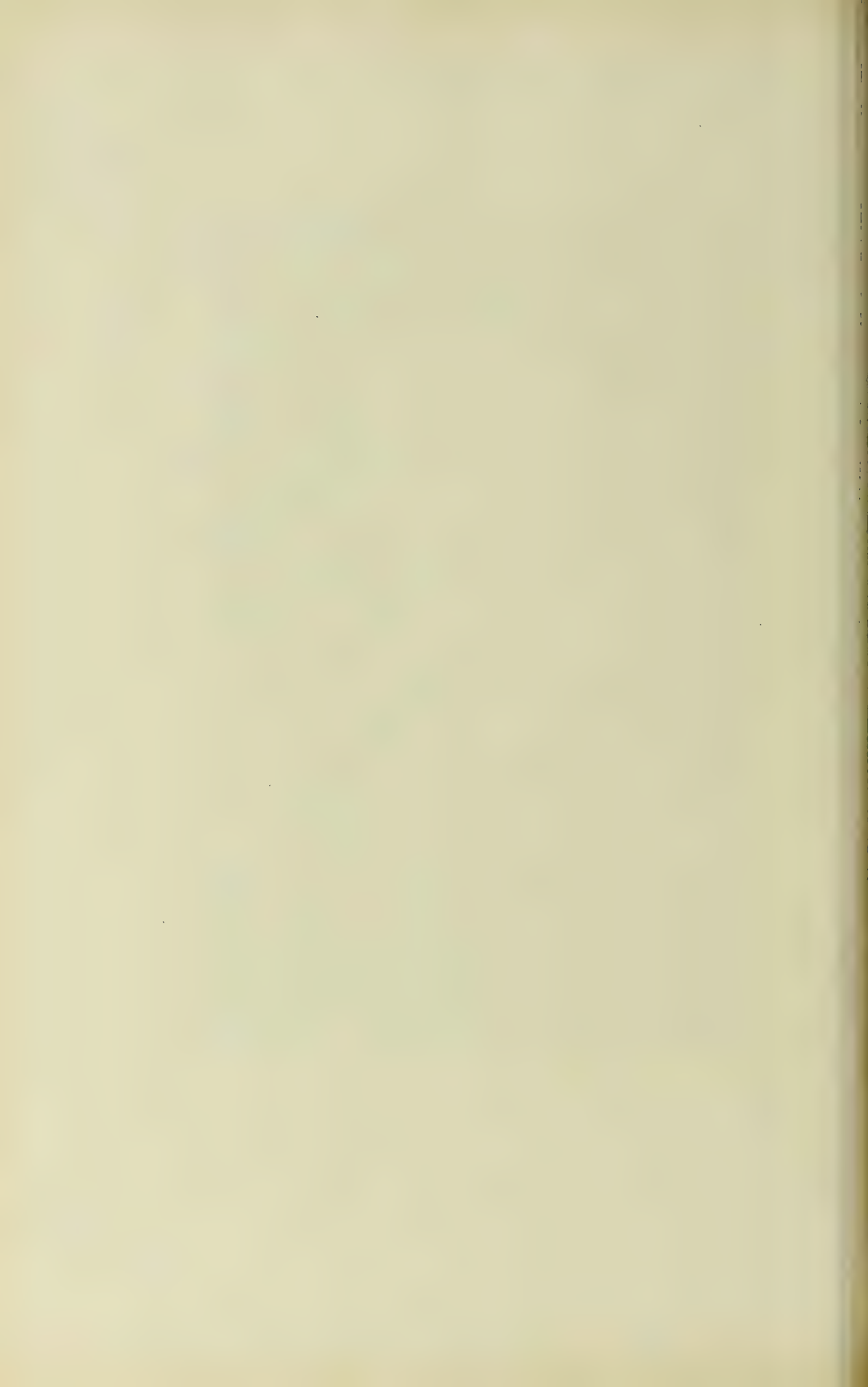
Deacon Jonathan Hunt, son of John and Mary (Webster) Hunt, was born in Sudburrow Thrapstone, Northamptonshire, England, in 1637 and was therefore twenty-one years of age when he became a resident of Connecticut in 1658. About 1660 he removed to Northampton, Massachusetts, was made a freeman there in 1662, was deacon from 1680 to 1691, representative in 1690 and died September 29, 1691. His wife, Clemence Hosmer, was a daughter of Thomas Hosmer, who became a resident of Cambridge as early as 1632, and they were married September 3, 1662. Their fifth son, Ebenezer Hunt, was born February 5, 1675, in Northampton, and in 1723 removed to Lebanon, Connecticut, where he died February 23, 1743. He was married May 27, 1698, to Hannah Clark, and their third son was William Hunt, who was born in Lebanon, October 12, 1705, and lived at Lebanon Crank, now Columbia. In 1734 he married Sarah Lyman, who was born January 24, 1713, and died in 1746. Their fifth son, Eldad Hunt, was born in Lebanon, October 21, 1742, lived in Columbia and died in 1822. His wife, Hulda Benton, born July 15, 1752, died April 24, 1814. Her seventh son, Dr. Orrin Hunt, born in Columbia, January 12, 1793, became a prominent physician. After several years in Bolton he removed to Glastonbury, but returned to Bolton and there died August 24, 1850. His first wife, Louisa Little, died April 14, 1824. He was married September 11, 1826, to Adeline Cone, and their son, Henry Hale Hunt, born about 1827, lived in Glastonbury and later in Clinton, Connecticut, where he engaged in manufacturing paper. He died in Vernon, this state, in 1911. Wilton Hale Hunt, son of Henry Hale and Charlotte N. (House) Hunt, was born May 12, 1854, in Glastonbury, where he dealt in meat for many years, but afterward lived retired at Lynn, Massachusetts. He was married January 12, 1877, to Sarah A. Stafford, daughter of John and Eva (Lowe) Stafford, and they became parents of two sons, the younger being Herbert W., who married Nellie A. Goodale in 1901.

The elder son, Henry Hale Hunt, after attending the public schools of Glastonbury, was employed in Glazier's woolen mill there during his early youth and there



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continued until his nineteenth year. He next spent four years as clerk in a grocery store and then entered the office of the National Fire Insurance Company at Hartford. While thus employed he devoted the hours that are usually termed leisure to studying law under the direction of Judge Harrison B. Freeman and was admitted to the Hartford county bar in 1912. For one year he remained in the office of Harrison B. Freeman, a son of his former preceptor, and since 1913 has practiced independently in Hartford. His early business experiences had taught him the value of industry, determination and perseverance, and in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has made steady progress until he is now an outstanding figure in legal circles, but the most envious cannot grudge him his success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used. He belongs to the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations and he commands to an unusual degree the high regard and confidence of his fellow members of the bar. Aside from his professional activity he has an enviable place in business circles, being a director of the Glastonbury Bank, the Riverside Paper Manufacturing Company of Glastonbury, the Miller Brothers Construction Company of Hartford, R. G. Miller & Sons, Inc., of Hartford, and the United States Investment & Realty Corporation of Hartford.

On the 27th of June, 1900, Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Anna J. Goodale, daughter of Henry A. and Ellen (Johnson) Goodale, of Glastonbury. Their children are: Donald H., born February 12, 1907; and Barbara Elizabeth, born November 11, 1912.

Mr. Hunt has enviable social standing as well, belonging to the Hartford and City clubs, while fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Elks and also with the Spanish-American War Veterans, having in April, 1898, at the outbreak of the war with Spain, enlisted in Company I, First Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, receiving his discharge in October following. His religious faith is indicated in the fact that he, and also his wife, is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal church of South Glastonbury. His political belief is that of the republican party and in this connection he has done much to shape public thought and action. He represented Glastonbury in the house of representatives in the session of 1913-14 and was chairman of the woman's suffrage committee. In 1917-18 he was a member of the senate from the fourth district, was made chairman of the insurance committee and also served on other important committees. To every question which came up for settlement he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration, actuated at all times by a desire to further the welfare and progress of his state. He has never lightly regarded the duties of citizenship and his worth in this field, as well as in legal circles, is widely acknowledged.

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#### EDWIN HOVEY TUCKER

Value of service, ability to cooperate to carry out plans already devised and to meet emergency with initiative are the qualities indispensable to those who serve as district managers with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Such is the position which Edwin Hovey Tucker is filling and in which he is measuring up to all requirements. He was born in Hartford, September 22, 1867, and is a grandson of Erastus Tucker, who was a lieutenant of the First Regiment of Riflemen in the Connecticut militia, his commission being dated the 5th of October, 1816, and signed by Oliver Wolcott, Esquire, governor of Connecticut, while his honorable discharge on the 14th day of November, 1821, was signed by Jirah Isham, major-general. His father, Stephen Tucker, had been a captain of artillery in the War of 1812. The Tucker family has long been established in New England and the old home in Milton, Massachusetts, is still standing. Representatives of the name became pioneers in paper-box manufacturing in Hartford. Edwin Tucker, father of Edwin Hovey Tucker, was born in Scotland, Connecticut, in 1831, and in tracing the ancestral line it is found that the family is of English origin and was established on American soil in 1626. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Sykes, was born in Suffield, Connecticut, in September, 1833, and was one of the Mayflower descendants. The Sykes family was represented in the war for independence, one of the name having served as a colonel with the American forces. Edwin Tucker became a merchant, associated with his

father, Erastus Tucker, under the firm name of E. Tucker & Sons. The family has been represented in Hartford for more than eighty years and the mother taught in the old Brown school in the early days.

Edwin Hovey Tucker attended the public schools of this city until graduated from the high school with the class of 1886, after which he started out in the business world by securing a position in the City Bank of Hartford, now the City Bank & Trust Company. He remained with that institution until 1916, rising to the position of cashier, and then resigned to engage in the insurance business as a representative of the Mutual Life of New York. In 1918 he enlisted for service in the World war as a member of Company C of the First Regiment of the Connecticut State Guard on the first assembly night of what was to the United States its World war period. He remained with that organization until it was mustered out and was adjutant of the Second Battalion with the rank of first lieutenant. He was always on duty in this state until discharged in March, 1921.

On the 2d of June, 1898, Mr. Tucker was married to Miss Ada M. Woodford, a daughter of David and Isabelle (Chapman) Woodford, of Hartford. They have one son, Edwin Woodford Tucker, who was born June 4, 1899, and is now engaged in the brokerage business here. He was married in September, 1924, to Miss Gertrude Marshall, of New Haven, Connecticut, and they have one child, Edwin Marshall, born December 20, 1927.

Mr. Tucker is a member of the Hartford Golf Club, which indicates that he finds much of his pleasure and recreation on the links. He is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the state of Connecticut and its present treasurer. He represents one of the oldest and best known families of New England, the name being inseparably associated with many events that have made history and with much that has pertained to the progress and upbuilding of this section. He was a pupil in the first session held in the West Middle school building and has witnessed many of the changes which have occurred in Hartford as modern-day development has been brought about. Successive generations of the family have kept in touch with the work of advancement and Edwin H. Tucker, in the same spirit of progress, has shown those qualities which have established him as a substantial citizen and a thoroughly reliable business man.

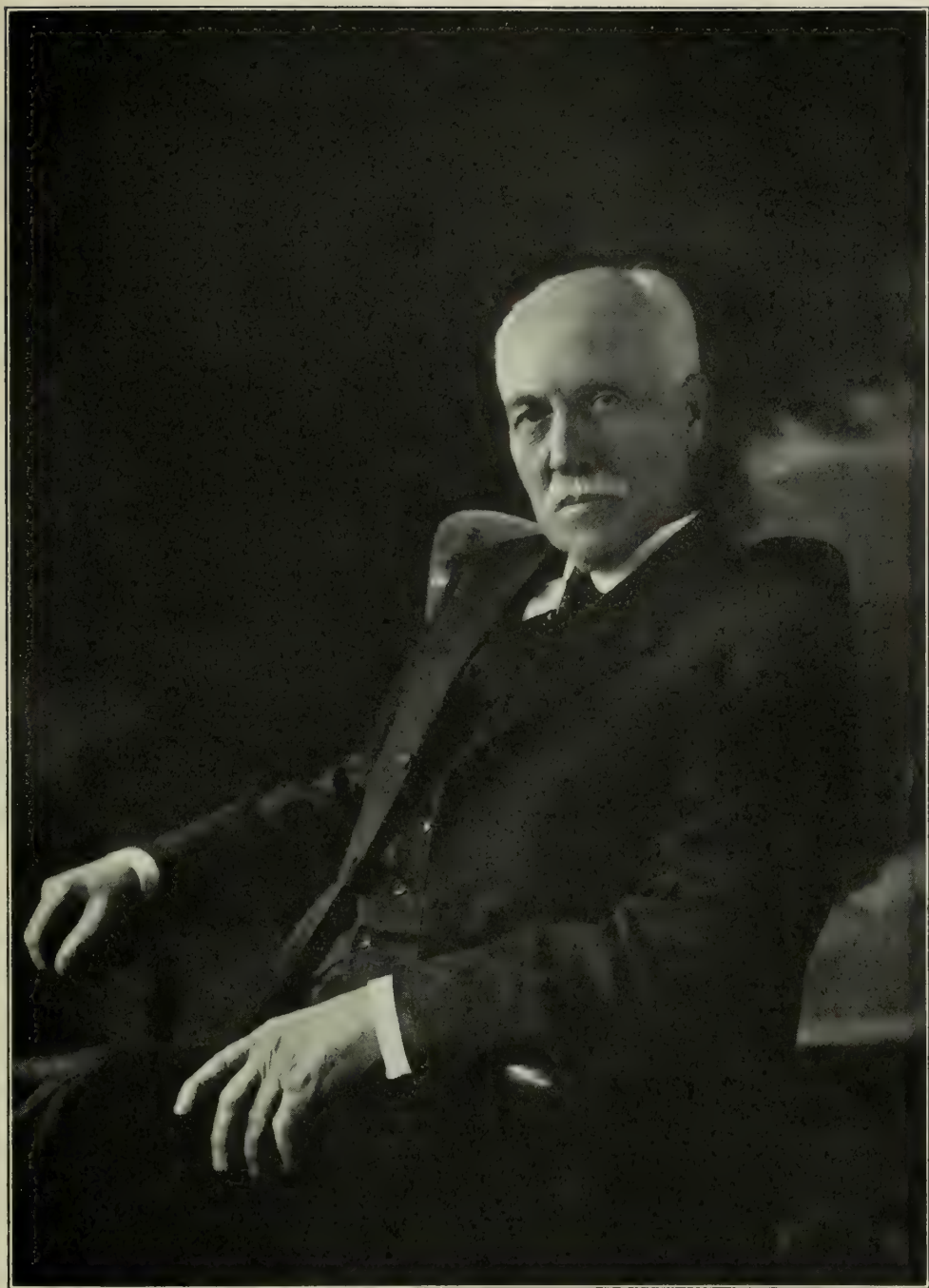
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#### SCHUYLER WILLIAMS

Varied experiences have featured in the life record of Schuyler Williams, an honored and respected resident of Plainville, who after many years of activity in the educational field is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. Mr. Williams was born in the town of Barkhamsted, Connecticut, August 30, 1849, his parents being Douglas and Sophronia (Holcomb) Williams, who in March, 1858, removed to a large farm in the south district of the town of Southington, Connecticut. As a youth Schuyler Williams pursued the course of study offered by the public schools of that town and later he entered the Hudson River Institute and Claverack College at Claverack, New York, a military school. He succeeded the drill master there and for two years was in charge of the school battalion. On leaving there he became a student in Yale University and was graduated with the class of 1873. He then went to Granby, Connecticut, where for one year he was an instructor in a private school for boys. At that time there were a number of Chinese young men of noble family being educated in America at different schools at the expense of the government of China, and Mr. Williams had two of this group in charge. In 1874 he came to Plainville, Connecticut, where he consolidated the Plainville school system, and for seventeen consecutive years continued to fill the office as instructor and supervising official of schools. Upon resigning in 1891, he was offered several lucrative positions in the educational field among which should be mentioned the principalship of the Meriden high school and the superintendency of the school of Ypsilanti, Michigan, but he accepted the more responsible position of principal of the Prospect street grammar school at Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he remained until he reached the age of retirement in 1920. He then returned to Plainville, where he owns his home, and is now spending the evening of life in well earned retirement.

Mr. Williams was married at Southington, Connecticut, in 1875, to Miss Josephine





SCHUYLER WILLIAMS





E. Woodruff and they became parents of a daughter Martha Josephine Bullen, who is the mother of one son, Frederick Williams Bullen.

Mr. Williams is an active member of the Congregational church in Plainville in which he has served as chairman of the board of trustees, deacon and Sunday school superintendent. He was formerly president of the Connecticut State Teachers Association. He was instrumental in organizing the Plainville Improvement Association, later the Chamber of Commerce of Plainville, and was its first president.

In his political views Mr. Williams has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. On various occasions he has been called to local office and for fifteen years efficiently served as justice of the peace until age retirement. He was also at one time a member of the school board at Plainville and for many years was a grand juror. He served as chairman of the board of assessors for two years and was a member of that board altogether for eight years. He represented his town at the nomination of Henry Harrison for governor of Connecticut in 1885 and has ever labored earnestly and consistently for the success of his party. At the present writing he is serving as a member of the board of assessors of Plainville and always in public office he has given unswerving loyalty to the interests entrusted in his care, seeking ever to promote progress and improvement in matters of public concern. He holds membership in the Southington blue lodge of Masons and in the Royal Arch chapter, and that he is a representative of one of the old American families is indicated in his connection with the Sons of the American Revolution. The same spirit which prompted his ancestors to espouse the cause of liberty has ever been manifest in Schuyler Williams and he has especially sought the field of intellectual liberty that comes through wide reading, study and research. A broad-minded man of high ideals, his life work has been of intense value to the communities in which he has labored.

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#### MAJOR JOSEPH P. NOLAN

Major Joseph P. Nolan, dealer in office supplies in Hartford, in which connection he has developed a business of substantial proportions, ranking him with the representative merchants of the city, was here born August 14, 1894. His parents, Patrick P. and Mary (Bray) Nolan, are natives of Ireland, whence they came to America in youth, settling in Hartford, where they have now resided for more than a half century, the father carrying on business as a carpenter.

Major Nolan was educated in the public schools of Hartford until graduated from high school, and when his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Sisson Drug Company, with which he remained from 1914 until after the World war was declared. He enlisted in the First Connecticut Ambulance Corps on the 13th of February, 1913, which initiated his military experience as a member of the National Guard. He served for three years, going through the grades as corporal sergeant and sergeant first-class in the Medical Corps. On the expiration of this period of enlistment he again enrolled in June, 1916, as a member of the First Connecticut Infantry to serve on the Mexican border, and in March, 1917, he was mustered into the federal army by the call of President Wilson and was with a detachment of the First Connecticut Regiment as top sergeant, serving at Hartford until June, when he was sent with the detachment to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, there remaining until the 1st of September. At that date he joined the One Hundred and Second United States Infantry, which was stationed at Yale Field and had been made up of the old First and Second Connecticut Regiments. With this command he went overseas on the transport Antilles, which was sunk on its return trip. He arrived at Saint-Nazaire, France, in September, 1917, and was in training at Neufchateau for some time. In February, 1918, he went into actual combat and participated in the battle of Seicheprey, the first engagement in which the Americans participated and in which he was taken prisoner. He was then sent as a prisoner of war to Geissen and later to Darmstadt, both in Hesse, Germany, and afterward to Tüchel in West Prussia. He was paraded in Berlin, June 28, 1918, with representatives of all the other army prisoners, which was to demonstrate to Berlin's citizens that the German troops were holding prisoners. While he was at Tüchel, West Prussia, the Spanish ambassador visited him and others, looking out for the welfare of American prisoners. Complaints were made and Major Nolan was

instrumental in securing the removal of the prisoners to Rastatt. He learned of the signing of the armistice two days after it occurred through a Russian feltwable. He was repatriated as a prisoner of war on the 10th of December, 1918, afterward made his way to Danzig and sailed on a Danish Red Cross boat from that port, arriving after three days at Copenhagen, where he and his companions were well received by the American consul and spent the night. Three days later they arrived in Leith, Scotland, where they were supplied with new clothes and other necessities; were then taken through a number of camps and eventually rejoined the American army at Winchester, England, December 25, 1918, but penniless, having had no money for eleven months. In January, 1919, they sailed from Liverpool for America. After returning to Hartford, Major Nolan organized the Service Company, which he commanded from May 23, 1921, until July 10, 1926, when he was made major and placed in command of the Third Battalion, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry, Connecticut National Guard.

With his return to civil life Major Nolan again became identified with the Sisson Drug Company, with which he continued until August, 1925, when he established business on his own account as a printer and dealer in office supplies. He has built up a substantial trade which is steadily growing and which is well merited by reason of the methods he pursues and the excellent workmanship manifest in all that he does.

Major Nolan resides at No. 21 Sterling street. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the American Legion and thus keeps in touch with his army comrades. One of his interesting experiences of the World war was that he was presented to Princess Louise, the daughter of Queen Victoria, at Leith, Scotland, by an English officer. His military service has carried him into many regions and has brought him experiences sometimes difficult, oftentimes pleasant. In days of peace he is equally loyal to the interests of his city and his course in business makes for progress and for success.

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#### FRANK EDMOND BEL

Frank Edmond Bel, senior partner of the firm of Bel & Dunham, investments, in Hartford, was born in Oakland, California, October 10, 1881, and has reversed the usual order of procedure of western emigration. From the Pacific boundary he has come to the east and has found in its business fields opportunity for continuous progress and successful achievement. His parents, Alphonse and Sarah F. (Proctor) Bel, were natives of Paris, France, and New Hampshire, respectively, and in 1885, leaving their home in California, they became residents of Middletown, Connecticut, where their son, Frank E., attended the public and high schools. In 1899 a further removal was made to Hartford and Mr. Bel of this review, then a youth of eighteen years, entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company as office boy in 1900. With that corporation he worked his way steadily upward and when he withdrew in 1914 he was holding the office of chief underwriter in the accident department and had gained wide, comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the insurance business. In 1914 he became associated with the personal accident department of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company as chief clerk and remained with them until November, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States army and at Plattsburg, New York, was commissioned a first lieutenant. Subsequently he was stationed at Camp Devens and in July, 1918, went overseas with the Seventy-sixth Division, remaining in France until September, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge.

Lieutenant Bel then returned to his position with the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company and so remained until 1920, when he became a representative of Raymond, Rich & Company of Boston, acting as manager of that house in Hartford as senior partner in the firm of Bel & Dunham. They handle investments, in which connection they have gained a large clientele.

On the 22d of May, 1920, Mr. Bel was married to Miss Harriette O. Patterson, of Hartford, and they have one child, Frank Edmond, Jr., born January 10, 1922. Politically Mr. Bel is a republican, having always given stanch support to the party. Fraternally he is a Mason and socially is connected with a number of important clubs, being vice president of the Automobile Club of Hartford, a member of the board of governors of the City Club and also a member of the Hartford Golf Club and Shelter





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FRANK E. BEL



Harbor Country Club. The well balanced man is the one who not only works well but plays well, and Mr. Bel recognizes the value of recreation. He yet has right to use the title of lieutenant, for he holds that commission in the Governor's Foot Guard. He has many friends, for all enjoy his companionship, and at the same time he has gained an accredited position in financial circles, his enterprise and laudable ambition carrying him to an enviable place among the representatives of investment houses in Hartford.

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#### RAOUL A. V. SILICIANO, M. D.

Dr. Raoul A. V. Siliciano, numbered among those who are devoting their attention to the work of the medical profession in Bristol, was born at Messina, Italy, on the 14th of February, 1898, a son of Vito and Teresa (Milazzo) Siliciano, but was only four years of age when he left that sunny land, being brought by his mother, to the United States, his father having previously died. The family home was established in New Haven, Connecticut, and there after reaching the usual age the Doctor entered the Hopkins grammar school, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. In young manhood he resolved to become a member of the medical profession and to this end he matriculated in Columbia University of New York city, while later he attended Hahnemann Medical School of Chicago and gained his M. D. degree when graduated with the class of 1924. He served as interne in the Polyclinic and Henrotin Hospital in Chicago and thus gained broad and valuable experience such as can be acquired as rapidly in no other way as in hospital practice. In 1924 and 1925 he was house physician at the Metropolitan Hospital in New York city, and in the latter year he opened an office in Bristol, where he has since remained. Desirous of making his service of the greatest possible benefit to his fellowmen, he took a postgraduate course in the New Haven School of Physio Therapy in 1927 and a course in surgery at the New York Post Graduate and Medical School in 1928. For seven weeks during 1928 he had charge of the Isolation Hospital during the smallpox epidemic, this being first established in Bristol, and was acting health officer during the summer of 1928.

On the 30th of June, 1924, at Waterbury, Connecticut, Dr. Siliciano was united in marriage to Esther S. Riccio, the first Italian teacher of Waterbury, Connecticut. She is a graduate of Danbury Normal School. They are the parents of a son, Robert. They are fast gaining a wide acquaintance in Bristol, where they have won many friends and where Dr. Siliciano has been accorded an extensive practice, especially among those of Italian birth or descent. Actuated by a laudable ambition, he is working his way steadily upward in his chosen calling and has already reached a most creditable position.

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#### FREDERICK RICHARD MANNING

On the roll of capable and forceful members of the Hartford bar appears the name of Frederick Richard Manning, who with offices at 902 Main street is practicing successfully, his capability having won for him a large and gratifying clientage. A native of Connecticut, he was born in Manchester, March 21, 1885, and is a son of Richard and Jane Ella (Green) Manning, the former having been born in Hartford and the mother at the old family home in Manchester, where their son was born. The Manning family were early residents of the capital city and the grandfather, Charles Manning, was the "boss" blacksmith in the roundhouse of the Fishkill & Hudson Railroad. His son, Richard Manning, learned and followed the carpenter's trade and for forty-four years had charge of outside construction for Cheney Brothers, silk manufacturers. In the maternal line, too, the family history is one of long and close connection with Connecticut. Daniel L. Green, grandfather of Frederick R. Manning, was a carpenter and general contractor and erected a large number of buildings throughout this section of the state. He removed to Connecticut from Rhode Island and purchased a home in Manchester about 1850, the property still being in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Manning, she and her husband now living at the old homestead.

Frederick Richard Manning, their son, obtained a district school education, which



he supplemented by a high school course, and then, desiring to enter upon a professional career, became a law student at Yale and was graduated with the class of 1909. In July of the same year he was admitted to the Connecticut bar and entered upon active practice in the following February, opening an office in Hartford, where he has since continued alone, building up his clientage by reason of his accurate knowledge of the law and ability to apply its principles to the points in litigation. While advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, he has made steady progress and his devotion to his clients' interests is a well known factor in his growing success.

Mr. Manning is known in Masonic circles through his membership in Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., at Manchester, and he also belongs to Manchester Grange, No. 31, Patrons of Husbandry. He makes his home with his parents in his native town, while following his profession in the capital, and what he has already accomplished promises well for further success in the future.

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#### JAMES A. WALSH

James A. Walsh, general agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, with offices at 750 Main street in Hartford, was born in Burlington, Vermont, October 23, 1887, a son of Thomas H. and Mary J. (Beatty) Walsh, who were also natives of the Green Mountain state, where the father held the responsible position of superintendent with the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company of Burlington.

James A. Walsh was graduated from the Edmunds high school of his native city as a member of the class of 1905 and then entered the employ of the Central Vermont Railroad Company as telegraph operator and station agent, representing that corporation in Burlington and in Montpelier through a period of about ten years. He then came to Hartford in 1913 and for a time served as telegraph operator under E. R. Ryder of the Western Union. In 1914 he became associated with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company under F. A. Griswold, with whom he remained until February, 1924, and during that decade gained intimate and comprehensive knowledge of the business. He next became associated with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company as general agent at Hartford and in this connection has built up a large and prosperous business which has steadily grown until he now has forty agents under him in the Connecticut territory. He wisely directs and stimulates the efforts of those who represent him and his unabating energy and unfaltering industry have constituted the foundation upon which he has built his present gratifying success.

On the 4th of May, 1916, Mr. Walsh was married to Miss A. Loraine Claffey, of Hartford, Connecticut, and they now have two children, James A., Jr., and Dorothy Loraine. The family residence is at No. 21 Vanderbilt road in West Hartford. Mr. Walsh is not a club man, preferring to devote his time to his business and his family, finding his greater happiness at his own fireside and delighting in his success because of what it enables him to do for the members of his household.

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#### MORGAN HYDE STEDMAN

Morgan Hyde Stedman is agent for the Travelers Insurance Company at Hartford and thus connected with a business which has been a basic element in the commercial and financial growth of this city. With the steady growth of insurance interests here the requirements have been more strict, the work has been more thoroughly systematized, and he who would essay effort in this field must measure up to high standards of service. This Mr. Stedman has done and his agency has become a profitable undertaking. Born in Hartford on the 2d of October, 1897, he is a son of Harry Brimmer and Margaret (Porter) Stedman, both of whom were born in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1882 the father visited Hartford on a trip and ten years later established his home in this city, where he is now senior partner of the firm of Stedman & Redfield, handling commercial paper.

Reared under the parental roof, Morgan H. Stedman attended the public schools and had reached his nineteenth year when the United States entered the World war. He then enlisted for service in the navy and made twelve trips overseas on convoy ships.



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He was also in the transport service as a seaman and petty officer and he made landing at Bordeaux, Brest and Southampton. He enlisted for four years as a member of the regular navy but was released after about three and one-half years of active duty on the high seas, being mustered out at Bay Ridge, New York, in September, 1920.

With his return to Hartford, Mr. Stedman secured a position with the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three years, and he was afterward with the M. S. Little Company for several months. In April, 1924, he became associated with the Travelers and has made a great success in connection with the insurance business. He represents and writes all lines of insurance and has bent every energy to a thorough mastery of the business, so that his work is based upon intelligent argument and understanding as well as executive ability and close application.

On the 22d of October, 1924, Mr. Stedman was married to Miss Elizabeth Way, a daughter of John L. Way, and they have become parents of two children, John Way and Marion Stedman, who are with their parents in a pleasant residence at 173 Bloomfield avenue. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that Mr. Stedman is identified with the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club and with several fish and game clubs, and he enjoys life in the open when leisure permits. He still holds his membership in the Bachelors Club and his social qualities make him popular with a large circle of associates and friends.

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#### CHARLES ARCHIBALD GOODWIN

Charles Archibald Goodwin, member of the bar, was born in Hartford, November 18, 1876, a son of the Rev. Francis Goodwin, whose life history is given elsewhere in this work. After attending private school he became a student in St. Paul's School at Concord, New Hampshire, entered Yale with the class of 1898, where he won his Bachelor of Arts degree, and in 1901 was graduated with the LL. B. degree from the Harvard Law School. With his admission to the bar January 1, 1902, he entered the law office of Gross, Hyde & Shipman, continuing with the firm until January 1, 1904, when he joined M. Toscan Bennett under the firm style of Bennett & Goodwin. He served as executive secretary to Governor George L. Lilley. Following the governor's death he tendered his resignation to his successor, Governor Frank B. Weeks, but this was not accepted by the chief executive, he feeling that he could not dispense with Mr. Goodwin's services.

A firm principle of Mr. Goodwin's from his earliest days had been that citizens should interest themselves in public affairs. Because of his own evidence of interest in his ward and his influence in arousing others, he had become chairman of the republican town committee, a position which he accepted—and used—for the purpose of maintaining high standards for the administration of city affairs. He had the hearty cooperation of democratic leaders along the same line. His position at the capitol had given him wide acquaintanceship and in the fall of 1910, while only thirty-four, he was his party's candidate for governor. Against him the democrats put their most powerful man, Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin of New Haven, lawyer, professor and long chief justice, at that time retiring because of the age limit,—one of Connecticut's most distinguished sons. While in presidential years the state had demonstrated that it was not party-bound, in the "off" years it had shown republican proclivities except when the democrats had named preeminent citizens, like Chief Justice Charles B. Andrews after his retirement. The year 1910 was an "off" year and again an honored jurist won, both at this election and at the next. Mr. Goodwin's zeal for better government through the keener interest of all citizens has continued unabated and helpful, but his profession and his many connections outside of politics have demanded a larger portion of his time. In corporation law and the handling of estates and matters of public interest, the firm of Shipman & Goodwin is one of the strongest in the state. With Mr. Goodwin and Arthur L. Shipman are associated George H. Day and W. Arthur Countryman, Jr., in the Essex building on Lewis street, in the conception and erection of which structure Mr. Goodwin was the prime mover.

On the approach of the World war he studied the subject of the state's resources and on his initiative and largely under his guidance, the war census was taken by volunteer workers, showing in detail the resources in soldiery, in finance, in indus-

trials, in medicine and nursing and in capacity for material of every sort, a model which later by adopted by other states and the federal government. The results are preserved in the State Library, a monument to Connecticut thoroughness. He also was member of the State Council of Defense and manager of the supply division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

As senior of the living descendants of James Goodwin, he does his part in maintaining their traditional interest in various organizations, public and private. He is president and trustee of the State Savings Bank, and director in the Aetna Insurance Company, the Phoenix State Bank and Trust Company, the Holyoke Water Power Company and the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. In the church he is a member of the chapter of Christ Church Cathedral, chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, a trustee of the Bishop's Fund. He also is a trustee of the Colt bequest. His familiarity with the history and public value of the Wadsworth Atheneum and its associated institutions has fitted him for trusteeship in the Atheneum, the Watkinson Library and the Hartford Public Library, and he holds the responsible position of president of the Atheneum on this eve of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the town when there is still keener appreciation of what these institutions mean for Hartford and the state and when another epoch for them is developing. With this he is chairman of the recently established Metropolitan District Commission, upon which devolves grave duties in shaping the history of a widening community.

Mr. Goodwin married, on June 29, 1912, Ruth, daughter of Colonel Frank W. Cheney of South Manchester. They have five children. His chief pleasure diversion is yachting. He is a member of Eastern Yacht Club and the Beverly Yacht Club of Marion, Massachusetts, and has served as commodore of the Hartford Yacht Club. He is one of the promoters of the Dauntless Yacht Club with its historic clubhouse at Essex, which takes its name from the famous yacht of Caldwell Colt, and at Essex, in spare moments, he is interested in the fashioning and building of swift and graceful craft. Other clubs and societies of which he is a member are the Hartford Club, the Harvard Club of Connecticut, the Republican Club, the Twilight Club, the New England Society of New York, the Society of Colonial Wars, the National Council of the National Economic League, the University Club of New York and the Graduates Club of New Haven.

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#### CHARLES HUMPHREY BISSELL

A history of Southington would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to the history of Charles Humphrey Bissell, who for many years was actively and prominently connected with its mercantile interests and who, moreover, was widely known in the realms of science as a botanist and for his contribution to botanical literature. Connecticut has ever been proud to number him among her native sons, he having been born at East Windsor in 1857. He completed his preliminary education by a high school course in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and afterward attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College, subsequent to which time he came to Southington, establishing his home here in 1886. In that year he opened a dry goods store and in 1888 he removed his business to the corner of Main and Center streets, where he purchased a lot and continued in the dry goods trade for many years, building up a business of substantial proportions. In addition to his other interests he organized the Southington Building & Loan Association, of which he became manager, so continuing until his demise.

On the 12th of September, 1882, Mr. Bissell was united in marriage to Miss Eva V. Matoon of Massachusetts. In community affairs Mr. Bissell was ever deeply, actively and helpfully interested. He became commander of Trumbull Camp of the Sons of Veterans at Southington upon its organization and he also served at one time as commander of the Connecticut Division of the Sons of Veterans. He was likewise junior vice-commander-in-chief of the national organization and was a most prominent and well known representative of that order.

Keenly interested in botany, he devoted much time to the study of plants and found great pleasure in pursuing that quest. He was elected to the presidency of the Connecticut Botanical Society and he prepared for publication the "Flora of Con-





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CHARLES H. BISSELL





necticut," which was published by the state as "Bulletin 14 of the Connecticut Natural History Survey." For three years he occupied the presidency of the American Fern Society and he also held membership in the New England Botanical Club and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was likewise connected with a number of other scientific societies and he derived the keenest joy from the acquisition of knowledge, particularly as related to botanical subjects. Mr. Bissell was connected with the Southington public library, of which he served as a director for fifteen years, and he also held various town and borough offices. For two terms he represented Southington in the general assembly and gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the questions which came up for settlement, lending earnest support to any measure which he believed to be of vital moment to the community or the commonwealth. He was conscientious in the performance of every duty, loyal to every trust, faithful to every friendship, and he left behind him a memory that is cherished in the hearts of all who knew him and remains as a benediction and an inspiration to those with whom he was associated in the active affairs of life.

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#### HERBERT KNOX SMITH

Herbert Knox Smith, whose identification with various corporate interests and with the bar has made him a contributing factor to the steady development and progress of Connecticut and who has figured in connection with the political and military history of the state, is now general counsel, secretary and treasurer and one of the directors of the Hartford Empire Company. His plans are ever well defined and promptly executed and his broad vision has enabled him to recognize opportunities which have been at once beneficial to himself and to the community at large. A native of Massachusetts, he was born at Chester, November 17, 1869, and is a son of Rev. Alfred and Melissa (Knox) Smith, who in 1874 removed with their family to Farmington, Connecticut, where the father was pastor of the Congregational church until 1888. He was a graduate of Yale of the class of 1891 and for a number of years was a member of the Yale Corporation.

In 1886 and 1887 Herbert K. Smith pursued a college preparatory course in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and in the fall of the latter year matriculated in the Yale academic department, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891. He afterward devoted two years to postgraduate work and in 1893 he entered the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1895, becoming a member of the Hartford county bar in July, 1895, his family having previously become residents of the Capitol City. He entered upon the practice of law in the office of H. R. Mills and from the outset of his career not only closely applied himself to his professional duties but also took a deep interest in political affairs and from 1900 until 1902 acted as chairman of the republican committee of the sixth ward. In 1903-1904 he was chairman of the republican town committee of Hartford and in the former year was called upon to represent Hartford in the lower house of the general assembly. In July, 1903, President Roosevelt appointed him deputy commissioner of corporations at Washington and in 1907 he became commissioner of corporations, holding that position until July, 1912, when he resigned from the government service to support Colonel Roosevelt, then the presidential candidate in the progressive campaign. Mr. Smith became the progressive candidate for governor in 1912 and for senator in 1916. In the latter year he became probate judge at Farmington, serving on the bench until 1918, when he resigned to become a major in the army, receiving his appointment in September. He was in command of the Port Storage at Philadelphia until the signing of the armistice and was honorably discharged from the government's service July 30, 1919.

It was in August of the same year that Mr. Smith entered into active connection with the Hartford-Fairmont Company, later the Hartford-Empire Company, as general counsel at Hartford. This association has since been maintained and he is now not only general counsel but also secretary and treasurer of the company and likewise one of its directors. He is also director and vice president of the Farmington Savings Bank, vice president and director of the Hartford Special Machinery Company, director of the Guernsey-Westbrook Company and the Smith-Pearsall Company, all of Hartford. His knowledge of law, his broad experience in the various walks of life

and his executive ability all serve to render him a capable official of these various organizations.

On September 29, 1908, Mr. Smith married Miss Gertrude E. Dietrich, of Hastings, Nebraska, whose father, Charles H. Dietrich, was United States senator from that state. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside in Farmington and he is a member of the Country Club there, also of the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club of Hartford, the Yale Club of New York and the Metropolitan Club of Washington. His activity in the political field and in business circles has brought him a wide acquaintance and by reason of his efficiency and capability he is favorably known, public opinion classing him with the representative and honored residents of Hartford.

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#### CARLOS SANFORD HOLCOMB

Carlos Sanford Holcomb, a World War veteran and an attorney at law of Hartford, where he has practiced since 1920, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, August 14, 1889, a son of Walter and Edith A. (Sanford) Holcomb, of that city. The father, too, is a member of the legal profession and was practicing in St. Paul at the time of the birth of his son Carlos but shortly afterward came to Connecticut, settling at Torrington, where he has since followed his profession and is now filling the office of states attorney.

Carlos S. Holcomb pursued his early education in the public and high schools of Torrington, while later he enrolled as a pupil in the Taft School of Watertown, Connecticut, from which he was graduated in 1908. His collegiate course was pursued in Yale University and in Trinity College, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1912. He next attended the Harvard Law School and the Suffolk Law School and gained his LL. B. degree in 1917, being admitted to the bar the same year. Immediately afterward he began practice in Torrington in association with his father and so continued until April 15, 1918, when he enlisted in the ordnance department of the United States army and was commissioned a second lieutenant August 15, 1918, being stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, until honorably discharged on the 18th of December of that year.

When mustered out of the service Mr. Holcomb returned to Torrington and resumed practice with his father. Through the intervening period, covering a decade, he has continued in the active work of his profession. On the 1st of July, 1920, he was appointed assistant tax commissioner, occupying the office until August 1, 1925, when he resigned in order to devote his entire attention to his duties as an attorney. He is a member of the University Club and of the Alpha Chi Rho, a college fraternity, and also belongs to the Masonic order. In politics he is a republican. He has membership in both the Hartford County Bar Association and the Litchfield County Bar Association.

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#### CHARLES McLEAN SMITH

Charles McLean Smith, born in Hartford, July 6, 1886, died at Bazoilles-sur-Meuse (Vosges), France, October 4, 1918, giving his life for his country in a cause for which the representative young manhood of America enlisted. His remains rest today in the cemetery at Wethersfield where have been interred so many of his ancestors, who were among the earliest settlers of the town. His paternal grandparents were George and Lucy Robbins (Griswold) Smith and his father was Frank George Smith, mentioned elsewhere in this work. His mother is a daughter of William and Mary (Eaton) Cutler and a descendant of Captain Seth Pierce, who served in the Revolutionary war, whereby she has membership in Ruth Wyllys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Charles McLean Smith was graduated at the age of twelve from the South school and was a youth of but sixteen when he completed a course in the Hartford high school. In 1904 he entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1908, and then devoted two years to study in the Massachusetts School of Technology. He initiated his business career July 1, 1910, by entering an engineering office of the





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CARLOS S. HOLCOMB



General Electric Company in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and later he became associated with his father in the insurance business under the style of Frank G. Smith & Son. He held membership in the First Church of Christ in Hartford, the University Club, the Wethersfield Country Club and the Alpha Sigma Phi of Yale.

His military experience began when he became a member of Company C of the First Regiment of the Connecticut State Guard, from which he was honorably discharged on the 27th of February, 1918, when he entered the federal service as a soldier of the World war. He was first stationed at Camp Devens, Ayers, Massachusetts. In March, 1918, he was transferred to the Headquarters Company of the Heavy Field Artillery, Camp Upton, Yaphank, Long Island. A few days later he was transferred to Company G, Three Hundred and Eighth Infantry, Seventy-seventh Division, and with that regiment sailed for France from Hoboken, New Jersey, April 6, 1918. After numerous weeks of active service at the front, participating in the engagements in the Oise-Aisne, and Meuse-Argonne defensive sector, September 29, 1918, during the last drive in the Argonne Forest, he received a gunshot wound in the middle of his right thigh and was slightly gassed. It was when this engagement was over that General Pershing went to the headquarters of the men in the German dugouts and told the commanding officer that the Seventy-seventh Division had earned the gratitude and appreciation of the whole American army;—the Three Hundred and Eighth will be immortal for the stand made by its troops. He was first taken to Red Cross Hospital No. 110, and on the 30th of September was removed to Base Hospital No. 116, Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, where he died October 4, 1918, from the wound received in action. On Sunday afternoon he was given a military funeral, the services being conducted by the chaplain, Dr. Edward Arthur Dodd, of St. John's Episcopal Parish, Staten Island. The burial was in the nearby military cemetery, just beyond the little village outside which the hospital was located. On May 31, 1921, his remains were brought back to this country, funeral services were held at 1:30 at his home—27 Concord street, West Hartford, Connecticut, and conducted by the Rev. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter, of the First Church of Christ in Hartford, Connecticut. The Tempo quartet sang. He now rests with his ancestors in the cemetery at Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Among the five hundred members of the University Club of Hartford, one hundred and sixty-five saw service and eight made the supreme sacrifice, of which Charles McLean Smith was the first, and he was the only member of the Yale class of 1908 who died in France. At a dinner held by his class in 1919, a silent standing toast was drunk in his memory and on that occasion his classmates bore fitting testimony of his worth. One said: "Always a quiet, unassuming fellow, he was 'on the job' when the time came, and his death in the country's service has put his name on our class record in undying colors. Brave, thoughtful and considerate, he met with cheerful devotion the fullest tests of service." Another voiced this sentiment: "Charles was a boy of reserve in nature, quiet in ways, but of sterling worth, much admired by all of us, whose smile will be missed greatly at our reunions, and whose life will be a constant inspiration to those of us who knew him and loved him. He made the supreme sacrifice for God, for Country and for Yale."

The United States government gave to his family a medal for his service in Oise-Aisne and in the Meuse-Argonne defensive sector. His parents on May 22, 1922, presented to the Hayes-Velhage Post, No. 96, of the town of West Hartford, the government flag that accompanied his remains from Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France, to their last resting place.

The certificate from the war department bears this inscription: "Charles McLean Smith, Co. G, 308th Inf. Served with Honor in the World War and Died in the Service of his Country." (Signed) Woodrow Wilson.

From the department of war records in the State Library we copy the following: "This certifies that Charles McLean Smith served with the United States Forces in the World War and that his loyal services are acknowledged and will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the State of Connecticut." (Signed) Marcus H. Holcomb, Governor, George S. Godard, Chairman Dept. of War Records.

The certificate from the United States Army bears this inscription: "In Memory of Charles M. Smith, Co. G, 308th Inf. who died October 4, 1918. He bravely laid down his life for the cause of his country. His name will ever remain fresh in the hearts of his friends and comrades. The records of his Honorable Service will be



preserved in the archives of the AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES." (Signed) John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief.

The Memorial Certificate from France is inscribed: "To the Memory of CHARLES M. SMITH, Co. G, 308th Infantry of the United States of America, who died for Liberty during the Great War, The Homage of France, The President of the Republic, R. Poincare. For those who devoutly died for their country it is right that the people come and pray at their tombs."

His name appears on seven tablets—that of the Hartford public high school, of the First Church of Christ in Hartford, on the marble memorial at Yale University, on the stone memorial in the main lobby of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the bronze tablet of the Travelers Insurance Company and on a bronze tablet in the Wethersfield cemetery, which in addition to name and military record bears the words: "He sought not glory but his country's good." In his honor a Memorial Tree, No. 173, was planted at Colts Park, Hartford, on which is the following inscription: "The American Legion Honors The Memory of Charles McLean Smith, Pvt. Co. G, 308th Inf., 77 Division. Wounded at Binarville, Sept. 27, 1918. Died Oct. 4, 1918. 173."

Thus is perpetuated the memory of one who gave his life for the high principles for which the World war was fought, but not on bronze or stone but upon the hearts of those who knew him is his name most deeply inscribed.

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#### JAMES EDWARD BRESLIN

A notable military record, together with excellent service rendered to the public as a member of the bar, well entitles James Edward Breslin to mention in the history of Hartford county. While yet a young man, he occupies a high place in public regard. He was born in Boston, August 23, 1895, his parents being John J. and Sarah Ann (Elliott) Breslin, who were residents of that city, but both have passed away. Having obtained his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Malden, Massachusetts, he next entered the Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire, and later was graduated from Trinity College at Hartford, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1920. His desire to become a member of the bar led him to enter the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1923 with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to practice, which he at once began in Hartford, where he has since continued. The passing years have chronicled his continued progress. He realized from the beginning that success depends largely upon thorough and careful preparation of cases, as well as of clear and cogent presentation of a cause before the courts, and, moreover, he has always shown the utmost loyalty to the interests of his clients.

Mr. Breslin's military record alone would entitle him to mention among the honored and valued residents of Hartford. In May, 1917, he enlisted in the United States army and in August of that year was commissioned a second lieutenant at Plattsburg, New York, after which he was stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, and from there was sent overseas with the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry of the Forty-second Division, remaining on foreign soil for nineteen months. While with the army of occupation on the Rhine in Germany in March, 1919, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He rendered important service in the front line and was twice wounded in action in France—once in Chateau Thierry, where the American forces first proved their great strength and valor in independent action, and again in the Argonne. Something of the nature of his service is indicated in the fact that he was accorded the Distinguished Service Cross by the United States and was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by France, receiving the Croix de Guerre with palms. His connection therewith came as a result of the action in which he, with only fifteen men left, was suddenly attacked during an advance by a large force of Germans in the Champagne sector in July, 1918. Undaunted, he cut through the German line, and cleaned out the machine gun nests that had been holding up the advance. Not satisfied, he captured fifty prisoners and brought them back to the American lines. He reported to his major the way the German lines were consolidated and because of this information, the advance was continued. Lieutenant Breslin and Colonel J. L. Howard, vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company, are the



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JAMES E. BRESLIN





only men in Hartford to whom the cross of the Legion of Honor was awarded. Lieutenant Breslin maintains pleasant relations with his army comrades through his membership in the American Legion, of which he is a past commander, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. He was appointed on a committee for the erection of a World war memorial for Hartford. He also has membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, while his fraternity connection is with the Delta Kappa Epsilon and he likewise belongs to the Hartford County Bar Association. In his political views he has always been a republican. His service as clerk of the Hartford city police court dates from 1923 and he is regarded as a very popular and able young attorney whose past record is a foreshadowing of future progress and greatness.

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#### FRED GILBERT BLAKESLEE

Fred Gilbert Blakeslee, of 53 Bretton road, West Hartford, Connecticut, is a descendant of Henry Wolcott, who settled in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1636, and of Lieutenant Walter Fyler, whose house is now occupied by the Windsor Historical Society. Born June 17, 1868, at Hartford, he is a son of Captain Henry E. Blakeslee, 76th Regiment, U. S. C. I., and of Helen E. Butler Blakeslee. He obtained a public school education and has been with the Aetna Insurance Company since 1888. He served nine years in the Connecticut National Guard (sergeant-major 1st Infantry), five years in Governor's Foot Guard (post quartermaster-sergeant) and two years as captain on staff of Governor's Horse Guards. He is past captain of Camp No. 6, Sons of Union Civil War Veterans. For fifteen years he was military instructor of the West Middle school district of Hartford. He served in the United States Navy during the Spanish-American war. He has made a study of the history of fencing and the development of the sword, and is an authority on army uniforms of all countries and the dress of soldiers of the past. He is the author of "Sword-Play for Actors" and "Army Uniforms of the World," and of signed articles on fencing, the sword, and military insignia of rank in the "Encyclopedia Americana." He is a member of Armor and Arms Clubs (New York), Authors' Club (London), Spanish War Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of Union Civil War Veterans. His recreation is found in reading, the theatre and travel.

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#### FRANCIS STEPHEN MURPHY

Francis Stephen Murphy, business manager of the Hartford Times and thus a well known figure in the newspaper circles of New England, has been a lifelong resident of Connecticut, he having been born in New Haven, October 12, 1882. His parents were Henry J. and Mary (Dunn) Murphy, who were natives of New Haven and of Norfolk, Connecticut, respectively. The father was a mechanic who in 1893 removed to Hartford, where for thirteen years he made his home, passing away in 1906. His widow survives and yet makes her home in the capital city.

Having acquired a good public school education in Hartford, Francis S. Murphy became identified with the Hartford Times in 1898, in the capacity of errand boy. He was then a lad of sixteen years and he cherished no false ideas concerning the attainment of success. From the beginning he realized that close application, thoroughness and efficiency must constitute the rounds of the ladder on which he would climb to success. He has therefore steadily worked his way upward through various positions and for a time he was secretary and a member of the directorate of the old company operating under the name of the Burr Printing Company and holds the same position with the new organization—the Hartford Times, Inc., of which Frank E. Gannett is the president. He has been very active in building up the paper, his entire business life being spent in this office. He is familiar with every phase of the business and has been watchful of all the elements pointing to success. As an executive he is making a creditable record, his service as business manager being direct, forceful and resultant.

In 1907 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Iva Pearl Marsh, a daughter of John

and Emma Marsh, of Hartford, and they have one son, Warner, who was born January 21, 1913.

Mr. Murphy is well known in musical circles, having for twenty years been a member of the Hartford Choral Club, in which his position has been that of first tenor. He has sung in many of the Hartford churches and is equally widely known as a skilled violinist. His keen appreciation of music has been manifest in a mastery of the art that has enabled him to contribute as a vocalist and violinist to the work of shaping the musical taste of the city. He belongs to the Hartford Club and the Hartford Golf Club.

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#### LAWRENCE COLE HUMASON

Lawrence Cole Humason was born May 16, 1891, in New Britain, Connecticut. After completing a course in the local public schools he continued his studies in the Sheffield Scientific school of Yale University. He graduated with the class of 1913 and in the following year entered the employ of the Humason Manufacturing Company of Forestville, Connecticut. In 1927 he was elected secretary and treasurer of this concern.

In New Britain, Mr. Humason was married, June 24, 1916, to Miss Ruth Damon. They now have three children, John Damon, Florence Mary and Hala Cole.

Mr. Humason belongs to the Yale Club of New York city and also to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

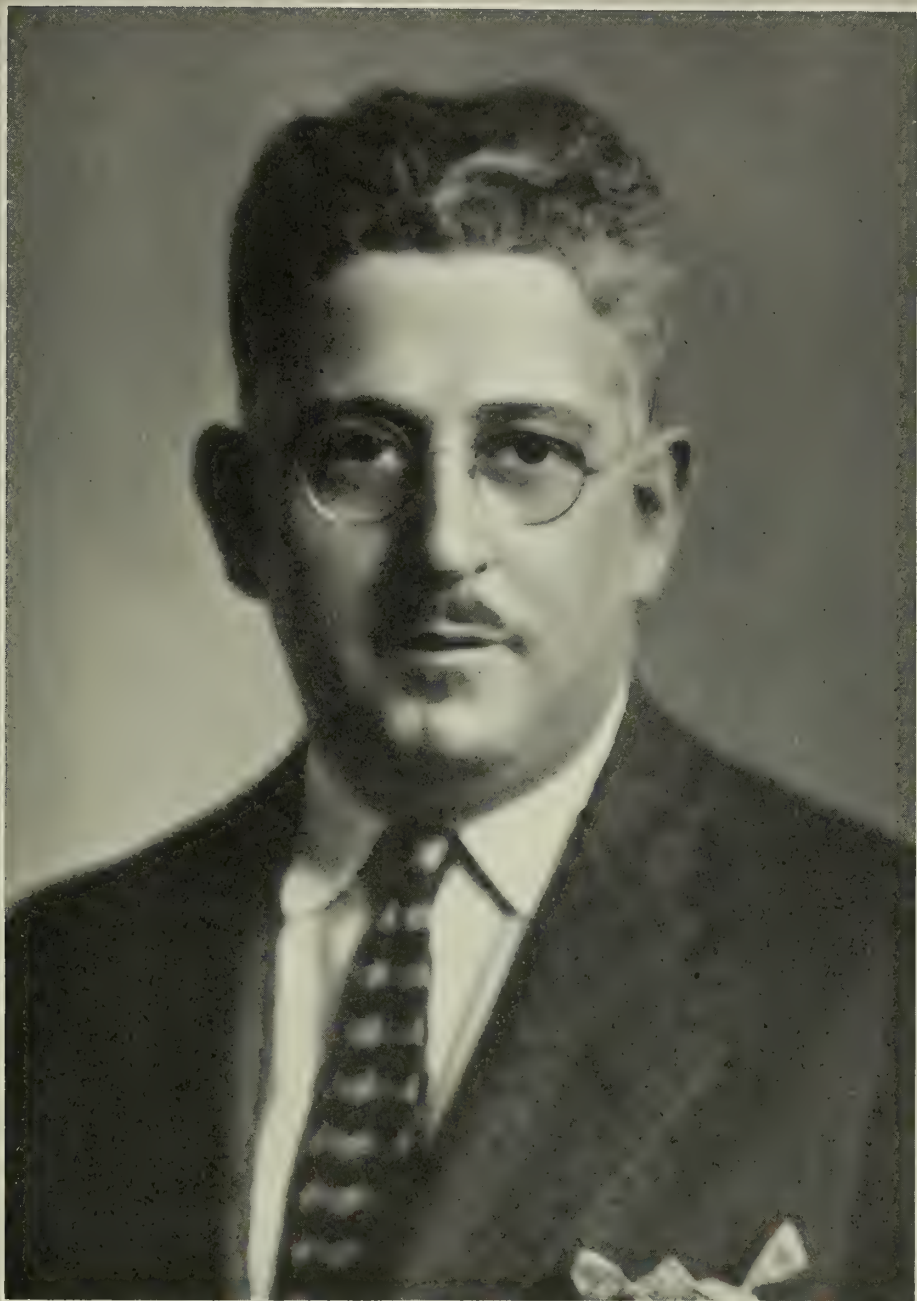
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#### HAROLD C. BAILEY

Modern business conditions have brought about the development of hitherto unknown commercial interests and it is through his efforts in taking advantage of the opportunities of the times that Harold C. Bailey has come to be the founder and president of the Hartford Automobile Finance Company and in this connection has built up an enterprise of large and substantial proportions. A native son of Connecticut, he was born in Middletown, June 13, 1888, and is a son of Frederick T. and Grace G. (Bailey) Bailey. His father figured prominently in business circles for many years as vice president of the Middletown Silver Company.

At the usual age Harold C. Bailey became a public school pupil, mastering the work of consecutive grades until he completed his studies in the high school. His identification with the insurance business dates from 1907, in which year he became a clerk in the accounting department of the Travelers Insurance Company, there continuing until 1912, when he went to Buffalo, New York, to act as special agent of the liability department. Mr. Bailey next became associated with the City National Bank of Troy, New York, as assistant manager of the new accounts department and later he returned to Hartford, where he was made manager of the S. R. Benjamin & Company Insurance Agency, continuing with that corporation until 1918, when he became associated with the late Judge Joseph P. Tuttle as general manager of the Industrial Realty Title & Guarantee Company, filling that position of responsibility until the organization of the Mutual Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, when the interests of the former company were sold to the bank. When the industrial department was reorganized for the insurance business Mr. Bailey continued in full charge thereof until November, 1922, when he organized the Hartford Automobile Finance Company, of which he is the president. Opportunity has always been to him a call to action and he saw the chance for the establishment and upbuilding of a business enterprise which he believed would prove a profitable and growing concern. Time has demonstrated the wisdom of his opinion, for through a period of six years the company's interests have steadily grown in volume and importance. Mr. Bailey is likewise the president and treasurer of H. C. Bailey, Incorporated, and thus continues his activity in the insurance and real estate field. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and both of his business interests are enjoying a steady development with gratifying financial returns.

In his political views Mr. Bailey is a republican but without ambition for office,



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*Hawthorne C. Pailey*





preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon his business affairs. In leisure hours, however, he is interested in the activities of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club and the Avon Fish and Game Club, in all of which he holds membership, enjoying the good will and friendship of his fellow members of those organizations.

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JAMES GOODWIN BATTERSON, JR.

It is the enterprise and character of the citizen that enrich and ennoble the commonwealth. From individual activity has sprung all the splendor and enterprise of the state and in no country is opportunity so open to the determined and ambitious as it is in America. This, therefore, is the land of the self-made man—the man whose innate powers and capabilities enable him to advance steadily until he reaches the heights of notable success. Such was the career of James Goodwin Batterson, New York resident manager of the Travelers Insurance Company, in which connection he developed one of the foremost business enterprises of New England. Farsighted though he was, he perhaps did not dream at the outset to what lengths he would go through the establishment and development of this now strong and powerful corporation and, moreover, in the development of this business he made valuable contribution to the upbuilding and material progress of his state.

A native of Hartford, Mr. Batterson was born in 1858 and was a son of James G. and Eunice (Goodwin) Batterson. His father was the founder of the Travelers Insurance Company and it was to that field of labor that he directed his efforts when he had completed his education, acquired in the public schools of Hartford, in a military academy and in Williams College. He was first a clerk with the Travelers but after a brief period asked for an opportunity to sell accident-ticket insurance. Soon after he had been given an assignment he learned that the Putnam Phalanx, a military company, had chartered a boat for a trip down the Connecticut river, and without consulting anyone he proceeded to the pier, where he sold travel tickets to the great majority of those ready to embark on the excursion. He was feeling particularly happy over his success when he returned to the office and informed the secretary of the company what he had done, but upon looking at his note book it was discovered that he had made the company liable for about four hundred thousand dollars, and considerable anxiety was felt by the officials of the company until the vessel had safely returned to her dock. Discussing this a half century later, Mr. Batterson said: "If the boiler of that old tub had blown up, the Travelers assets would have been absorbed; it would have had to send out to stockholders an S. O. S. call for funds and the probability is that there wouldn't have been this fiftieth anniversary to celebrate." At that dinner, by the way, Mr. Batterson was introduced by President Dunham as "a chip off the old block." This he was, as he not only had business and executive combined with sales ability, but was a good hard aggressive fighter. It is furthermore said that Mr. Batterson throughout his entire life and long after he had been promoted to official position could never resist the opportunity to sell a Travelers policy, which he did again and again while actively managing other business interests. For a time he was engaged in the grain trade in the west and later he returned to New York, where he was associated with an advertising business, contributing largely to its success through his initiative and originality. However, the field of insurance was continually calling him and he could not resist the lure of the business. He became the New York manager for the Travelers and his success in the metropolis was immediate. Through his well directed efforts the business grew with notable rapidity until the Travelers became one of the best known companies in the city, and many of the most successful insurance men of New York were developed under his direction. Later Mr. Batterson was given the title of resident director. When he became manager of the Travelers in New York about 1898, its premium income there was two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and under his direction the premium writings in 1922 had reached eighteen million dollars.

The business interests of the east soon came to recognize his marked capability and efficiency and his cooperation was sought in various fields. He became the president of the New England Granite Works of Westerly, Rhode Island, chartered about 1860 by the Connecticut legislature, and in this organization he was his father's

successor. It was this company which furnished granite for the erection of the Travelers building in Hartford, the State Library of Connecticut, the Congressional Library of Washington and the buildings of the Guaranty Trust Company and the Bankers Trust Company of New York, the American Telegraph and Telephone Company and still other buildings, as well as many memorial structures. Mr. Batterson never stopped short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose and as he was a man of broad vision he came into control of interests of far-reaching public benefit as well as a source of individual success.

Mr. Batterson was ever deeply interested in sports from the time when he began playing baseball in the military academy which he attended. It continued through his college days and through his later life when his active interest—for he was an unusually good ball player in youth—was merged into patronage of baseball in Hartford and in Concord. He always enjoyed clean sport and was one of the best billiard and pool players of his city. Although he was forty-four years of age when he took up golf, he became a devotee of the game, and despite the fact that he had rather short arms he won some amateur matches and came to be a well known figure in golf circles. His was the spirit of the true sportsman. During the war, when there was great competition in the Metropolitan Opera House and many financiers and other prominent men were gathered in a Liberty Loan meeting, where they were bidding for the privilege of owning a glove of Guynemer, a famous French aviation ace who had died in service, the Travelers bid one million dollars and secured the glove, which Mr. Batterson took to France to present to the French people. This was in the winter of 1918 and on the trip he carried with him, as representative of the New York Athletic Club, baseball bats, gloves and other paraphernalia for the American soldiers, which he presented to various army outfits. Mr. Batterson ever greatly enjoyed travel and made extensive trips not only to European countries and in the United States but in South America as well.

In his political views Mr. Batterson was ever a stalwart republican and again in this he followed in the footsteps of his father, who had been one of the first supporters of the candidacy of Abraham Lincoln and was in the office of the martyr president in Washington on the day when he was shot. Mr. Batterson acted as marshal in the insurance district for the Hughes Business Men's League parade and during the World war period he was always active in organizing insurance men for the Liberty Loan and other drives. He had reached the age of sixty-five years when death suddenly claimed him. Always genial and companionable, he counted his friends in many walks of life. He had been a popular member of the New York Athletic Club, the Westchester Hills Golf Club and various other social organizations, and all who knew James G. Batterson felt deep regret at his passing because he had shed around him much of life's sunshine and had contributed to the pleasure and interest of all with whom he came in contact.

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#### HENRY S. GRISWOLD

Henry S. Griswold, general agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, has continuously operated in this field for eighteen years, starting out in the humble capacity of office boy and working his way upward until he now has charge of the entire state of Connecticut for the corporation which he represents. With offices at 64 Pearl street in Hartford, he is directing the activities of a large force of agents and the business is enjoying a steady and healthful growth. Mr. Griswold is a man who is every prepared to meet any emergency or opportunity, readily mastering the former and utilizing the latter in a way that makes for success.

Born in Wethersfield, Hartford county, Connecticut, September 25, 1887, he is a son of Frederick A. and Mary (Stillman) Griswold, also natives of this state, where they have spent their entire lives. The father was general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for many years, his association with the company covering thirty-six years, but he is now living retired.

Henry S. Griswold obtained his education in the public schools, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1907, after which he began learning horticulture and for three years was actively interested in fruit raising and farming. In 1910, however, he turned his attention to the insurance business, becoming office boy in his





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HENRY S. GRISWOLD



father's employ. Parental authority was not exercised to give him an easy berth. He worked his way upward through various positions, gaining his promotions as the result of his knowledge and capability in the business, and following the retirement of his father he was appointed to succeed him as general agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company on the 1st of July, 1925. Since that time he has had entire charge for the company of the state of Connecticut and is represented by about thirty-five or forty special agents throughout the state. Although yet a young man, Mr. Griswold has been very successful in the business, having been trained under his father's supervision, while his ready adaptability has enabled him to master every phase of the business and win substantial success.

On the 16th of April, 1913, Mr. Griswold was married to Miss Ruth Chapman, of Windsor, and they have two daughters, Katharine Chapman and Marjory Merrill. Mr. Griswold owns the old Michael Griswold home in what was formerly Back Lane, now Garden street. It was built about 1730 and is the oldest house in Wethersfield. It is also one of the most hospitable, its doors being ever open for the reception of their many friends, and their social position is an enviable one. Mr. Griswold is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the City Club, the Wethersfield Country Club and the Congregational church of Wethersfield—associations that indicate much concerning the nature of his interests and the line of his activities outside of business. He stands for all that is best in community life and his endorsement and support are ever given to measures for the public welfare.

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#### ALFRED W. HANMER

Alfred W. Hanmer, one of Wethersfield's loyal sons and enterprising merchants, is always found in the van of movements for civic growth and betterment and has also aided in framing the laws of the state. He was born in 1867, a son of Charles H. Hanmer, who was also a native of Wethersfield. The latter devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and death terminated his labors in 1884. His widow, Mrs. Clara E. (Way) Hanmer, was born in Hebron, Connecticut, and lives with her son, Alfred W., during the winter months, residing in Gilead during the remainder of the year. She had five children but Edward S. and John W. are deceased. Charles H. follows the occupation of farming and William E. is connected with the firm of Frayer & Foster, coal dealers of Hartford.

In the acquirement of an education Alfred W. Hanmer attended the old academy in Wethersfield and for one term was a pupil in Wilbraham Academy of Massachusetts. After his father's death he took charge of the homestead and successfully managed the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one. Going to Hartford, Connecticut, he obtained work in the market of A. Squares & Son and was there employed for one and a half years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Wethersfield and in partnership with Charles Bulkley purchased the business of Dix & Wells, dealers in meat and groceries. The firm of Bulkley & Hanmer existed for about eight years and in 1900 the senior partner retired, selling his stock to Mr. Hanmer, who has since conducted the business. In addition to staple and fancy groceries he carries a complete stock of general merchandise and is always prepared to supply the needs of customers. His patrons receive good value for the amount expended and his well known honesty has enabled him to win and retain a large share of the local trade.

In 1890 Mr. Hanmer married Miss Nellie L. Tolcott, of Wethersfield, and five children were born to them, namely: Clara T., who is the wife of Robbins N. Griswold, of Watertown, Connecticut; Henry Francis, superintendent of the Wethersfield post office; Alfred W., Jr., who is in the employ of the Colt Patent Firearms Company; John Way, who assists his father in managing the store; and Elizabeth, a senior in the local high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanmer are zealous members of Trinity Episcopal church, of which he has been a warden for years, and in politics he is a strong republican. In October, 1898, he was elected a selectman and has been retained in that office for a period of thirty years, an eloquent testimonial to the quality of his service. He is a member of the town plan and sewer commissions and was connected with the board of education for six years. In 1913 he was chosen to represent his district in the



state legislature and manifested that devotion to the public interests which has characterized all of his official service. Mr. Hanmer is a Mason in high standing and since its organization in November, 1920, has been treasurer of Hospitality Lodge. He belongs to the Hartford City and Wethersfield Country Clubs and his wife is a member of the Saturday Afternoon Club, the Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Whist Club and the local chapter of the Eastern Star. Many trusts have been reposed in Mr. Hanmer and all have been faithfully and efficiently discharged. Through all the varied responsibilities of life he has acquitted himself with dignity and honor, thus winning the approbation and esteem of his fellowmen.

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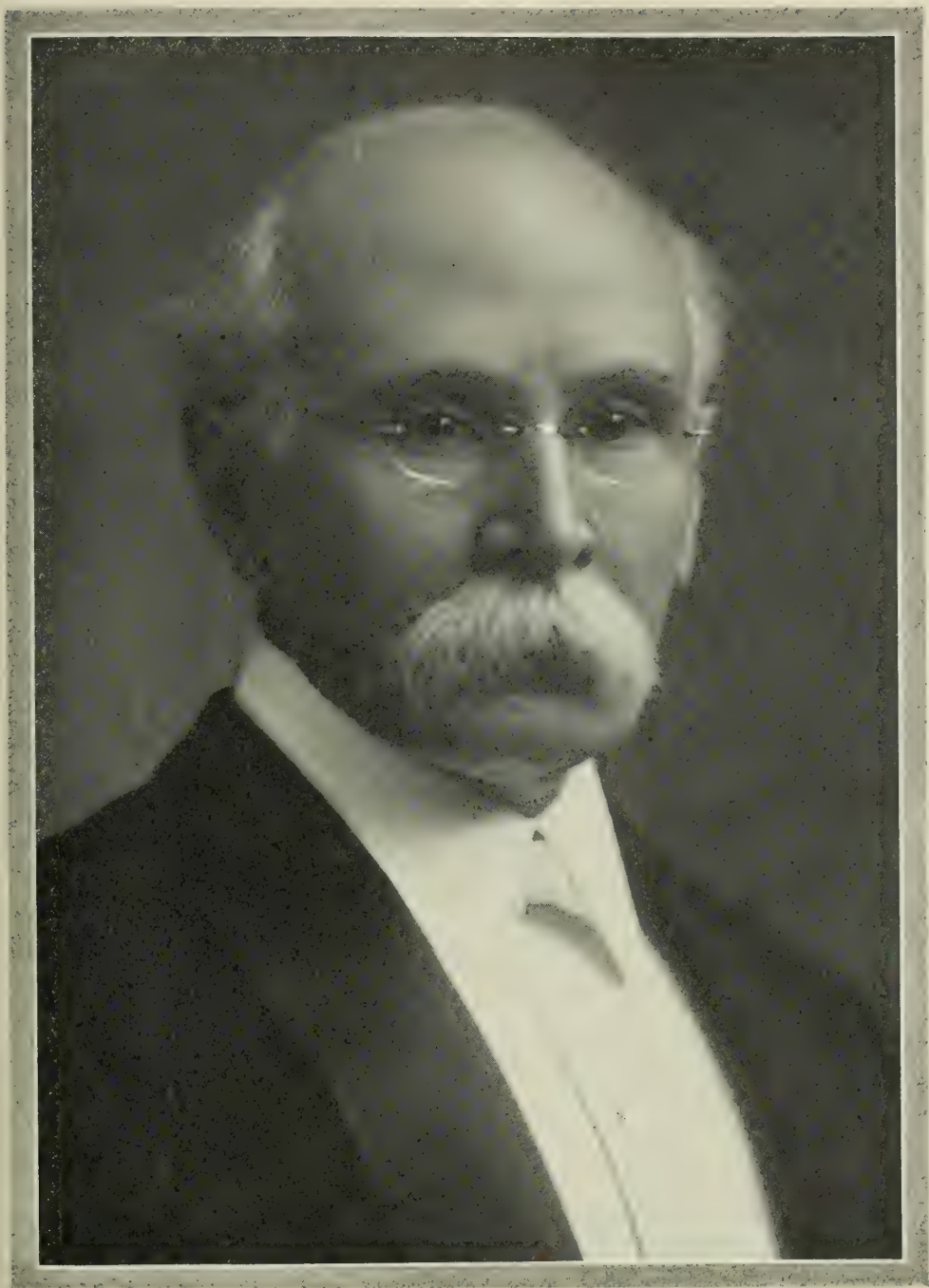
#### MAJOR GEORGE Q. WHITNEY

Major George Q. Whitney, a veteran of the Civil war, responded to the last roll call at Hartford, August 3, 1925. With military precision throughout his entire life he had marshaled his forces and he had won victory after victory not only in the business world but in the development of those forces of character which make for high and honorable manhood. When the end came it might well be said of him that he had "fought a good fight." He was born at Sacarappa, Maine, April 22, 1843, so that he had attained the age of eighty-two years. His parents were Aaron and Rebecca (Perkins) Whitney and his ancestry in the paternal line could be traced back to John Whitney, of England, who settled at Watertown, Massachusetts, about 1635. His grandson, Jonathan Whitney, served in King Philip's War and his grandson, Levi Whitney, was one of the heroes of the Revolution, ably aiding in the defense of American interests and winning the rank of lieutenant. The records of the Whitney family present the names of many skilled mechanics and machinists who did notable service in their particular field. This number includes the late Amos Whitney, who was a brother of Major Whitney and was one of the founders and for a long time president of the Pratt & Whitney Company, the largest manufacturers of aircraft in the world.

Major George Q. Whitney was a youth of but nineteen years when he responded to the country's call for aid in preserving the Union intact. He enlisted on the 14th of July, 1862, as a member of Company A, Sixteenth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, and was mustered into the service on the 2d of August. With his command he went to the front and was first under fire in the memorable battle of Antietam on the 17th of September, 1862. He participated in other important engagements and was with his regiment at Plymouth, North Carolina, on April 30, 1864, when after a stubborn resistance against overwhelming odds—sixteen hundred Union troops against twelve thousand Confederates—the Union forces were captured. Mr. Whitney was then incarcerated in a Confederate prison until November 30, 1864 (prisoner ten months), when he was paroled, after which he was again on duty until mustered out with his regiment on the 24th of June, 1865, the war having been brought to a successful close.

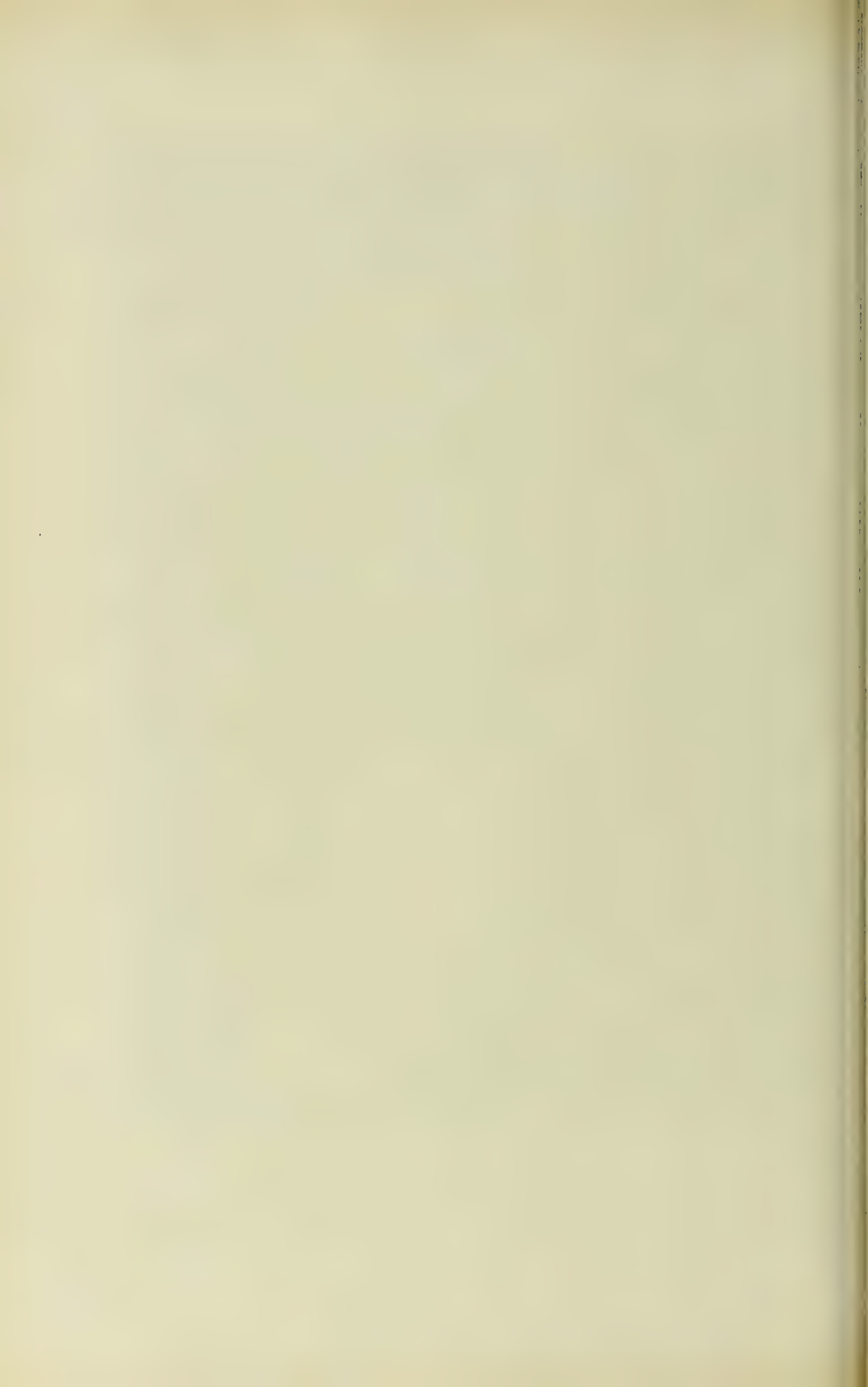
In young manhood Major Whitney became identified with the Pratt & Whitney Company and was associated therewith for many years, his capability and thoroughness contributing in substantial measure to the continued success of the organization. He afterward became identified with the Phoenix Manufacturing Company as its secretary and general manager and his well formulated plans and executive ability featured strongly in the continued expansion of the trade of the house. For more than a half century he remained an active factor in the commercial and industrial development of Hartford county and in fact his interests were so important in character and so broad in scope that he was accounted one of the foremost business men of the state. He retained his active association with the Phoenix Manufacturing Company until 1920, when he retired from business, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved.

Major Whitney was united in marriage December 27, 1890, to Isabelle (Gaylord) Whitney, who survives him. He held membership in Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., and thus always retained pleasant associations with his old army comrades. He won his military title by service with the Veteran City Guard. His life was ever actuated by high principles and he was a member of the Church of the Redeemer. Throughout his entire life he used his time, his talents and his opportunities wisely and well,



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MAJOR GEORGE Q. WHITNEY





gaining success and prominence in business and as the result of many admirable personal qualities winning the respect and warm regard of those with whom he was associated.

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#### SAMUEL J. GLOTZER

Samuel J. Glotzer, long an outstanding figure in commercial circles of Hartford, is well known as one of the owners of the business conducted under the style of the New England Furriers, in which Julius Bassevitch is a partner. For two years they were associated in the same line in New York city and in 1896 transferred their activities to Hartford. Their first quarters were above Henry Cohn's store and in 1897 they secured a larger amount of space at No. 1235 Main street. In 1900 the business was established in the old Courant building at No. 36 Pratt street and in 1924 they moved to the present location in the Hudson building on the same thoroughfare. They occupy three floors and have long been recognized as leaders in their chosen field of endeavor. Until 1926 they dealt exclusively in fine furs and fur coats and then added a line of ladies' apparel, consisting of cloth coats and other garments. The partners have made a close study of the business and their enterprise and reliability have enabled them to win and retain a large share of the local trade. They are progressive merchants who have changed old methods to suit new conditions, and during the thirty-one years of its existence their business has constantly increased, keeping pace with the development of the city. The partners are members of the Chamber of Commerce and heartily cooperate in movements for Hartford's progress and betterment.

In 1897 Mr. Glotzer married Miss Rose Glotzer, by whom he has four children: Freda, who is attending Dr. Arnold's school in New Haven, Connecticut; Teddy and Isadore, who are associated with their father; and Harry, who is the owner of a prosperous business. They are adherents of the Jewish faith and members of Emanuel Synagogue.

Mr. Bassevitch was married in 1890 to Miss Sarah Glotzer, and they have five children: Mrs. Celia Jaffer, Mrs. Bert Cohn, and Isadore, Florence and Marcus Bassevitch. The son is attending Cornell University and has made an excellent record as a student. The family attend one of the Jewish synagogues of Hartford.

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#### MICHAEL PLAUT

Alert, energetic and well poised, Michael Plaut has made rapid progress in the business world and at the age of thirty-one years is successfully administering the affairs of one of the large furniture corporations of Hartford. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1897, a son of Joseph and Betty (Waldheim) Plaut. His father was connected with May, Stern & Company of Cincinnati and passed away in 1915.

Michael Plaut attended the public schools of his native city and received his higher education in the University of Michigan which he left in 1920, having majored in engineering. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Corps and was made a seaman of the second class. In 1918 he entered the employ of May, Stern & Company and was rapidly promoted. He came to Hartford in 1924 and made arrangements for the erection of the building that now houses the business of the Plaut Company, which handles a complete line of home furnishings. Since 1924 he has been president of this firm and Aaron Bernstein, who has been affiliated with the May & Stern organization for twenty years, is treasurer and general manager. This is one of the thirty-six stores of May, Stern & Company and has eight floors devoted to the exhibition of fine furniture. Each floor is fifty by one hundred and twenty feet in dimensions and the firm has forty-eight thousand square feet of display space, which is the largest afforded by any furniture house in Hartford. A fifty-six thousand square feet warehouse with a spur line on Donald street affords the necessary storage and railroad facilities. The store itself is on Asylum street, the gateway to the western part of the city. May, Stern & Company was organized in Cincinnati forty-three years ago for the purpose of enabling the public to purchase

furniture at the lowest possible prices through volume buying and this was one of the first institutions to inaugurate the plan of deferred payment. Patrons of this corporation are offered a wide selection of high-grade furniture at a moderate cost, all interpreting the ideal of value giving, which constitutes the foundation of the firm's success.

In 1925 Mr. Plaut married Miss Janet Lederer, of Cincinnati, and they now have a son Michael, Jr., who was born May 14, 1927. Mr. Plaut belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is one of Hartford's "boosters." Nothing escapes him in relation to the furniture trade and in the conduct of his business he brings to bear broad experience, keen sagacity and pronounced executive ability. That he has chosen a field of activity well suited to his talent is shown by his success and his close adherence to the principles of truth and honor has won for him a secure place in public confidence and esteem.

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#### WILLIAM J. GALVIN, Jr.

William J. Galvin, Jr., attorney at law and also prominent in community affairs, serving now as a member of the aviation commission of Hartford, his native city, was born on the 9th of July, 1897, his parents being William J. and Anna F. (Leban) Galvin, who are also natives of Hartford, their respective parents having here settled prior to the Civil war. The father is now a pharmacist, conducting business on Farmington avenue.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded William J. Galvin, Jr., who attended Yale University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1921. He next entered the Yale Law School and won his LL. B. degree in 1923. The same year he was admitted to the Hartford bar and has since been engaged in practice here, being recognized as one of the rising young lawyers of the city. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact and he is most thorough and careful in the preparation of his cases, while his devotion to his clients' interests constitutes one of the chief forces of his growing success.

In 1924 Mr. Galvin was appointed a member of the aviation commission and has since served in this capacity. Back of this was a previous experience in the World war which well qualified him for his present official duties. On the 20th of February, 1918, he had enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps as a flying cadet and on the 11th of November, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the air service and was on duty as a pilot on the San Antonio (Texas) field. He was in the Officers Reserve Corps from February 6, 1919, until June 26, 1924, and was promoted to a first lieutenantcy, serving from that date until July, 1925. He was with the One Hundred and Eighteenth Observation Squadron of the Connecticut National Guard from November, 1922, until June, 1925, with the rank of first lieutenant.

On the 28th of January, 1925, Mr. Galvin was married to Miss Helen J. Fitzsimmons, of Hartford, and they have many friends in the younger social circles of the city. Mr. Galvin has always taken a keen interest in aviation and has devoted much time to that business, having developed quite expert ability as a flyer. He is a member of the American Legion and La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux and also belongs to the University Club of Hartford. He has many friends here and the sterling worth of his character is attested in the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood.

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#### JAMES GOODWIN BATTERSON

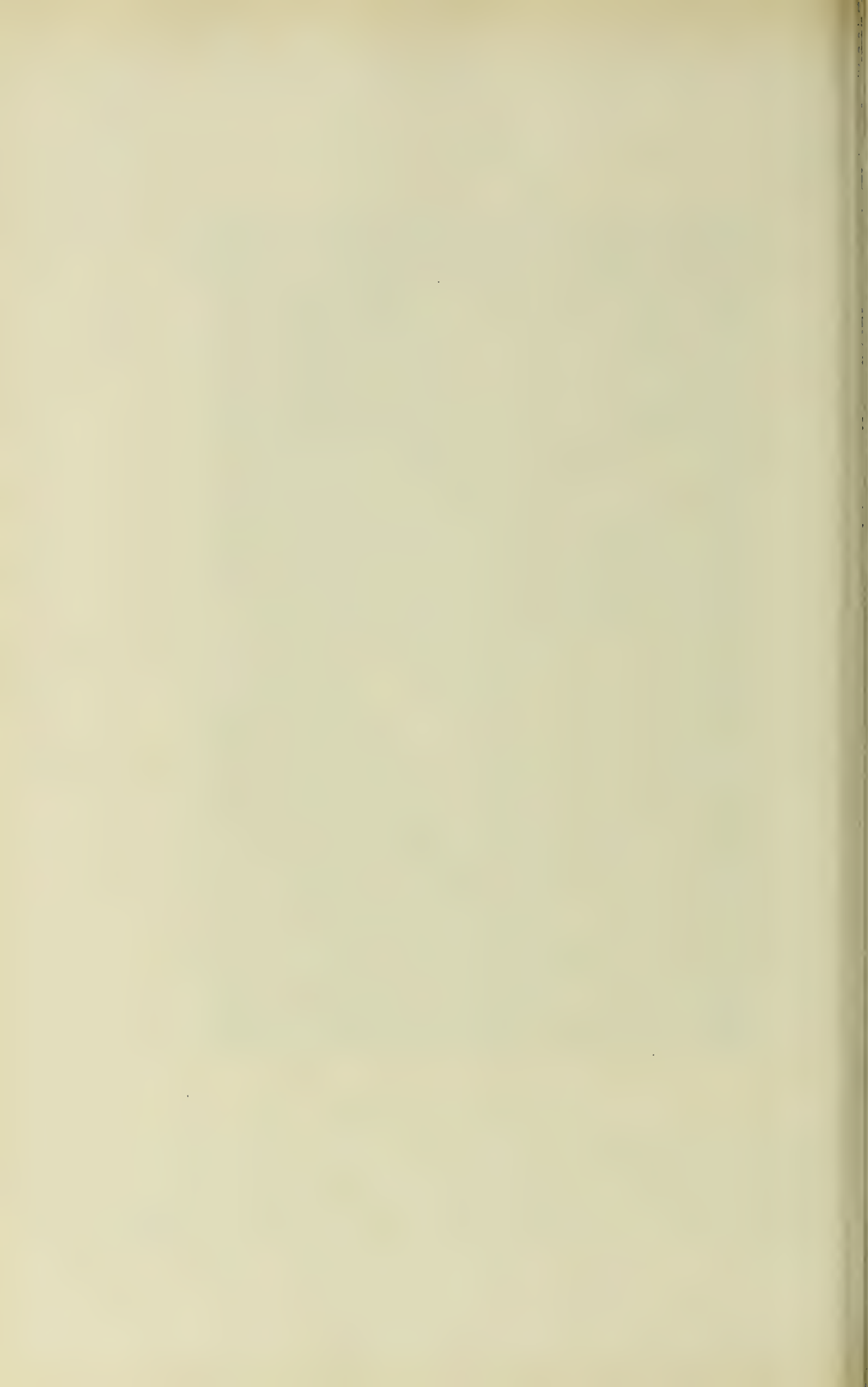
A most active, useful and honorable career was that of James Goodwin Batterson, whose activities were of wide scope and whose position among the scientists, the artists and the authors was one of distinction. Moreover, he always recognized his duties and obligations in citizenship and thus it was that he took active and prominent part in shaping the civic development of city and state. His interests touched life at many points and always with a constructive hand, directed by ability that in many instances amounted to genius.



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WILLIAM J. GALVIN, Jr.





Connecticut therefore proudly numbers James Goodwin Batterson among her native sons, he having been born in the old town of Wintonbury (now Bloomfield), February 23, 1823. He was a descendant of James Batterson, who with the early Scotch Presbyterian immigration from the north of Ireland came to the new world. His son, George Batterson, settled in Fairfield county, Connecticut, and married Mary Oysterbanks, of Welsh lineage. They were the parents of George Batterson (II), who served in the army and navy throughout the entire Revolutionary war period. To him and his wife, Mary Seeley, was born a son, Simeon Seeley Batterson, who married Melissa Roberts and was one of the pioneers in the building stone industry.

Thus the ancestral line has been traced down to the parents of James Goodwin Batterson, who in his youthful days attended the public schools of Litchfield county and in outdoor life and sports developed a physique that enabled him to meet the onerous demands upon his strength in later years. He prepared for college in Western Academy, but financial conditions at home made it necessary that he provide for his own support without having advanced educational training. He went to Ithaca, New York, traveling much of the way on foot, and there his ability to translate a Latin sentence which had perplexed the proprietor of a printing office secured him employment. While thus engaged he devoted his hours which are usually termed leisure to further reading and study and later returned home, where he worked in his father's stone-cutting shop. His keen mentality, however, prompted him to utilize every opportunity that pointed in the direction of a professional career and he was making rapid progress in his law studies in the office of Origen S. Seymour, afterward chief justice of Connecticut, when family conditions again obliged him to return home and assist his father. It was characteristic of Mr. Batterson that no useless repining impeded his progress. The task at hand was the one which always claimed his attention and received his best effort, and before long he had succeeded in developing and expanding his father's business, which he soon removed to Hartford.

Up to that time the business had been confined to cemetery and foundation work, but James G. Batterson began contracting on a large scale by furnishing the stone for the building of the State Savings Bank and also the marble front for the Phoenix National Bank. In 1857 he was awarded the contract for the equestrian monument of General Worth in New York city and other important tasks claimed his attention as the years passed, the business steadily increasing in volume, so that in 1875 he incorporated his interests under the name of the New England Granite Works, capitalized at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with quarries at Canaan, Connecticut, in Rhode Island and New Hampshire. He not only installed the most modern equipment, but realizing a need in his particular field, he invented a lathe for cutting and polishing stone columns, such work having previously been done by hand. He personally supervised the work on the great granite pillars for the state capitol at Albany, New York, and at all times he held to the highest standards of service, so that the business rapidly grew. The company constructed the National Soldiers' Monument at Gettysburg; the Alexander Hamilton statue in Central Park, New York; the West Point monument of General Thayer, founder of the Military Academy; the Antietam battlefield monument; the monument erected at Galveston, Texas, in memory of those who fell in the Texas revolution; the General Halleck monument at San Francisco; and the General Wood monument at Troy, New York, the latter a sixty-foot shaft weighing nearly a hundred tons. Among the company's great buildings are: The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance, Hartford; the Equitable and the Masonic Temple, New York; the Mutual Life, Philadelphia; the City Hall, Providence; and the thirty-story Park Row building, New York. The finest, however, is the Congressional Library in Washington city, exquisitely fashioned of gray Concord granite. Another of the famous Batterson buildings is the capitol at Hartford, costing nearly two million dollars. In 1860 Mr. Batterson established marble works in New York city that furnished the interiors of many of the notable buildings there and in other large cities. To develop an enterprise of such proportions would alone be considered a creditable life work for most men, but Mr. Batterson's labors were of much broader scope and he became widely known as the founder of accident insurance in America. He had acquainted himself with that field of insurance while in England and upon his return secured a charter for railroad accident insurance, which was amended the next year to cover all classes of accidents, and in 1866 was extended to include all forms of life insurance. Thus came into existence the great Travelers Company, and

though he met with much opposition from rivals, his persistency of purpose and intelligently directed plans won an ultimate success that led to the development of a business with a capital stock of two and one-half millions and with assets of more than seventy million dollars. Mr. Batterson's was the creative mind and executive force back of this undertaking, and yet the business capacity and initiative of Mr. Batterson had by no means reached its furthestmost limit.

While developing his stone-building industry and the insurance business he also continued in the study of law in order that he might know how to protect his own interests and avoid litigation. He delved into the realms of science by studying geology under J. G. Percival, the Connecticut poet-geologist, for whom he acted as guide in the first geological survey of the state. In 1858 he went abroad, where during a period of more than a year, in company with the eminent Brunel, he studied the stone formations, pyramids and tombs of the Nile valley and the Mediterranean basin, gaining a knowledge of Egypt which was recognized in his being made an honorary secretary of the Egypt Exploration Fund. He became a recognized authority on Egyptology and in the fields of astronomy, art and literature his studies were almost equally comprehensive. He became the possessor of a splendid collection of paintings, sculpture and other art works and his wide reading brought him a comprehensive familiarity with the leading literary works of all ages. He studied the various classical languages and became one of the founders of the Greek Club of New York city. His own contributions to literature were valuable and included many most interesting and important works on taxation, the relations of capital and labor and sociological questions. In 1896 he published his "Gold and Silver," which was recognized as one of the first authoritative statements by the sound-money parties. His writings included a published translation from the "Iliad" in blank verse; an elaborate work, "Creation" (the title subsequently changed to "The Beginning"); and a number of poems of varied subject and range, including "Lauda Sion," translated from the Latin of St. Thomas Aquinas. Aside from his excursions into the fields of literature, art and science and his masterful direction of the Travelers Insurance Company and the New England Granite Works, he was a director of the Hartford National Bank and of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, was vice president of the Wadsworth Athenaeum and a trustee of Brown University.

The breadth of his interests naturally led Mr. Batterson into most important and extensive relations in club and social circles and especially in connection with those societies having to do with science and the general dissemination of knowledge. Both Yale and Williams colleges and also Brown University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. His comprehensive study in the realm of science and his investigations into the history of the past but deepened his belief in a creative force and his religious faith found expression in his membership in the Baptist church. He belonged also to the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. His association with patriotic organizations included membership in the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the American Statistical Association. He likewise belonged to the Colonial Club and the New England Society of New York, while his intense love of learning found further expression in his connection with the Hartford Scientific Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was also a member of the Yale Alumni Association and of the Hartford Board of Trade.

When the country was involved in the throes of civil war Mr. Batterson's position was one of intense loyalty to the Union cause and the government at Washington. Although he might have received political and military distinction at this period, he refused all such offers, but throughout the entire war period was chairman of the republican state central committee and of the war committee, putting forth every effort to meet the demand for various military quotas. Connecticut sent more Union troops to the front than was required of her. His influence in winning success for his party was pronounced and he always supported those men whose loyalty to the Union cause was above question. It was said of him: "In public gatherings his powerful voice, persuasive manner, ready wit and cogent reasoning, made him a magnetic speaker, and he was a gifted presiding officer. The fact that he resolutely declined to accept all offices, elective or appointive, tended greatly to the enlargement and maintenance of his great political influence."

Through all the intense activity which made Mr. Batterson a dominant figure in business life, in scientific research and in political and civic affairs, he turned for



rest and comfort to the quiet of his own home, which he established on the 2d of June, 1852, in his marriage to Miss Eunice E. Goodwin, who was born April 6, 1827, a daughter of Jonathan Goodwin. They became parents of two daughters and a son: Clara Jeannette, who was born January 17, 1855, and died May 16, 1868; Mary Elizabeth, who became the wife of Dr. Charles C. Beach, of Hartford; and James Goodwin, Jr., mentioned elsewhere in this work. The wife and mother passed away January 10, 1897, while Mr. Batterson survived until September 18, 1901, having attained the seventy-eighth year of his age. The influence of his career in its varied activities is immeasurable. He contributed much to all those forces which made for higher standards of development in business and in those circles where cultural advancement is achieved. Abraham Lincoln said: "There is something better than making a living—making a life," and it was this spirit that actuated James Goodwin Batterson at every point of his long and honorable career. He knew what it was "to be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them \* \* \* and to spend at much time as you can with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors."

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#### JOHN J. GALLAGHER

John J. Gallagher is an able young representative of insurance interests in Hartford, where for nearly a decade he has acted as a supervisor in the tabulating department of The Travelers Insurance Company, with which he has been continuously identified since 1914, save for the period of his military service. A native son of Hartford, Connecticut, he was born July 21, 1897, his parents being John Edward and Bridget (Tully) Gallagher, both natives of Ireland. Since coming to America, John E. Gallagher has been a resident of Hartford.

John J. Gallagher is a graduate of St. Joseph's Cathedral School and also of the Huntsinger Business College. It was on the 8th of December, 1914, that he entered the employ of The Travelers Insurance Company in the mortgage loan department. When the United States had become involved in the World War he enlisted for military duty but was not called into camp by reason of the fact that influenza had broken out. The American Railway Express Company employed him in Hartford in taking charge of the receiving from army camps and posts of the bodies of deceased soldiers from all over the country. The government notified him that he was to go with the draft quota assigned to Fortress Monroe, Virginia. The Hartford draft board put him in charge of the Hartford county quota and sent him to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, with the contingent. He served until the signing of the armistice and was a member of the Forty-first Coast Artillery Band. On the 3rd of December, 1918, he was sent to Camp Upton, Long Island, where he was discharged on the 17th of December following. Upon the organization of the Connecticut State Guard he enlisted as a private of Company C, First Infantry, of which he was later made company trumpeter. Transferred to regimental headquarters, he was there appointed sergeant trumpeter of the regiment and attached to the non-commissioned staff of the regiment. Up to the time of his enlistment in the regular army he had served as sergeant trumpeter at the Regimental Officers' camp at Niantic, Connecticut. About thirty-eight trumpeters and about twenty-five members of the Regimental Drum Corps were under his supervision. During his last year in camp he was one of the organizers of the non-commissioned officers' association. He is also a member of the Officers' Association of the First Infantry, Connecticut State Guard, and belongs to Rau Locke Post of the American Legion. In 1919 he returned to the employ of The Travelers Insurance Company and was made a supervisor in the tabulating department, having since served in that capacity in a most satisfactory and highly efficient manner.

Mr. Gallagher has also manifested a deep and helpful interest in public affairs and in April, 1926, was elected to the board of aldermen from the eleventh ward for a two years' term, serving as a member of the amusement committee, the claims committee and the auditing committee. In April, 1928, he was reelected alderman from the same ward for a second term and is now serving as chairman of the amusement committee and as vice chairman of the police committee. Fishing is his favor-

rite form of recreation. Mr. Gallagher is a young man of attractive personality and genial in his social intercourse, is public-spirited in his attitude toward all measures for the betterment of his community and stands high in the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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#### V. RUSSELL LEAVITT

V. Russell Leavitt, Hartford manager since 1919 of the New York firm of Paine, Webber & Company and thus well known in financial circles, was born in Wilton, Maine, August 24, 1891, his parents being William N. and Ada I. (Russell) Leavitt, residents of that place. After leaving the public schools on the completion of the regular course of study he entered Wilton Academy and there pursued his preparatory course. Later he enrolled as a student in Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Maine, and was graduated in 1913 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. Having thus well qualified for life's activities and responsibilities, he started out in the business world in the same year, becoming connected with a subsidiary of the J. G. White Corporation of New York city. He remained with that house for about six months and then came to Hartford, where he secured a position with Bertron, Griscom & Company, also a New York house, which he represented for a time as a salesman, while later he became their Hartford manager, continuing in that position until August, 1918. He then resigned to become a representative of Paine, Webber & Company, members of the New York Stock Exchange and the Hartford Stock Exchange. After serving for a time as salesman he was advanced to the position of Hartford manager in 1919 and has so continued to the present time, in which connection he has built up an extensive business for the corporation at this point. The Hartford office, as the result of his close application and sound business judgment, now has many clients and represents important interests. Mr. Leavitt also has other business connections, being a director of the American Reserve Insurance Company of New York, a director of the Lincoln Fire Insurance Company of New York, of the Plantsville National Bank of Plantsville, Connecticut, of the Root Corporation of Bristol, Connecticut, of the Underwriters Finance Company of Hartford and also of the Trumbull-Vanderpoel Lumber Manufacturing Company of Bantam, Connecticut, and a member of board of governors of the Connecticut Investment Bankers Association. He displays sound judgment and broad vision in business affairs and has so wisely used his time, talents and opportunities that he today ranks with the foremost representatives of financial interests in Hartford.

On the 27th of September, 1916, Mr. Leavitt was married to Miss H. Edna Rice, a daughter of Charles D. and Anna (Hoagland) Rice, of Hartford, her father being general manager of the Underwood Typewriter Company of this city, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt have three children: Marion Rice; Brooks Russell and Jane Elizabeth.

Mr. Leavitt has ever been appreciative of the social amenities of life and is well known in the club circles of the capital city, having membership in the Hartford and University clubs, also in the Country Club of Farmington and the Wampanoag Country Club. His genial nature and social qualities render him a delightful companion and he has here gained a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### CHARLES L. GIBSON

Charles L. Gibson, who is in charge of the department of re-insurance with the Travelers Indemnity Company and whose well formulated plans and executive ability are manifest in the continued growth of the business of this department, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 24, 1888, and is a son of the late James H. and Nellie T. (Turmey) Gibson, also natives of this city, where the father was a representative of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company until his death. The Gibson family settled in Hartford in pioneer times.

Charles L. Gibson pursued his education in the public and high schools of his



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V. RUSSELL LEAVITT





native city and this constituted his training for the duties and responsibilities of later life. When his textbooks were put aside he became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company in 1903 as an errand boy and has since filled numerous positions with this company, each one marking a steady advance and a merited recognition of his capability on the part of those whom he served. Thus step by step he reached his present position in 1923 and has recently celebrated the twenty-fifth year of his service with this company. The occasion was fittingly recognized on the 20th of April, 1928, by the Travelers' employes, who presented him with a valuable desk set, and he received many congratulatory letters and telegrams from those unable to be present.

On the 18th of November, 1918, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Anna Gilmartin, of Hartford, and they are the parents of two children, Virginia Rita and Robert William. The family resides at 75 Sumner street in Hartford. Mr. Gibson is a member of the Travelers Club and he has many warm friends in the city in which his life has been passed and where he has made steady progress through merit and fidelity.

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#### JOHN PORTER

John Porter, active in the financial interests of Hartford and conducting his business at 36 Pearl street, was born in Gilead, town of Hebron, Connecticut, May 25, 1873, his parents being John Sumner and Electa Ann (Brown) Porter, who were also natives of this state. The Porter family is of English lineage and was founded in Windsor, Connecticut, at an early period, after which representatives of the name participated in the wars that have safeguarded American interests and principles. His father was a farmer by occupation and also took an active and prominent part in the public life of community and state, serving as representative from his district to the general assembly in 1887, the father's death occurring September 17, 1892, when he was fifty-nine years of age, while his wife died at the age of forty-two years.

John Porter pursued his education in the schools of Gilead, supplemented by a business course in the Hannum & Stedman Business College, now the Morse Business College. He remained upon the home farm, aiding in the work of the fields until he had reached the age of twenty-one years, when thinking to find other pursuits more profitable, he secured a position as traveling salesman with J. B. Williams & Company, soap manufacturers of Glastonbury, with whom he remained for about a year, when he decided to learn the retail grocery business and became an employe of B. S. Carrier, who owned a general store at Highland Park, in South Manchester. When twenty-five years of age he embarked in the grocery business on his own account on Main street, in South Manchester, where he remained for about five years, building up a good trade. He then had an excellent opportunity to sell his business, and feeling that there were greater opportunities in Hartford, he came to this city in 1903 and established a dairy lunch business at 711 Main street. Success attended the new enterprise and after a few months he opened a second restaurant in Springfield, Massachusetts. This was followed by the further extension of his business by the establishment of three restaurants in Worcester, Massachusetts, two in Portland, Maine, one in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, one in Waterbury, Connecticut, as well as two added in Hartford, and three in New Haven. Having thus steadily developed his New England business through a period of eight years, he then opened similar stores in New York city and Brooklyn, New York, where he developed a business of mammoth proportions, as indicated in the fact that he increased his establishments to the number of eight in New York and Brooklyn, making a total of twenty-two altogether, conducted under the name of the Capitol Lunch System. Mr. Porter continued in the business until January 1, 1921, when he sold out to the Waldorf System, Inc. Since then he has been devoting a portion of his time to Central real estate and investments and has become well known in the financial circles of Hartford and in other centers. His business judgment is sound, his enterprise unfaltering and thus his cooperation has been sought in other fields, so that he is now a director of the Third National Bank & Trust Company of Springfield and is a director of the City Bank & Trust Company of Hartford. He is likewise a director of the Storm Drop Forging Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, of the East Springfield Home

Builders Company, is a trustee of the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Massachusetts, and president and director of the Hotel Bond Company at Hartford. Thus his business connections cover a broad field both in volume and in character, and his opinions carry great weight in business conferences because in his individual affairs he had demonstrated his capability, resourcefulness and wise management.

Mr. Porter married Miss Carrie Ethel Wetherell, a daughter of Captain Arthur J. and Mary Wetherell, of Manchester, Connecticut, and they now reside at 670 Farmington avenue. Mr. Porter belongs to the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, to the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce and is in hearty sympathy with the purposes of these organizations as factors in the upbuilding of their respective communities and in the advancement of those projects which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He is a Mason belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and the Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine, while along strictly social lines his connection is with the Hartford Club, the Wampanoag Country Club, the Sequin Golf Club, the Colony Club of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Nayasset Club, also of Springfield. Genial and friendly, his social qualities make for popularity wherever he is known and he has a wide acquaintance throughout New England and in New York.

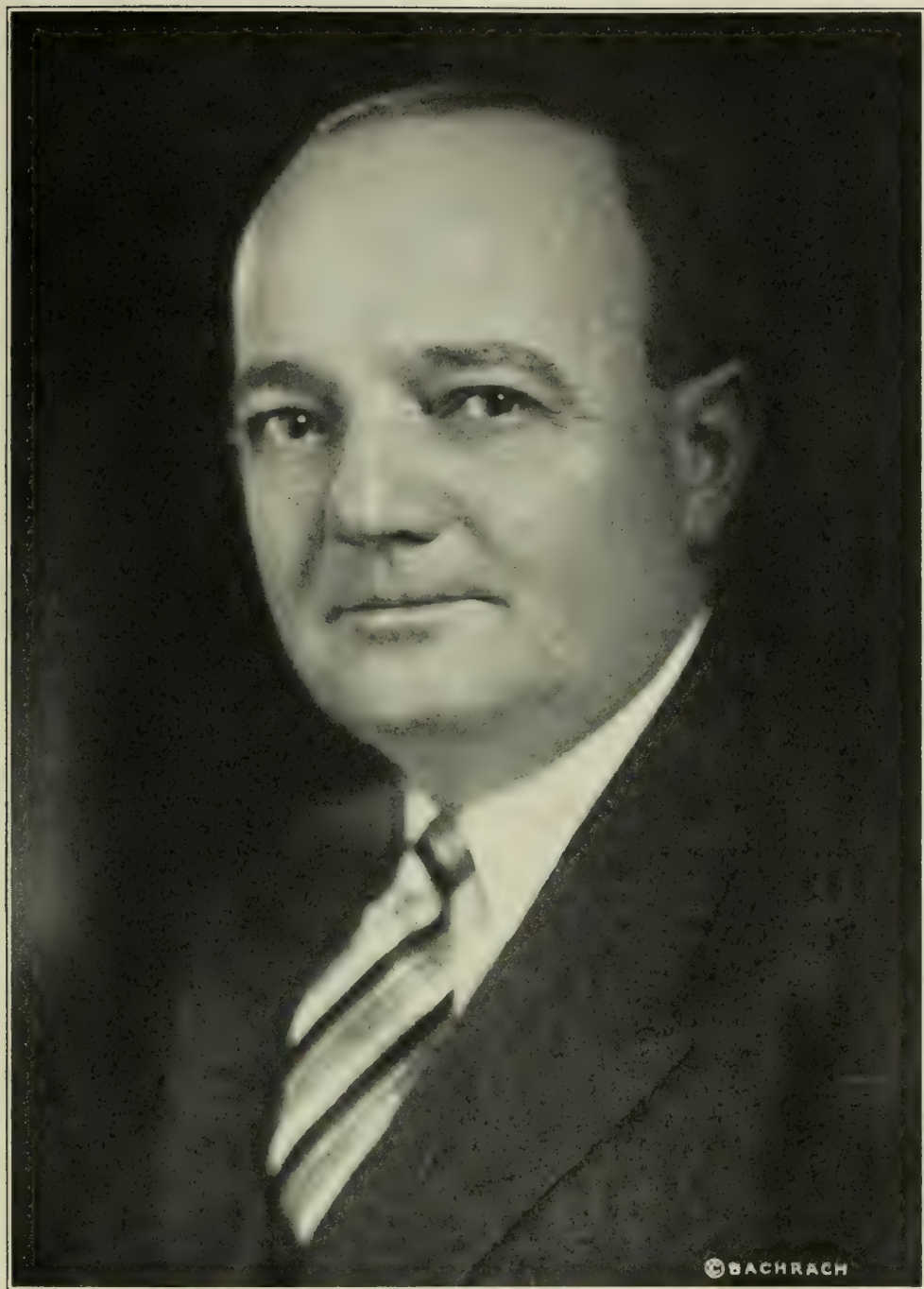
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#### HAROLD GROSS HART

In financial circles Harold Gross Hart is widely known, having long been identified with the brokerage business, his present association being with the firm of F. E. Kingston & Company. Since starting out in the business world he has made steady advancement and from each experience has learned valuable lessons, bringing him a broader outlook and larger opportunities. He was born in Hartford November 4, 1881, and is a son of Artemas Elijah and Katherine A. O. (Litchfield) Hart, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. After leaving the public schools he entered the New York Military Academy at Cornwall, New York, and pursued his further studies in the Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. He next entered Trinity College of Hartford as a member of the class of 1907 and after studying two years started out in the business world by becoming an employe of E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, Massachusetts. For a year he represented that firm as a bond salesman and during the succeeding three years he was associated with Redmond & Company of New York, also acting as bond salesman for that house. He was manager of the Hartford office of J. S. Farlee & Company for three years, on the expiration of which period he took charge of the trading department of the well known New York firm of Paine, Webber & Company in their Hartford offices. In April, 1927, he entered into association with F. E. Kingston & Company, taking charge of the bank and insurance stocks department in the headquarters offices of the company in Pearl street. Mr. Hart has been closely identified with local market activities for many years and thus is well qualified to meet the large responsibilities that now devolve upon him. He is capable of speaking with authority upon financial matters and the value of commercial paper, and his labors are proving an important contributing element to the success of the company which he represents.

Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Frances O'Brien, of Hartford. His children are Sarah Elizabeth and John Robinson and the family resides at No. 194 Four Mile road, West Hartford. The social qualities in the make-up of Mr. Hart have led to him becoming a prominent figure in the club circles of Hartford. He is a member of the Trinity College Alumni Association, the Wampanoag Club, the West Hartford Golf Club, the Hartford Gun Club and the Coventry Fish and Game Club. He is also identified with some of the patriotic organizations, including the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Founders and Patriots and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His connection with the first named comes to him by reason of his long ancestral association with New England, for on his mother's side he is a direct descendant of John Robinson of Leyden and John Howland, a passenger on the Mayflower. His membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars is a direct result of his service in the World war. He was appointed by the late Judge Edward L. Smith as chairman of the lay committee of the selective draft board, in which work





HAROLD G. HART



he was highly conspicuous, and in May, 1918, he joined the American Red Cross and was in France from July of that year until January, 1919. Fraternally Mr. Hart is a Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is a lover of all outdoor sports, being particularly fond of fishing and hunting, to which he usually turns for recreation when time and business cares permit. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in Trinity Episcopal church. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. At the outset of his career he realized that industry and perseverance are indispensable elements to the attainment of success and has ever cultivated these qualities, with the result that his progress has been continuous and his position in financial circles is now a most creditable one.

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#### RUSSELL L. JONES

Russell L. Jones, an assistant secretary of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company at Hartford, was born in New York city, April 21, 1867. His father, Frederick C. Jones, was a native of Millington, Connecticut, and became engaged in business in New York city as a wholesale dealer in dry goods. He married Josephine Graham Young, who was born in New York, and both have now passed away.

Russell L. Jones attended the preparatory school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and then went to Princeton College, where he was graduated with the class of 1891. In the fall of the same year he became identified with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, with which he has since been associated, and he is now an assistant secretary of this company.

On the 29th of June, 1904, he married Miss Harriet Arnold Ingersoll, of Haddam, Connecticut. They are the parents of a son, Graham, who is a student in Princeton College.

Mr. Jones finds recreation through his membership in the Hartford Golf Club and he also belongs to the Princeton Club of New York, the Nassau Club of Princeton, the Ivy Club of Princeton and several game clubs.

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#### PATRICK J. DE PASQUALE

Patrick J. De Pasquale, of the firm of Curtin & De Pasquale, engaged in the real estate and insurance business at 1026 Main street in Hartford, was born in Italy, April 21, 1900, and was brought to America by his parents, Biaggio and Florence De Pasquale, in 1905. The family home was established in Hartford, where the parents still reside, the father being engaged in the bakery business on Front street.

Patrick J. De Pasquale was a little lad of but five summers when brought to this city, so that his education was acquired in the public schools of Hartford, while later he had the benefit of instruction in the Morris Business College. He then became associated in business with his father, with whom he remained for about eight years, but in February, 1927, he turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business, entering into partnership with William A. Curtin under the firm style of Curtin & De Pasquale. They not only handle all kinds of real estate but also casualty and fire insurance, representing several of the old and well established companies. Already their business has reached gratifying proportions and their close application, thoroughness and progressive spirit make for progress in this field.

On the 20th of January, 1923, Mr. De Pasquale was united in marriage to Miss Anna May Abbott, of Hartford, and they are the parents of one child, Frederica, born August 7, 1924. The family home is at No. 219 Grandview terrace.

The political belief of Mr. De Pasquale is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Republican Club. He has been somewhat active in politics, serving as alderman from the second ward in 1925, during which time he was on the police and zoning committees. He has also rendered public service as a member of the state boxing commission and of the board of relief and on May 23, 1928, was appointed street commissioner of the city of Hartford. He has membership with the Knights of Colum-



bus, with the Sons of Italy and with the Allah Club and he has become recognized as a substantial and loyal citizen and as a progressive business man, his course being marked by steady advancement since he started out independently.

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#### HOWARD WHITAKER

Among those who have been active in the development of a business that has contributed to making Hartford one of the tobacco trade centers of the country is numbered Howard Whitaker, who is handling leaf tobacco at 241 State street, where he has built up a business of gratifying proportions. Pennsylvania numbers him among her native sons, he having been born in Lancaster, January 21, 1882, his parents being George W. and Lacy A. (McCleneghan) Whitaker, who were also natives of Lancaster county, where the father engaged in tobacco growing to the time of his death.

The public schools of his native county accorded Howard Whitaker his educational opportunities, although in the school of experience he has been an apt pupil and has learned many valuable lessons. As a boy he became interested in his father's tobacco business and eagerly acquired a knowledge of tobacco growing and of the trade. He spent ten years in Jamaica in the tobacco business as a grower and manufacturer after being two years in Porto Rico and Cuba, where he devoted his attention to the manufacture of cigars, spending twelve years altogether in the West Indies and meeting with substantial success during that period. Believing that he might find a profitable field in Hartford, he came to this city in 1917 and turned his attention to the shade growing and tobacco packing business. He now handles all kinds of tobacco and in addition to his warehouses in Hartford has a plantation in Hazardville, Connecticut. He does a general Connecticut leaf tobacco business and has been closely associated with the trade from boyhood, so that his broad experience and activity enable him to speak with authority upon the question of growing and handling tobacco.

On the 12th of August, 1911, Mr. Whitaker was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Bowen, of New York city, and they are the parents of three sons: Paul Bowen, Howard, Jr., and Seth Warner. Mr. Whitaker and his family reside in Windsor and he is a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Hartford, and also of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. There have been no spectacular phases in his career, but to him has come the thrill of successful achievement and the knowledge that his labors, intelligently directed, have brought him to the front in his particular line of business, while his reliability as well as his enterprise has gained for him the respect of all who know him.

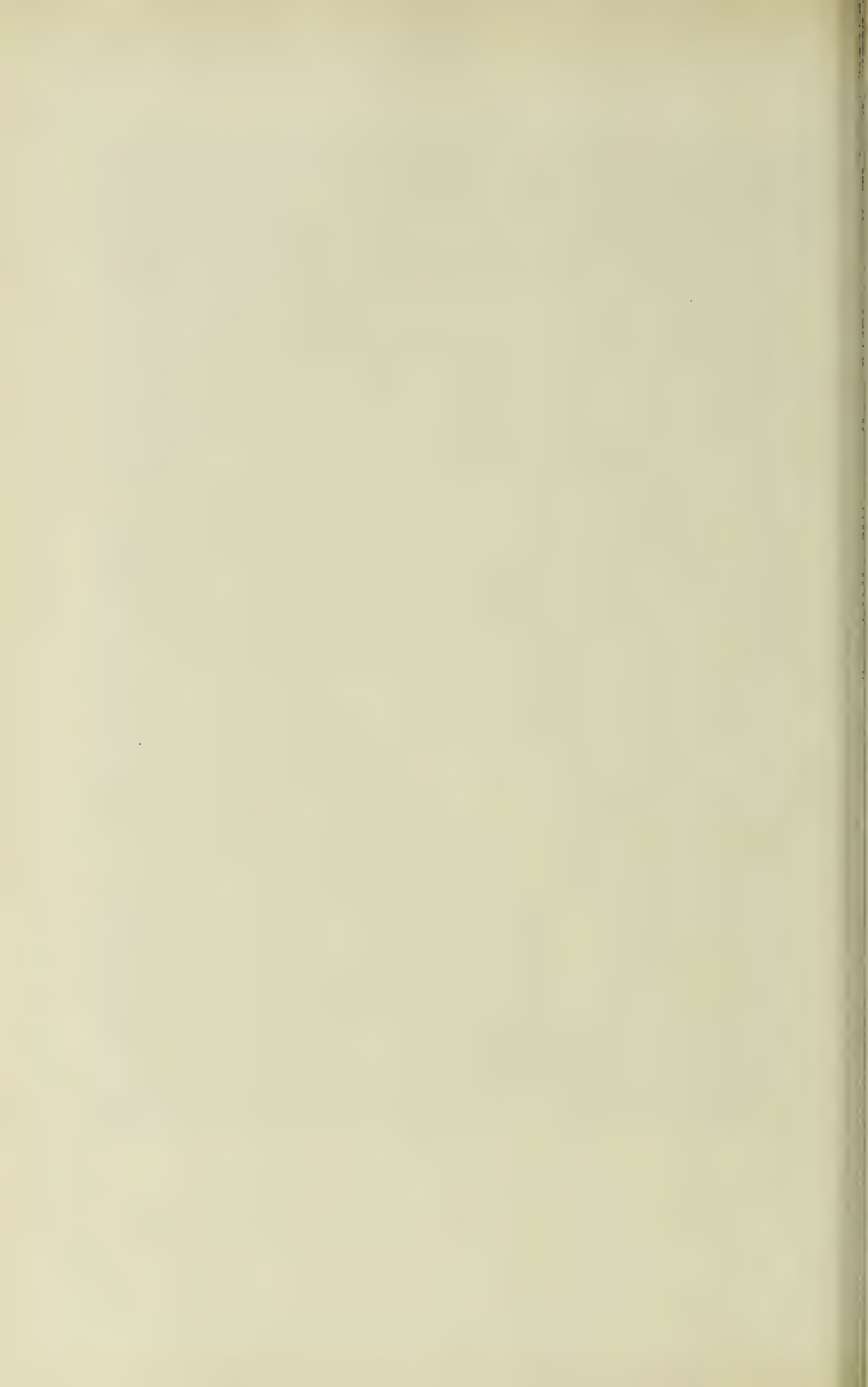
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#### EPHRAIM P. ARNOLD

Ephraim Pierson Arnold, who passed away in Hartford, August 28, 1926, was a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Connecticut. He traced his ancestry back to John Arnold, who was one of the twenty-eight original proprietors who located in Haddam in 1662. Judge Ephraim P. Arnold, Sr., father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in Haddam, March 26, 1839, and became one of the distinguished citizens of that place. He always took pride in the fact that he owned the land on which his ancestor, John Arnold, had settled and which is situated just opposite from the county court house. Judge Arnold attended the schools of Haddam to the age of twelve years, when he left home in order to work in the ship yards of Hezekiah and Chauncey Childs at Higganum, where he remained for six months. He then returned home and attended the Brainerd Academy, thus qualifying for the profession of teaching, which he followed for three terms. In 1876 he turned his attention to the lumber business and for many years enjoyed a large trade, his close application and progressive business principles gaining for him a gratifying patronage. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was a recognized leader in its local ranks. In 1877 he was elected a member of the state legislature and did active duty as a representative in the general assembly until



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1879. In 1882 he was elected judge of the probate court of Middlesex county and again rendered valuable service to his community. On the 28th of September, 1862, Judge Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Ellen M. Brainerd, a daughter of Harvey E. and Harriett (Williams) Brainerd. The wife passed away June 23, 1863, at the age of twenty-two years, and on the 17th of August, 1864, Judge Arnold married Sarah H. Arnold, who was born January 26, 1838, a daughter of Chauncey and Maria (Carrier) Arnold and a great-granddaughter of Jabez Arnold, whose father was Gideon Arnold, a son of John Arnold, the pioneer ancestor of the family from which her husband in another line was also directly descended. To Ephraim P. and Sarah Arnold were born four children: Ellen M., Phillip C., William H. and Ephraim P.

The last named was born at the family home in Haddam, October 24, 1875. He supplemented his public school education by a course in Huntsinger's Business College, from which in due time he was graduated. He initiated his business experience as an employe in the Deep River National Bank, but his knowledge of electricity led him to accept a position with the Farmington River Light & Power Company, with which he remained for many years in the responsible position of electrical engineer. He next became associated with the Cutaway Harrow Company of Higganum, with which he remained for several years, and later he was identified with the Underwood Type-writer Company, where again his knowledge of electrical engineering and his skill in that field proved of great value to the corporation which he represented.

In young manhood Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Nina G. Clark, a daughter of Thomas J. and Sophia M. Clark, of Higganum. She passed away in 1918 and on the 18th of November, 1922, Mr. Arnold was again married, his second union being with Miss Ida L. Schuetze of New Britain.

Mr. Arnold attended the services of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, and fraternally he was associated with Granite Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M.; Columbia Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; and Cyrene Commandery, K. T. He was always loyal to the high teachings and purposes of the craft and in every relation of life he measured up to those standards whereby men rate their fellows as of value to the community. He became well known throughout Hartford county and enjoyed the high esteem of all.

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#### JOSEPH D. CASTONGUAY

Joseph D. Castonguay, president and treasurer of the Castonguay Electric Company, Inc., is contributing in substantial measure to the commercial and industrial development of Hartford through the exercise of his activities in this connection. Varied interests have claimed his attention at different periods and at all times his cooperation is regarded as a valuable asset to any organization with which he has become affiliated. Born in Hartford, October 5, 1889, he is a son of David and Alphonsine (Pelletier) Castonguay, who were natives of the province of Quebec, Canada, and crossed the border about 1885, establishing their home in Hartford, where the father conducted business as a carpenter.

Joseph D. Castonguay was educated in the parochial schools of this city to the age of fifteen years, when he put aside his textbooks in order to provide for his own support. He entered the employ of Pratt & Whitney, serving an apprenticeship with a wage of two dollars and four cents per week. He afterward became an apprentice with the firm of Billings & Spencer, there remaining until 1908, when he joined the United States navy and made a trip around the world with the fleet sailing under orders from President Roosevelt. He was in the service for four years on the U. S. S. Nebraska and was a petty officer when discharged at Natchez, Mississippi, on the expiration of his term.

Mr. Castonguay then returned to Hartford and entered the employ of the Colt Manufacturing Company as a tool maker, there remaining for two years. In 1914 he became associated with his brother, L. J. Castonguay, in the electrical business, which was incorporated in 1922. The only stockholders of this corporation at the present time are Joseph D. Castonguay, president and treasurer, Ernest M. Biron, vice president, and C. A. Castonguay, secretary. The above are also the directors. The corporation has developed its interests to extensive proportions and substantial success has rewarded its intelligently directed effort.

On the 25th of August, 1914, Mr. Castonguay was united in marriage to Miss Celina A. Castonguay, of Pine Meadow, Connecticut, and they are the parents of four children: Angeline, David, Antoinette and Anita A. In 1923 Mr. Castonguay erected his present home at 127 Grandview terrace. In 1924 he was elected president of the State Association, which is a union of Franco-American people and which held its convention in Hartford in 1926. In 1928 he was elected to the presidency of the local French-American Club and he is likewise president of the Hartford County French-American Clubs. At different times he has been interested in various enterprises but has abandoned all these in order to concentrate his attention and efforts upon his personal business, in which he is meeting with well deserved success. He is truly a self-made man, having worked his way upward since starting out independently as a youth of fifteen years. Whatever he has accomplished is the direct result and reward of his own labors.

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#### HON. HUNTINGTON PHELPS MEECH

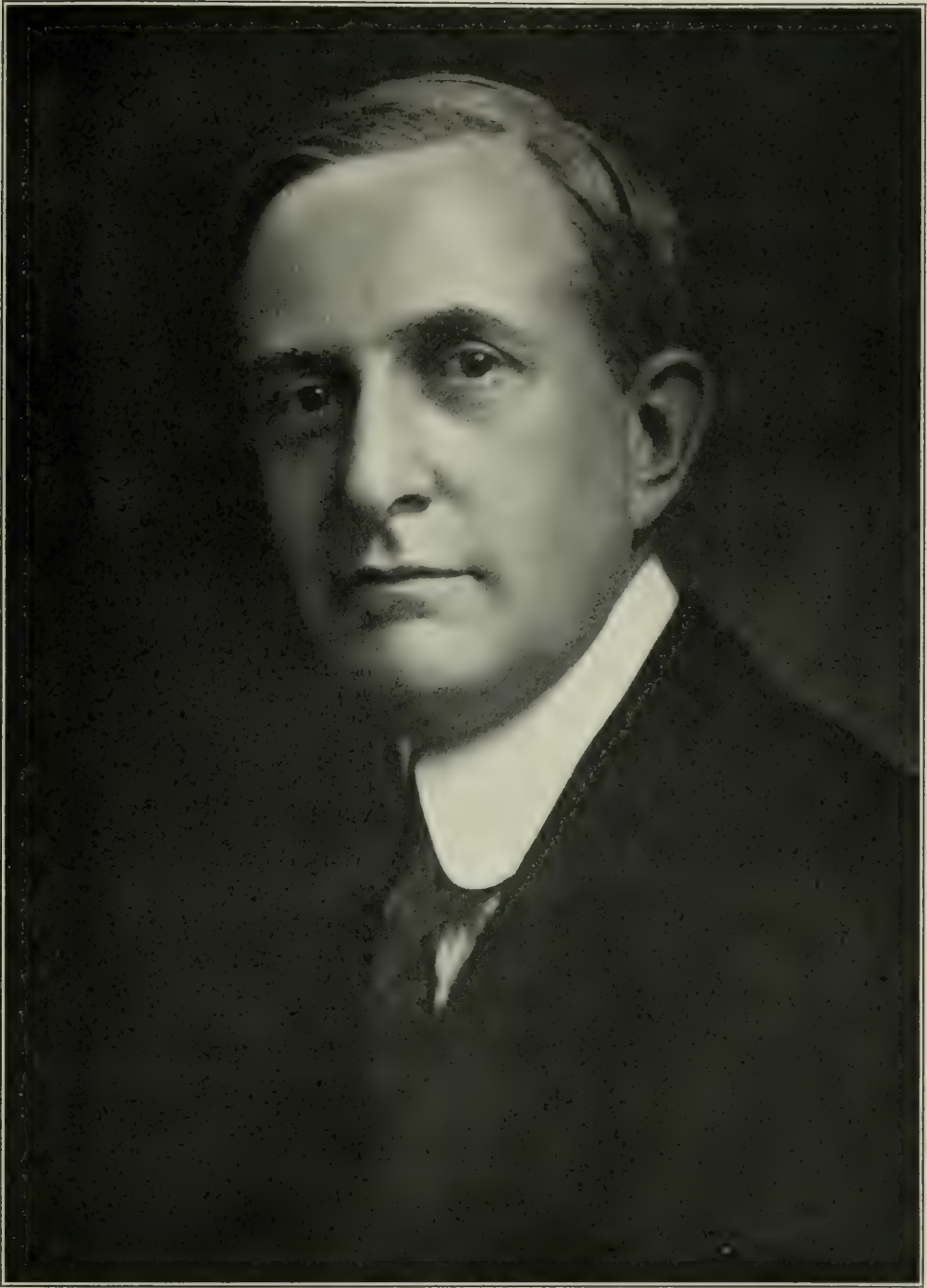
As research man with the National Fire Insurance Company and as former member of the state senate, Hon. Huntington Phelps Meech has played an important part in shaping the development and promoting the improvement of this section of the state. In other lines, too, he has done important work, his influence being always on the side of intellectual and moral progress and of civic advancement and improvement. Born in Norwich, Connecticut, January 17, 1877, he is a son of James M. and Hannah Phelps (Huntington) Meech, also natives of this state. In the paternal line he is a direct descendant of Elder Brewster and in the maternal line of Major-General Huntington of Revolutionary war fame. His father, a banker of Norwich, was city clerk there for a number of years and was active in the business and public life of the community.

At the usual age Huntington P. Meech began his education as a public school pupil and afterward attended the Hartford high school and the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Buffalo, New York. He readily mastered his lessons and throughout his career he has ever quickly converted necessity into opportunity. He was a youth of but sixteen years when he came to Hartford and he had previously had experience as an employe in a fire insurance agency in Norwich. He took up his abode in the capital city in 1893 and the following year became connected with the National Fire Insurance Company, with which he has since been identified, covering a period of more than a third of a century. Steadily he has advanced, winning various promotions until now he occupies a position of large responsibility, making research of all the company's statistics and important papers, and the conclusions which are thereby reached constitute a valuable element in directing and shaping the policy of the corporation. In addition to his business activities with the insurance company he is vice president and a trustee of the West Hartford Trust Company.

Mr. Meech has also figured prominently in the public life of the state. From early manhood he has given unfaltering support to the republican party and in 1920 he was elected to the state legislature from West Hartford and was reelected for a second term in 1922. He was house chairman of the insurance committee in 1923 and did important committee work in other connections as well. In 1924 he was elected state senator by a plurality of more than eight thousand, the largest majority ever given in the election of a state senator in Connecticut. As a member of the upper house he was made senate chairman of the insurance committee and he took a most active, helpful and progressive interest in senatorial affairs. He is now a member of the Metropolitan Charter Commission, which is the outgrowth of the agitation during his term in the senate resulting in the passage of a bill creating the commission in 1927. In local affairs he is also keenly interested and is now serving as a member of the town board of finance of West Hartford, as treasurer of the Center Fire District of West Hartford and as treasurer of the republican town committee.

On the 20th of September, 1905, Mr. Meech was married to Miss Nina M. Robinson, of Beverly, Massachusetts, and they reside at No. 54 Westland avenue in West Hartford.

Fraternally Mr. Meech is connected with Wyllys Lodge, F. & A. M., and he also belongs to the City Club of Hartford. His religious faith is that of the Congregational



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church and from 1905 until 1913 he served as deacon of the South Congregational church of Hartford. He is a broad-minded man, alert to the opportunities of the day not only for business advancement but for public progress, and he has labored just as earnestly and effectively to secure the latter as the former.

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#### FREDERIC S. GARRISON

Frederic S. Garrison, who has been assistant secretary of the Travelers Indemnity Company since October, 1916, was born in Chatham, Morris county, New Jersey, March 19, 1879, and is a son of Frank B. and Ida E. (Pollard) Garrison, also natives of New Jersey, the Garrison family, however, being of English lineage. The father is a manufacturer with offices in New York city.

Having completed a public school education by a course in the Chatham high school, Frederic S. Garrison at the age of sixteen years started out to provide for his own support by entering the office of the United States Mutual Accident Association of New York city. After a brief experience as a filing clerk with that corporation he became identified with the United States Casualty Company, which he represented in various capacities, working his way upward to the position of assistant cashier and remaining with the company from 1895 until 1901. He was afterward with the New Amsterdam Casualty Company of New York city, advancing from minor positions to that of assistant treasurer and assistant secretary. On the 1st of January, 1915, he became identified with the Travelers Indemnity Company in the home office and established and organized the burglary and plate glass insurance departments, acting as superintendent. On the 9th of October, 1916, he was made assistant secretary of the company, which now has the largest amount of burglary premiums of any insurance company in the world. The development of this branch of the Travelers is attributable in notable measure to Mr. Garrison, who has helped to make the department one of the world's best.

On the 26th of April, 1906, Mr. Garrison was married to Miss Katherine Angelman, of Newark, New Jersey, and they have three children: Pollard, Mary and Katherine, who is the wife of M. C. Brachhausen, of West Hartford, and the mother of a daughter, Joan. Mr. Garrison and his family reside in Hartford.

Something of the nature of Mr. Garrison's recreation is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Hartford Golf Club and of the Hartford Club. He is keenly interested in the public welfare and has filled the office of water commissioner, having been appointed to the position in May, 1924, for three years and reappointed in 1927 so that he is now serving in that capacity. In May, 1927, he was elected president of the water board for one year and reelected in 1928. Mr. Garrison has taken a keen interest in this work and has endeavored to continue Hartford's reputation of having one of the best water systems in the country.

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#### TRACY WATROUS SMITH

Tracy Watrous Smith, superintendent of agencies, casualty department, of The Travelers Insurance Company, was born in Middletown, Connecticut, July 15, 1887, his parents being Nathan H. and Annie B. (Bailey) Smith, the latter also a native of Middletown. His father, who was born in New London, Connecticut, was a carriage builder in early life and later turned his attention to the building of automobiles. The family ancestors came from England at a very early period and representatives of the name were pioneer residents of New London and New Haven counties.

Tracy W. Smith received his early education in the schools of Middletown, graduating from the high school there in 1905. In that year he became connected with an automobile company with which his father was associated and for the next nine years was identified with various phases of the automobile business from manufacturing to sales.

In 1914 Mr. Smith entered the engineering and inspection division of The Travelers Insurance Company, his first assignment being New York city. Following a brief period in that division, Mr. Smith was transferred to the agency department and

assigned to various branch offices. Later, following the World war, he was assigned to the home office where he advanced by successive stages to superintendent of agencies.

Mr. Smith was a second lieutenant of field artillery in the World war, receiving his preliminary training in an officers' training school at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Mr. Smith served with several divisions in the United States, was graduated from the School of Fire for Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, assigned as an instructor at the Brigade Firing Center, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, and honorably discharged after the war at Fort Sill, Oklahoma December 16, 1918.

Mr. Smith is married, his wife being the former Lillian MacDonald, daughter of James Hall MacDonald and Addie Hatch MacDonald of West Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Smith is a member of The Hartford Club, The Highland Country Club, and The Wethersfield Country Club and the Military Order of Foreign Wars. His present address is 11 South Highland street, West Hartford.

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#### CHARLES DECKELMAN

The strong organization which operates under the name of the Travelers Insurance Company results from the concerted effort of executives well qualified for their respective duties, and in this connection mention should be made of Charles Deckelman, who is now manager of the compensation and liability claim division of this corporation. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 2, 1875, and is a son of Charles and Margaret (Kurz) Deckelman, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, whence they came to the United States about 1860, after which the father engaged in the meat packing business in Brooklyn.

There Charles Deckelman pursued his public school education and afterward attended New York University for the law course, completing it in 1895. He then went west, settling in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was admitted to and practiced at the bar of that state until he joined the Travelers Insurance Company in New York, in 1901, in the capacity of investigator. He was promoted to the position of adjuster at Buffalo in 1904 and in 1908 he was advanced to the office of adjuster in Philadelphia, where he continued until 1911, when he was transferred to the home office in Hartford as assistant manager of the claim division. Ten years were passed in that connection and in 1921 he was made manager of the compensation and liability claim division and so continues to the present time.

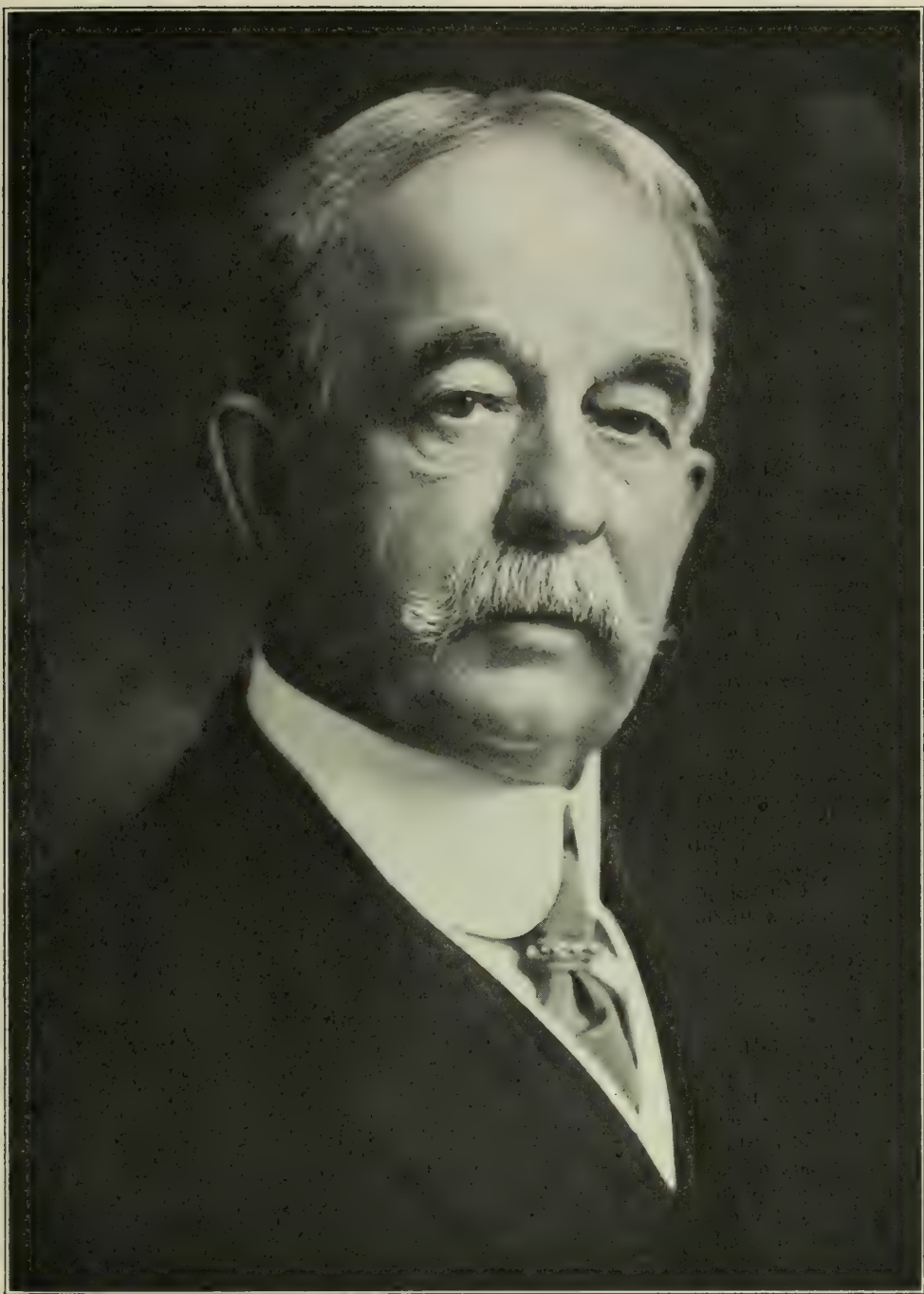
On the 1st of October, 1901, Mr. Deckelman was married to Miss Anna Marie Duls, of Brooklyn, New York, and they are now the parents of three children: C. Walton, Elsa E. and Robert C. The family residence is at 745 Farmington avenue in Hartford. Mr. Deckelman belongs to the Avon Country Club and the City Club of Hartford and his social qualities make him popular in the membership of those organizations.

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#### ARTEMAS ELIJAH HART

There are few men who pass from life leaving a deeper or more lasting impression upon the history of a community than did Artemas Elijah Hart, who for many years was classed with the leading bankers of Hartford and whose passing on the 13th of February, 1920, terminated a connection of direct association of nine generations of the family with the history of Connecticut. He was born in New Britain, June 20, 1842. More than two centuries before Deacon Stephen Hart had left his home in Braintree, England, braving the dangers of an ocean voyage in that day to accompany the Rev. Thomas Hooker and his colony to the new world about 1632, and in 1635 he became one of the original proprietors of what is now the city of Hartford, securing a lot on the west side of what is now Front street, near the intersection of Morgan street. Tradition has it that he discovered and used a ford across the Connecticut in time of low water that was known as Hart's Ford and that from this the city derived its name. While there is probability in this tradition, there is also great reason to believe that the city took its name from the family that from early colonial





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ARTEMAS E. HART



days through all the different generations was so prominently and honorably represented here. The branch of the Hart family to which A. E. Hart belonged was established at New Britain by Deacon Elijah Hart, of the fourth generation, but going back to the American progenitor who settled in Hartford in 1635, it is learned that he became one of the eighty-four proprietors of the town of Farmington in 1672, and the records of that town chronicle his membership in the church in 1652. His youngest son, Captain Thomas Hart, born in 1664, was a captain of militia in 1695, was deputy to the general court from 1690 to 1706 and was speaker during the last seven years of that period. He served as justice of the peace from 1698 to 1706 and divided with John Hooker the distinction of being the most prominent man in the town. To Captain Thomas Hart and his wife, Ruth, daughter of Anthony Hawkins of Farmington, was born Deacon Thomas Hart, who was born in Farmington in April, 1680. He moved to Kensington, Connecticut, where he was recognized as a leading and valued citizen. On the 17th of December, 1702, he married Mary Thompson, who died in October, 1763, and on the 11th of January, 1764, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Morton. He attained the venerable age of ninety-three years, passing away in Kensington, January 29, 1773.

Deacon Elijah Hart, son of Deacon Thomas and Mary (Thompson) Hart, was born at Kensington, June 18, 1711, became a prosperous farmer, and both he and his wife were charter members of the First church of New Britain, of which he served as deacon for many years. He was married December 26, 1734, to Abigail Goodrich, who was born December 14, 1714. He passed away in New Britain, August 3, 1772, and his widow died in Simsbury, Connecticut, January 21, 1809, at the remarkable age of ninety-five years.

Their son, Deacon Elijah Hart (II), was born in Kensington, September 26, 1735, was one of the original members of the First Church of New Britain, formed in 1758, and served as deacon and leader of the singing. In business life he was a successful farmer. On the 11th of May, 1757, he married Sarah Gilbert and he passed away in New Britain, December 10, 1800, while his widow survived until September 22, 1809.

Their son, Deacon Elijah Hart (III), was born at New Britain, May 7, 1759, profitably followed farming and milling and made extensive shipments of his mill products to the West Indies. He enlisted March 18, 1778, and served for three years in the Revolutionary war, being with the army that forced Burgoyne to surrender at Saratoga. He was married December 21, 1780, to Anna Andrews, who was born September 6, 1760, and he passed away August 4, 1827, while his wife died December 2, 1835. They were parents of Jesse Hart, who was born at New Britain, April 20, 1789, and died February 21, 1825. For many years he conducted a blacksmith shop at New Britain. On the 5th of April, 1810, he married Lucinda Cowdry, who was born September 17, 1788, and they became parents of a son and a daughter, the latter being Lucina C., who was born December 3, 1821, and became the wife of John H. Goodwin, while she died in Paris, France, in 1885. The son was Artemas Ensign Hart, who was born at New Britain, February 11, 1812, and died at West Hartford in 1884. For many years he was employed in a jewelry store in his native town, and although his last years were spent in West Hartford, his remains were interred in New Britain. He had been a lifelong and faithful member of the Congregational church. On the 24th of August, 1836, he had married Ann Elizabeth Clark, who was born December 7, 1816, a daughter of Abel and Catherine (Eckert) Clark, of Litchfield, Connecticut. The five children born of this marriage were: Virginia Veeder, who following the death of her first husband, Harry Pember of Rockville, married John Charles Smith, of Hartford; Charles R., deceased; Artemas Elijah; Lucinda, who died in infancy; and Ann Elizabeth, who became the wife of Charles Mackin, of Newark, New Jersey, and after his death married Alfred Huber, of Paris, where she now lives, but her husband died there in 1909.

Artemas Elijah Hart, whose name introduces this review, was born at New Britain, June 20, 1842, and following the completion of his high school course there he became a pupil in the boarding school conducted by Edward Hall at Ellington, Connecticut. He made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in the drug store of W. H. Cogswell at Rockville, Connecticut, and in 1860, when a youth of eighteen, he established his home in Hartford, where his ancestor, Deacon Stephen Hart, had located more than two hundred and twenty-five years before. After clerking in the dry goods house of H. E. Mather until 1861 he accepted a clerical position with the Society for Savings and there remained for an extended period, winning promotions from time to



time until advancement brought him to the office of treasurer in 1890. His labors were in large degree instrumental in the growth and success of that institution and he ranked with the ablest financiers of the state. In 1888 he became a director of the State Bank and Trust Company and he also served on the directorate of the Eagle Lock Company of Terryville, Connecticut. He early demonstrated his power as a factor in successful business management, for whatever he undertook he carried forward to completion, never stopping short of the accomplishment of his purpose. His methods, too, were such as never needed disguise but would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

On the 12th of October, 1865, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Katherine A. O. Litchfield, of Hartford, who was born September 29, 1845, a daughter of Thomas J. Litchfield, for many years a leading grocer of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hart lived to celebrate their golden wedding, on which occasion not only their children but many friends gathered to do them honor. Their family numbered: Elizabeth Katherine, deceased, who was the wife of Harmon S. Graves, an attorney of New York; Alida May, who died at the age of three years; Sarah Litchfield, wife of Ogle Tayloe Paine, of Rye, New York; and Harold Gross, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mrs. Hart was a member of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., and Mr. Hart held membership with the Sons of the American Revolution. He also belonged to the Hartford Club and the Country Club of Farmington and the Laurentian Club of Montreal. The cause of education ever found in him a staunch friend and he served as treasurer of the Second North school district and later as a member of the committee of the West Middle school. In politics he always maintained an independent attitude. In religious faith, however, he followed in the footsteps of his forbears and for many years was an active member in the Congregational church. A man of splendid qualities and of high ideals, he left behind him countless friends when he passed from this life February 13, 1920, leaving to his family not only a substantial competence resulting from his years of active business but also that priceless heritage of a good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

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#### GEORGE SYLVESTER BUTLER

George Sylvester Butler, a man of varied and important business interests who has led an active life and is now meeting with gratifying and well deserved success as the president of G. S. Butler, Incorporated, is numbered, too, with those men who in the field of political service have likewise rendered valuable aid to their respective communities. He was born in Cromwell, Connecticut, March 20, 1866, and is a son of George Henry and Lucinthia (Hutchinson) Butler, the father a farmer of Cromwell. The son is indebted to the public school system of that place for his early educational training and later he attended the Middletown high school until his graduation with the class of 1884. It was then that he established a fruit and nursery business in a small way on his father's farm, but close application and unremitting industry enabled him to develop his interests until his patronage was one of extensive proportions and the business had become a profitable undertaking. He started out in 1884 and in 1894 was joined by Harvey Jewell in a partnership relation under the firm style of Butler & Jewell, this connection being maintained until 1904, when they sold out to Gardner's Nurseries, under which name the business is still being carried on.

It was at that date that Mr. Butler turned his attention to real estate, handling Cromwell properties. Subsequently, however, he removed to Hartford and in 1916 bought out the old established real estate business of W. J. Pierce and incorporated it under the name of G. S. Butler, Inc., of which organization he has since been treasurer. Later they also took over the business of George L. Storrs, which was one of large proportions and added greatly to the clientage already enjoyed by G. S. Butler, Inc. Mr. Butler is today a large operator in real estate, thoroughly familiar with property values, and his study of the market enables him to wisely direct investors and to make profitable purchases and sales on his own account. His business methods have ever been such as would bear close investigation and scrutiny and the spirit of advancement has actuated him at all points in his career. In financial circles he also figures, being a director of the Cromwell Dime Savings Bank.

On the 24th of June, 1891, Mr. Butler was married to Miss Carrie Savage, a



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daughter of Ralph B. and Sarah (Strickland) Savage, of Cromwell. They are parents of two sons and a daughter. Sylvester Benjamin, the eldest, born July 26, 1892, was graduated from Yale College in 1913 and is now teaching history in the School of Ethical Culture in New York. He was a captain in the motor transport service of the United States army and for one year was on duty overseas. He married Eva Lutz, of Pleasantville, New Jersey, and they have one child, Sewall Talbot, who was born August 25, 1920. The second son, Ralph Savage, born April 10, 1894, and now manager of the Albany branch of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, married Winifred Russell of Cromwell, Connecticut, and they have three children: Dorothy Bennett, Robert Savage, and George Sylvester (II). Lucinthia is now the wife of Burt H. Carroll, a chemist with the bureau of standards in Washington, D. C., and they have one child, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Butler reside in Rocky Hill and he is a member of the Rocky Hill Club and the Rocky Hill Grange. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he was a representative in the general assembly from the town of Cromwell in the session of 1893. He took an active part in the public life of that community and he is equally interested in civic affairs and community progress at Rocky Hill, where he has served on the school board. His aid and influence are ever given on the side of reform, upbuilding and improvement and his efforts have been far-reaching, resultant and beneficial. In his business career he has achieved success along lines which have made his example one well worthy of emulation and the most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity, so worthily has it been won and so wisely used.

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#### FRANK G. SMITH

Frank G. Smith, special agent for the Travelers Insurance Company at Hartford, has prospered in his undertakings, utilizing those qualities of industry, energy and determination which always lead to the accomplishment of a given purpose. He was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, September 7, 1855, and is the youngest child of George and Lucy Robbins (Griswold) Smith, who were also natives of Wethersfield and representatives of old and well known Connecticut families identified with the state from pioneer times. George Smith devoted his early manhood to teaching school but afterward became a tobacco grower and also purchased and packed tobacco for a New York firm. He was prominent and influential in the community in which he lived and was recognized as a most valuable citizen, his aid ever being given on the side of progress and advancement. He filled the position of postmaster at Wethersfield from 1835 for four years—and the worth of his service being indicated by his reappointment in 1867 for another four years.

The schools of Wethersfield accorded Frank G. Smith his early educational opportunities and later he entered the Hartford high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1876. The succeeding year was spent in work upon his father's farm and in fact from early boyhood he was familiar with the duties that were involved in the cultivation of the fields and the care of the crops. Agricultural life, however, did not make strong appeal to him and in 1877 he came to Hartford, where he secured a position as clerk with the Austin Dunham & Sons' Company, extensive dealers in wool. Various changes occurred in the personnel of the firm, leading finally to the adoption of the name of Dwight, Skinner & Company. Through all these years Mr. Smith remained with the establishment, his connection therewith covering the period from 1877 until 1904, during which time he rose from the position of junior clerk to that of salesman. In the latter year he turned his attention to insurance by becoming a special agent and for a period of twenty-four years he has now operated along this line, having built up a large and prosperous agency with headquarters in the Travelers' office building of Hartford. He handles all kinds of insurance and is a recognized leader in this field, ranking with the most successful agents of the Travelers Insurance Company. He also handles business for other insurance companies, both local and foreign, writing accident, health, life, automobile, liability, fire, burglary and workmen's compensation insurance. He now has many clients, his business having reached extensive proportions, and that his success is well merited is acknowledged by all who know him.

On the 8th of October, 1884, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Harriet Seymour

Cutler, a native of Hartford and a daughter of William and Mary (Eaton) Cutler. Charles McLean Smith, son of Frank G. and Harriet Seymour (Cutler) Smith, made the supreme sacrifice during the World war and his record is given on another page of this work. His sister, Lucy Marguerite, is at home. Mrs. Smith is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is prominent in the social circles of the city. Mr. Smith is a member of the Travelers Club and of the Wadsworth Athenaeum. He is one of the commissioners of the east side fire district of West Hartford and is vice president and a director of the Landlords' and Taxpayers' Association. He is also a member of the board of appeals of West Hartford and that his interests cover a wide scope and are of a constructive nature is further indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Wethersfield Business and Civic Club and to the Historical Society, to the Horticultural Society, to the Get-Together Club and to the Congregational Club. He is a member and senior deacon of the First Church of Christ, has served on various important committees of the church and withholds his support from no project which he deems of vital worth to the community. He has served as a member of the city council from the third ward. While maintaining an independent attitude in politics, his sympathy leans toward the democratic party. Along the line of business he has become connected with the Hartford Board of Fire Underwriters and the Connecticut Life Underwriters' Association. A man of well-rounded character, his interests and activities are broad and varied, keeping him in touch with the world's thought and progress, while at the same time he has directed his efforts in the field of business in a manner that has brought substantial returns and made him a leader among the insurance men of Hartford.

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#### ARTHUR STONE BRACKETT, M. D.

For thirty-one years Dr. Arthur Stone Brackett has followed his chosen profession in Bristol and his constantly expanding powers have placed him with the leading physicians of Hartford county. He was born December 27, 1869, and is a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut. His parents were Frank A. and Anna J. (Stone) Brackett, the former a well known educator. In 1876, when Arthur S. Brackett was a boy of seven, the family came to Bristol and here he obtained his early education, graduating with the first high school class. He was graduated from Yale University in 1892 and in 1895 received his professional degree from the Jefferson Medical College. Since 1896 he has maintained an office in Bristol and each year has recorded a marked increase in his practice, which now makes heavy demands upon his time and energies. Dr. Brackett has ministered to many of the old families of this locality and is devoted to his patients, in whom he inspires trust and confidence. In diagnosis he is thorough and painstaking and employs the most effective remedial agents.

At Bristol, Dr. Brackett was married November 20, 1901, to Miss Antoinette Newell, by whom he has three daughters: Naomi, the wife of Truman Safford; and Mary and Constance, at home. The Doctor is medical examiner for the city of Bristol and for twenty-three years was connected with the board of education, which he represents in the capacity of medical adviser. He is an ex-president of the Hartford County Medical Society and also a member of the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His interest centers in his profession and through close study and practical experience he is constantly enlarging his field of usefulness.

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#### HORACE R. GRANT

The productive interests of Hartford find a worthy representative in Horace R. Grant, who is the president of the Allen Manufacturing Company, with offices at 133 Sheldon street. Born in this city August 18, 1876, he is a son of Frederick S. and Mary (Talcott) Grant, who were natives of Connecticut. The ancestral line is traced back to England and Scotland and among the progenitors of the family in the new world was Matthew Grant, who was one of the early settlers of Windsor, Hartford



(Photograph by John Haley)

HORACE R. GRANT





county, where for many years he filled the office of town clerk and took an active part in the public life of the community. The father, Frederick Grant, was a cabinet-maker who for many years engaged in that line of business in Hartford.

After leaving the public schools, having completed his education by study in the high school, Horace R. Grant entered the employ of the Hartford Machine Screw Company, with which he remained for sixteen years—a fact indicative of his faithfulness, loyalty and capability. In June, 1916, he became associated with the Allen Manufacturing Company, taking charge of the business in the interests of the Dimock family, owners thereof. For several years he has been president of this concern. The Allen Manufacturing Company was organized in 1910 by the late Ira Dimock, who was president of the Nonotuck Silk Company for many years, the predecessor of the Corticelli Silk Company. His inventions laid the foundation for a successful business and are widely in use today. The product of the Allen Manufacturing Company is known as the safety set screw and the output of the plant is sold in all parts of the world. The stock of the concern is now held by the Dimock family, with S. K. Dimock filling the office of treasurer. As president of the company Mr. Grant is largely directing its policy and promoting its trade relations and has won for himself a prominent position in the commercial and manufacturing circles of Hartford.

On the 21st of October, 1908, Mr. Grant was united in marriage to Miss Mabel De Barthe, of Hartford, who traces her ancestry back to the Mayflower. Among her forebears was Thomas Hooker, one of the founders of the Connecticut colony. Mr. and Mrs. Grant are the parents of a son, Ellsworth Strong, who was born October 8, 1917.

It is said that all men have a hobby and in this case, with Mr. Grant, it is horses and horseback riding. He is also a lover of antiques, of which he possesses a splendid collection. He finds his recreation on the links, having membership in the Hartford Golf Club. His interests and activities are broad in scope and his is a well rounded character in which business activity has been well balanced by outside affairs that make for symmetrical development. He has spent his entire life in Hartford, and that his record is a creditable one is shown by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days.

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#### ROBERT WATKINSON HUNTINGTON

The steps in the business record of Robert Watkinson Huntington cover all the intermediate positions between that of office boy and the presidency of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. Back of his steady advancement was a thorough educational training at Yale and a commendable ambition to achieve success. Mr. Huntington was born in Norwich, Connecticut, November 9, 1866, a son of Robert Watkinson and Jane Lathrop (Trumbull) Huntington. From one of the old Puritan families of New England he is descended in the paternal line, for his ancestor, Simon Huntington, arrived in 1631 and on the family record also appear the names of the Lathrops, who came in 1620, Jonathan Trumbull, "Brother Jonathan," the Hon. Hezekiah Huntington, Hon. Samuel Howard Huntington and Colonel Robert Watkinson Huntington, whose military history began with service in the ranks in the United States Marine Corps early in the Civil war, was followed by active duty in the Spanish-American war, wherein he became the hero of Guantanamo, and he was holding the commission of colonel in the corps when he was retired in 1900. His wife, Jane Lathrop Trumbull, was a great-granddaughter of Governor Jonathan Trumbull.

Although born in Norwich, Robert W. Huntington was quite young when he went to the home of his paternal grandfather, Judge Samuel Howard Huntington, and became a pupil in the public schools of Hartford. Later he entered Yale and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1889. "No royal road to wealth" opened before him as he started out in the business world, as his first position was the minor one of office boy with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. Industry, diligence and fidelity won him advancement and by 1893 he had become actuary, while in 1899 he was elected secretary of the company and since May, 1901, has continuously filled the presidency, giving his attention to administrative direction and executive control of this corporation, which ranks with the strongest insurance concerns of the country.

Naturally his cooperation has been sought in other lines as well, for his sound judgment is ever a factor in the successful control of any enterprise with which he becomes associated and he is now a director of the First National Bank of Hartford, while the Dime Savings Bank is under his immediate control as president. He is also president of the board of trustees of Loomis Institute.

On the 5th of May, 1906, Mr. Huntington was united in marriage to Miss Constance Alton Willard, daughter of John Howard and Ida L. Willard, of Lexington, Massachusetts. They have become parents of three sons and three daughters: Robert Watkinson, born July 2, 1907; Mary Willard, born March 15, 1909; John Willard, born October 19, 1910; Sarah Blair, born July 29, 1912; Constance Willard, born March 19, 1914; and Trumbull, born June 6, 1918.

Extremely social in his nature, this quality of Mr. Huntington finds expression in his membership in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Salmagundi Club of New York, the Tourilli Club of Canada and the Graduates Club of New Haven. His political endorsement is given the republican party and he served on the board of education of Hartford one term. Adaptability, diligence and determination are numbered among his outstanding characteristics and have made him a dominant figure in insurance and financial circles, while lack of his intense activity has been found the guiding spirit of right and honor that comes through his connection with the Protestant Episcopal church.

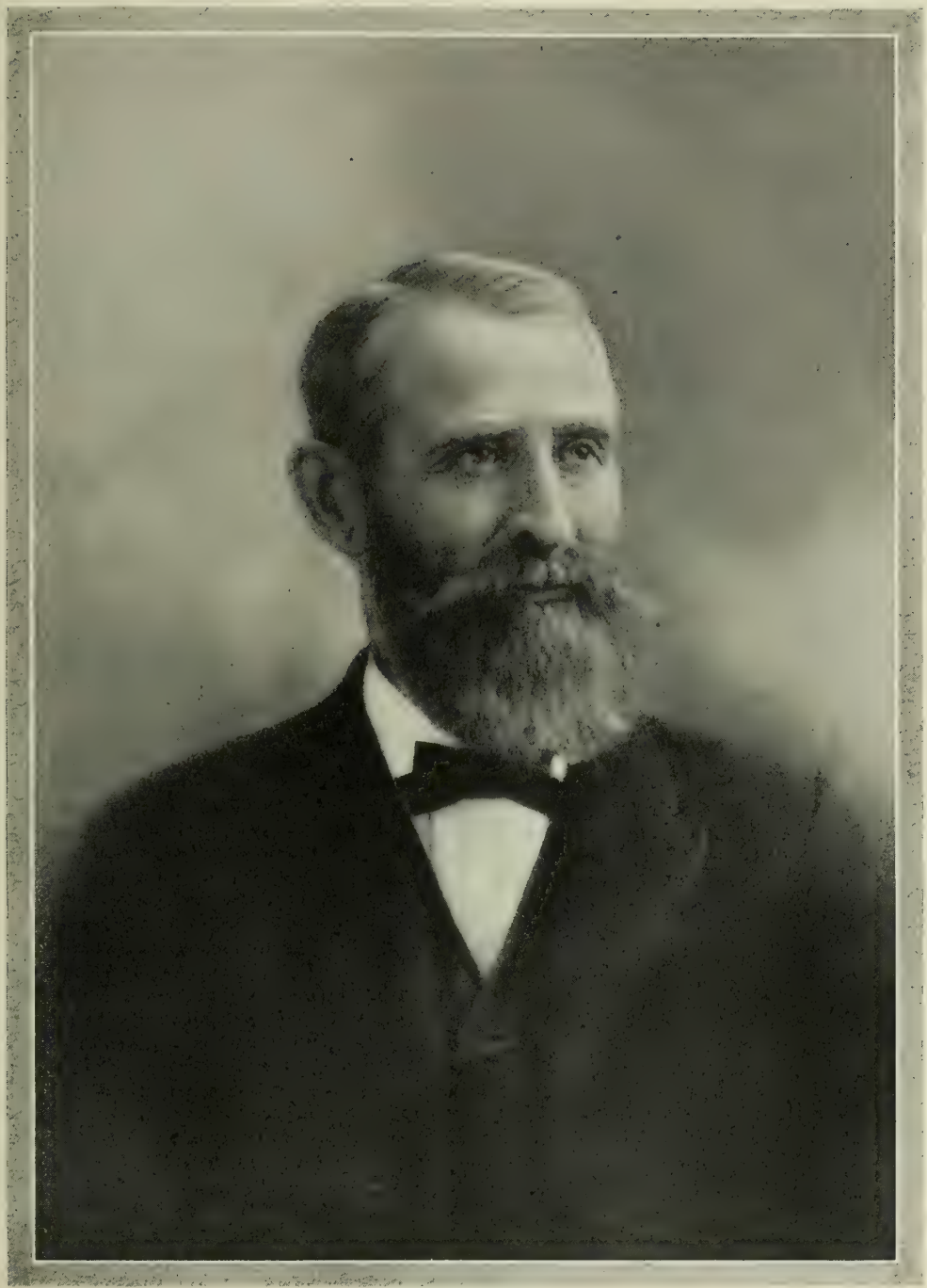
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#### IRA DIMOCK

The name of Ira Dimock is inseparably interwoven with the annals of Hartford as the founder and promoter of the Allen Manufacturing Company. He had passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest in the capital city May 10, 1917, having been born in Tolland, Connecticut, January 15, 1827. He was a descendant of an old English family, possessor of a coat-of-arms, as follows: Arms—Sable, two lions passant argent, crowned or. Crest—A sword erect argent, hilt and pommel or. Motto—Pro rege dimico (For the king I battle). The first of the name in the new world was Elder Thomas Dimock, who settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1635, and the ancestral line comes down through six generations to Otis Dimock, who was born August 5, 1791, and who married Wealthy Kinne. They had several children, including Ira Dimock, who after spending the first eight years of his life in Tolland was taken by his parents to South Willington. There he pursued a public school education, but when fifteen years of age felt that his school training was adequate, as he desired to start out in the world independently. He accordingly walked to Rockville, then a small village, and secured employment in the old Frank mill, working for six dollars per month and board. At the age of eighteen he was engaged in making knives at Bristol and later went to Northampton, Massachusetts, where he formed a partnership with his brother, Lucius Dimock, for the conduct of a machine shop, which they operated successfully for a number of years.

In 1853 Mr. Dimock visited the World's Fair held in New York city and when making the return trip by boat to Norwich formed the acquaintance of Dwight Campbell when on the steamer. Falling into conversation, "the two men sat up most of the night discussing a suggestion that they buy out George and Albert Conant, who were running a silk mill in the old Windham county town of Mansfield, Connecticut." Negotiations for the purchase of the business were begun the following day and within a short time Mr. Dimock and Mr. Campbell were owners of the mill. At the end of its first year's operation they found their losses amounted to five thousand dollars, and this caused Mr. Campbell to sell out to their bookkeeper, Mr. Saunders, but Mr. Dimock's faith in the silk business did not falter and he resolutely set to work to bring about conditions which would make for profit. Improvements were introduced and at the end of the second year it was found that the sales exceeded the expenditures by eight thousand dollars. The firm continued to operate successfully even through the widespread financial panic of 1857, and in the course of time Mr. Dimock became interested in the Nonotuck Silk Company, operating in Northampton and Florence, Massachusetts. Eventually he was chosen president of that company, which he represented as its chief executive for more than forty years, his





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labors being a large contributing element to its splendid success. He was regarded throughout America as an authority upon silk manufacturing and anything relating to the trade.

There was another phase in his life record that attracted wide attention. He possessed natural mechanical ability, which led to a thorough understanding of the working of machinery. This was a gift possessed also by his three brothers—Martial, Edwin and Lucius—all of whom became widely known as inventors. Ira Dimock was the first American to make spools by automatic machinery, inventing a machine in which a spool was made from the rough timber, sawed out and printed in two colors, ready for use. He also invented many machines which were installed in his own plant and made for its economic and successful operation. He removed to Hartford in 1877 and in 1889 established a compressed plant in his barn for the purpose of providing his house with a suction cleaning device, which he introduced years before the vacuum cleaner was put upon the market. His inventive genius alone would entitle him to more than passing notice.

On the 9th of November, 1872, Mr. Dimock married Lenna Louise Demont, and they became parents of six children. Mr. Dimock passed away May 10, 1917, and from a memorial prepared at that time we quote the following: "Resolved, that we, the officers of the Nonotuck Silk Company, bear testimony to his long and faithful service. He was a man of great business experience, of untiring energy, a wise and safe counselor, a sympathetic and loyal friend. He enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. His advice was freely sought and always prized by his associates. His sterling integrity ever stood for him as a 'tower of strength' in the wide business world that knew him. His active life has been an inspiration to us, and to all fortunate enough to enjoy his acquaintance. Those who knew him best honored and loved him most."

Mr. Dimock ever kept in touch with questions of state and national importance and wrote many illuminating articles on the Mexican problem and upon other vital questions. He gave generously for the benefit of others and the Hartford Hospital, the Hartford Division of the Salvation Army, the Connecticut Temperance Association and the Hartford Charities Organization were among his beneficiaries named in his will. Even in his later years he was in active touch with the world and its work, and in the evening of his life he continued to give out of his rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. He contributed in notable measure to the material development of New England and contributed just as surely and effectively to its civic welfare, its humanitarian progress and its moral advancement. Such a life should be an inspiration to the youth of the present generation, showing the value of high principles and honorable manhood.

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#### WANDA C. LAGOSH

Wanda C. Lagosh is one of New Britain's native daughters and a successful business woman who has gained an enviable position in local mercantile circles. She was born in 1899 and her parents, Michael and Anna Lagosh, were natives of Poland. On coming to America they settled in New Britain and here spent the remainder of their lives. The father was an experienced machinist and secured work in a factory. He was a Roman Catholic and a devout member of the Sacred Heart church. He died in 1913 and the mother passed away in 1927. They are survived by four daughters: Mrs. Grubarczyk, Mrs. Zabrensky, Mrs. Janik and Wanda C. Lagosh.

The last named was liberally educated, attending the Deep River school and the New Britain high school, and in 1917 was graduated from Sacred Heart College. She also had the advantage of a two years' course in the Boston School of Oratory, studying under Miss Bidwell, and in 1925 embarked in the millinery business in partnership with Miss Callahan. They handle an exclusive line of millinery, also carrying hosiery, lingerie and scarfs, and cater to a high-class trade. They have an attractive shop at No. 95 West Main street and thoroughly understand the art of salesmanship. Their affairs are systematically and efficiently managed and in a period of three years they have created a business of substantial proportions. Miss Lagosh is a member of the Eastern Millinery Association and thoroughly informed on matters



pertaining to the trade. She adheres to the faith in which she was reared and is an earnest member of Holy Cross church. Endowed with energy, initiative and good judgment, she has clearly demonstrated her capacity as a business woman, and her personal qualities are such as inspire esteem and friendship.

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#### WILLIAM H. GRISWOLD

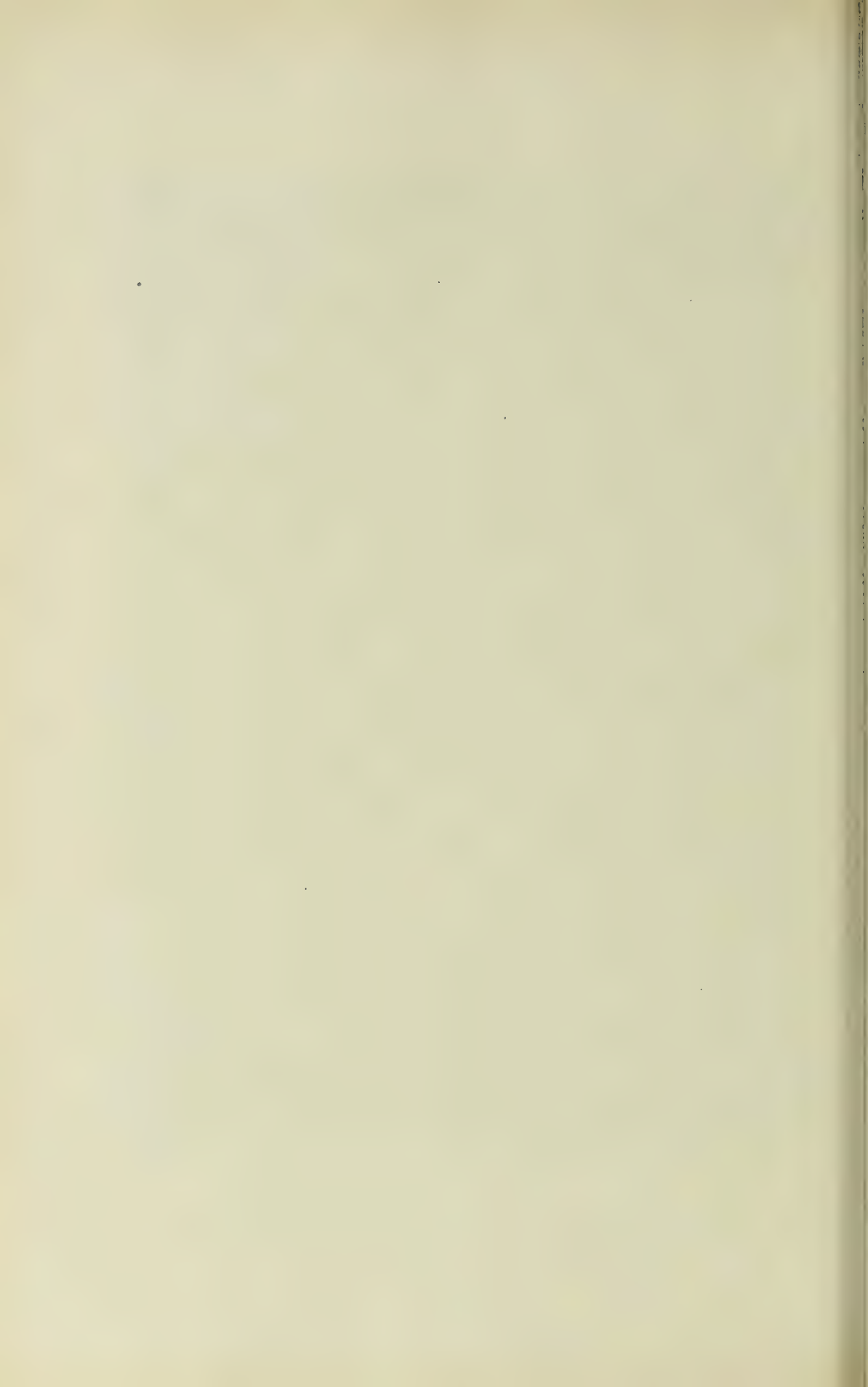
William H. Griswold has the distinction of being connected with the first company to write life insurance in the state of Connecticut, being now general agent with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. Thoroughly conversant with every phase of the business, he has occupied his present position of importance and large responsibility here since 1921. He is a native of Goshen, Connecticut, born November 18, 1859, his parents being Homer W. and Mary E. (Butler) Griswold, the former a native of Litchfield and the latter of Harwinton, Connecticut. The father was a master mechanic who for many years was the efficient superintendent with the American Suspender Company of Waterbury. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations to join in the defense of the Union, and after this was assured he engaged in the cotton manufacturing business, while later he became master mechanic with the Eagle Lock Company of Terryville, Connecticut. His business experiences were broad, and capability carried him steadily forward until he became one of the prosperous men of his community. He passed away in 1909, when he had reached the notable age of ninety-one years, while his wife died in 1905.

After leaving the high school in Terryville, where the father then resided, William H. Griswold continued his education in the State Normal School in New Britain and thus qualified for life's practical duties and responsibilities. He was a youth of about eighteen years when in 1877 he entered the employ of the Eagle Lock Company as a shipping clerk, remaining with that firm until 1885 and serving afterward as catalogue man and as traveling salesman. When he severed his connection with that business he entered the employ of the Seth Thomas Clock Company in Thomaston, Connecticut, in the responsible position of superintendent, and there remained until 1892. His association with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, dates from 1900, in which year he became district manager at Waterbury, Connecticut, whence he was afterward transferred to Providence, Rhode Island, where he represented the company as general agent through a period of seventeen years. In 1921 he came to Hartford as general agent and has so remained to the present time. This company was established April 1, 1845, in Newark, New Jersey, and was the first to enter the Connecticut field as writer of life insurance. It was this corporation that was used by Charles Evans Hughes as a standard for comparison during the Armstrong senatorial investigation of 1906 and 1907. When the company was organized the charter was secured and the work was undertaken by three men who had an office eight by ten feet on Broad street in Newark, the room being supplied with second-hand furniture consisting of a desk, two chairs and an old safe, which were purchased on credit. The business done by these three men during the first month of the company's existence was sufficient to pay for the equipment purchased, to reimburse them for their month's work and leave them a cash balance of eight hundred and twenty-six dollars. From that time forward not a dollar has been put into the business except from the earnings of the company, which has never been criticized for a single act during its entire history. Its methods have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and its work may well serve as a standard for activity in this field. The company was also the first to allow cash values or loans and was the first to introduce in a policy contract the automatic extended insurance feature now used by all companies. The utmost care has been taken in selecting its personnel and its representatives must ever measure up to the high standards maintained in the conduct of the business.

On the 3d of June, 1886, Mr. Griswold was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Thomas, a granddaughter of Seth Thomas, founder of the Seth Thomas Clock Works, and a daughter of Aaron and Phoebe (Hine) Thomas. Her father became the president of the Seth Thomas Clock Works and was instrumental in the development of



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the business to most extensive proportions, making the enterprise one of the foremost manufacturing concerns of New England. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold have become parents of three daughters: Grace Thomas, born April 9, 1888; Gladys, born March 31, 1889; and Agnes, who was born April 26, 1891, and is now the wife of Karl P. Jones of Forest Hill, New York, and the mother of a daughter, Nancy.

Mr. Griswold votes the republican ticket because of a firm belief in the principles of the party as factors in good government. He holds membership in the Hartford Club and the Farmington Country Club, while fraternally he is a Mason, and in religious faith a Congregationalist. His life has ever been actuated by high and honorable purpose and the sterling worth of his character is attested by all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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#### JOHN ERNEST ANDREW

A tireless worker, John Ernest Andrew has found that the field of opportunity is open to all who have the courage to persevere therein and his proven ability has placed him with the leading business men of Bristol. A son of John R. and Mary B. Andrew, he was born June 11, 1881, and is a native of Terryville, Connecticut. His education was acquired in the public schools of Bristol and in 1901, when a young man of twenty, he entered the employ of the Wallace-Barnes Company of this city. He has progressed with the firm, performing with thoroughness and efficiency each task assigned him, and is now general manager of the business, which is of extensive proportions. Mr. Andrew serves as vice president of the Dunbar Company, a subsidiary of the Wallace-Barnes Company, and is a director of both corporations.

On June 27, 1906, Mr. Andrew was married in Bristol to Miss Leila Barbour, by whom he has two daughters, Phyllis and Elizabeth. Mr. Andrew is a Mason and closely adheres to the beneficent teachings of the order, and at the present (1928) is serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Bristol. In the training school of life he has registered achievement and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### FRANK MARSHALL LOWE

At the outset of his commercial career Frank Marshall Lowe decided to become a mortician, bending every effort toward the attainment of his objective, and his energy, ability and determination have placed him with the leading funeral directors of Glastonbury and East Hartford. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1891, a son of Edwin Lowe, who was a prominent jeweler of that city. His father died in 1907 but the mother, Mrs. Isabel Lowe, is still living in Providence. They had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Two of the sons are deceased and three of the daughters have passed away.

Frank M. Lowe was a pupil in private schools of his native city and afterward completed a course in the New England Institute of Anatomy & Embalming. In 1911 he received his license as an embalmer and for five months was an assistant in that department of the undertaking establishment of J. D. Riley, of Providence. Afterward Mr. Lowe was employed for two years by J. Will Carpenter & Sons, also well known funeral directors of Providence, and then went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he spent six months. Locating in East Hartford, he entered the service of E. D. Hayes with whom he remained for six years, and in 1919 started a funeral home in Glastonbury. It is located at 188 Naubuc avenue, where he has a fine display room, and he is also engaged in the same business at No. 34 Connecticut boulevard in East Hartford. He is remodeling and enlarging his establishment in that city and employs one assistant. Mr. Lowe utilizes the most modern motor equipment and maintains a service that is complete and flawless. Scientific training and years of practical experience have given him a highly specialized knowledge of the undertaking business, while he also has the tact, good judgment and executive ability essential to success in this line of work.

In 1914 Mr. Lowe married Miss Stella May Denison and they have one child,

Eleanor May, who is thirteen years of age and attends the public schools. Mr. Lowe is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Shelter Harbor Country Club, and the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Funeral Directors Associations. His Masonic connections are with the lodge, chapter, council, commandery and grotto. He has attained the thirty-second degree in the order and is also identified with the local lodge of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen, Eastern Star, the Rebekahs and Grange. In politics he is a republican and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Congregational church. The great-grandparents of Mrs. Lowe were natives of England and came to America on the Mayflower. Mrs. Lowe is also a licensed embalmer and has been of much assistance to her husband in developing the business, proving an ideal helpmate and companion. She is one of the Daughters of Rebekah and past matron of the Eastern Star. Like her husband, she is prominent in social affairs, and both are esteemed and respected by all with whom they have been associated. Mr. Lowe is a young man of earnest purpose and has demonstrated the value of hard work and honorable dealing as factors in the attainment of success.

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#### MAJOR THOMAS J. BANNIGAN

Major Thomas J. Bannigan, who since October 28, 1924, has been regional manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau for the state of Connecticut and who since May 11, 1925, has been vice president of the Federal Business Men's Association, making his home at 208 Farmington avenue in Hartford, with business headquarters in the American Industrial building, is a native of Utica, New York, and a son of James and Ellen (Shenon) Bannigan, both of whom have passed away. His parents were natives of Ireland and came to America in youth, settling in Utica, New York, where the father engaged in business as a building contractor for many years, erecting some of the larger structures in that city. He afterward concentrated his time and energies upon the coal business.

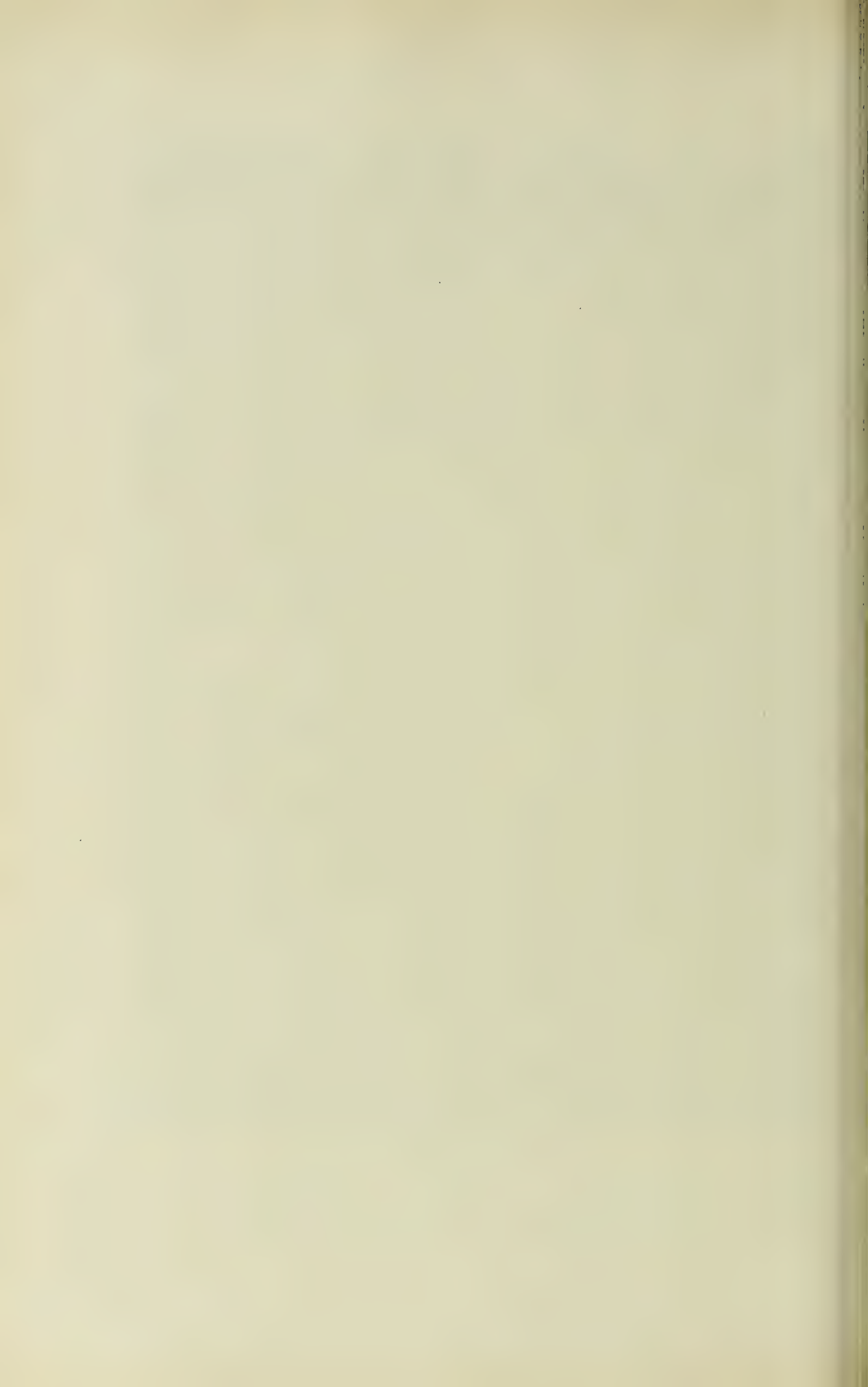
Major Bannigan obtained a grammar school education in Utica and when he had completed the work of the various grades continued his studies in the high school there, while later he was a student in Assumption Academy of Utica. His activities in business have covered a wide scope. He was at one time a journalist and afterward a traveling salesman and sales manager. At one time he entered the newspaper business as reporter on the Utica Daily Observer and was afterward associated with the Utica Sunday Tribune as feature writer, while subsequently he joined the editorial staff of the Utica Daily Herald. During this period he also personally issued several small publications. Prior to that service which made him a veteran of the World war he represented G. W. Van Slyke & Horton of Albany, New York, manufacturers of the Peter Schuyler cigar and other brands, remaining with that company for eleven years as a traveling salesman. It was at his suggestion that they began a national advertising campaign on this brand, which at that time was not widely known, and the inscription on the back of the smaller size Peter Schuyler, known as "Briefs," is a facsimile of his chirography. Later he was for seven years with the George L. Storm Company of New York, a subsidiary of the United Cigar Manufacturers, this being a thirty-million-dollar corporation, controlling national cigar brands, and which has since become the General Cigar Company. With that corporation Mr. Bannigan acted as salesman, as sales manager and as branch manager. He then joined the parent corporation and was executive assistant to President Storm and later sales manager and branch manager for the western and midwestern territories. He resigned in order to organize retail cigar stores under his own management and under the name of the Bannigan Cigar Company. He remained as owner and proprietor until the World war, when he disposed of all his interests except the Hartford business in order to enter the service. He also sold the Hartford business in 1921 in order to devote his time to veteran activities.

Following the entrance of the United States into the World war Major Bannigan was commissioned as a captain at Hartford on the 30th of July, 1918, and was assigned as officer-in-charge of the Reed Street plant of the Schuylkill Arsenal at Philadelphia, where about forty-five hundred enlisted men and civilians were employed in making clothing and equipage for overseas. He received an honorable discharge from the



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United States army December 31, 1918, with the rank of captain in the Officers Reserve Corps for five years, and was assigned as administrative officer in the Seventy-sixth Division, while on the 3rd of March, 1924, he was commissioned a major in the Quartermaster's Division of the Officers Reserve Corps.

With his return to civilian life Major Bannigan was appointed supervisor of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Club on February 19, 1919, when the city of Hartford took over a large building and equipped it as a club for the benefit of returning veterans of the World war. He was the unanimous choice of the court of common council of Hartford to supervise the club, which was maintained by the city for two years and gave lodging to and supplied a temporary home for hundreds of veterans, including transient veterans from practically every state in the Union. He was next appointed sub-district manager for the Hartford area of the United States Veterans' Bureau, effective February 28, 1922, and at the consolidation of the New Haven and Hartford offices was reappointed as sub-district manager for the state of Connecticut. When the Veterans' Bureau was decentralized on October 28, 1924, he was appointed regional manager for the state, and on May 11, 1925, was appointed vice president of the Federal Business Men's Association.

Major Bannigan was married in 1907 to Miss Katherine Anita Emmett. He has several political and social connections, being a member of the Republican Club, the City Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the United States Commercial Travelers, while of the Harding Memorial Association he is an associate member. He is also connected with the General Hart Memorial Association, Leonard Wood Camp No. 1 of the Veteran Soldiers, Sailors & Marines Association, the American National Red Cross, Reserve Officers Association, and with the Veterans' Non-Partisan League. His membership relations, however, are mostly in those organizations which have been formed by the World war veterans. He belongs to and was one of the organizers of Rau-Locke Post, No. 8, of the American Legion at Hartford, in which he has held the offices of post adjutant, department adjutant, chairman of the state legislative committee, member of the national executive committee and national vice commander. Major Bannigan was elected first adjutant of the post. He was also one of the organizers of the Connecticut Department of the American Legion and elected its first state adjutant at the state convention held in Hartford, October 11, 1919, having been reelected in 1920 for a term of three years, the first time in the history of the American Legion an elective officer had been elected for longer than one year. In 1919-1920 he was in charge of the state service division of the American Legion, during which time he handled many claims on compensation cases of disabled veterans and their relation to the United States Veterans' Bureau. He was a member of the National Legion committee which appeared before congress in behalf of the adjusted compensation bill and was spokesman for the delegation when it appeared before the ways and means committee of congress. In 1920 he was appointed chairman of the state legislative committee of the Connecticut Department of the American Legion, during which time nearly all beneficial legislation to veterans was victorious in Connecticut. This committee was instrumental in having the state of Connecticut continue the interest on the two million, five hundred thousand dollar fund for the care of Connecticut veterans and their dependents. The Connecticut Legion News was inaugurated at his suggestion in 1920 and later Major Bannigan became its editor. At the state convention of the American Legion, held in New Haven in 1921, he was elected a member of the national executive committee from Connecticut. In 1921 he was appointed a member of the national war risk insurance committee of the American Legion. In 1921 he was elected national vice-commander of the American Legion to succeed John G. Emery, elected national commander to fill the unexpired term of National Commander Galbraith, deceased. He was a member of the national reception committee to Marshall Foch on his visit to America as the guest of the American Legion. Major Bannigan is likewise a member of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, having been initiated at Wallingford, Connecticut, while he is now associated with the voiture at Hartford. He belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of Foreign Wars, and in recognition of patriotic service rendered to the cause of the wounded and disabled American veterans of the World war was made an honorary member of the Disabled American Veterans' Association March 24, 1927. He has been identified with veteran activities since the armistice and has had entire charge of the disabled Connecticut veterans for the United States government during this period. He has been instru-

mental in solving many of their problems and wherever his name is heard it is usually identified with the cause of the disabled veterans. He is the outstanding figure in Connecticut who has been actively identified with service for the disabled soldier from the armistice to the present time and the value of his work cannot be overestimated. He resides at 320 Farmington avenue.

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#### CLEMENT H. BRIGHAM

Clement H. Brigham, widely known in business circles as an insurance agent, has also directed his efforts most effectively and beneficially in the field of public office, making a most honorable record in the state senate and in other positions of public trust. He has always held to high ideals and at the same time his methods have been manifest in practical achievement. His life story is an interesting one not only by reason of what he has accomplished but also owing to the fact that he is a representative of one of the old and distinguished families of New England. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 20, 1873, and he traces his ancestry back to Thomas Brigham, who was born in England in 1603 and who sailed from London, April 13, 1635, on the ship "Susan and Ellen." He took up his abode in Watertown, Massachusetts, where he was made a freeman April 18, 1636, and there he served as constable in 1637 and selectman in 1640. He was married in 1637 to Mercy Hurd, and he passed away in Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 8, 1653. His son, Thomas Brigham, born in Cambridge in 1640, was made a freeman in 1690. He owned land in Marlboro and in association with others purchased fifty-eight hundred acres from the Indians. On the 27th of December, 1665, he married Mary Rice, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Moore) Rice, and he died November 25, 1716.

Elnathan Brigham, son of Thomas Brigham (II), was born March 7, 1683, and became a surveyor. In later life he removed to Mansfield, Connecticut, and in 1705 married Bethiah, daughter of William and Hannah Ward. He passed away April 10, 1758. His son, Paul Brigham, born in Mansfield, was married July 1, 1741, to Catherine Turner, and died May 3, 1746. They were parents of Captain Thomas Brigham (III), who was born March 7, 1742, and lived in Coventry. He married Susannah Eels, on February 5, 1769, and died May 10, 1800. They were the parents of Don Ferdinand Brigham, who was born about 1776 and followed farming and shoe-making. He was married November 7, 1802, to Lois, daughter of Elias Palmer, of Coventry, and died September 29, 1867.

Lewis Brigham, son of Don Ferdinand Brigham and the grandfather of Clement H. Brigham of this review, was born in Coventry, March 22, 1809, and there died January 17, 1873. He was married February 19, 1833, to Lewisa Tilden, who died June 20, 1849. He conducted a store at Mansfield Depot and also operated a sawmill.

Don Ferdinand Brigham (II), son of Lewis Brigham, was born in Utica, New York, January 11, 1839, and was quite young when the family home was established in Mansfield, Connecticut, where he attended the public schools. He afterward studied in Monson Academy and for two years was a student at Amherst College. He then became associated in the silk business with P. H. Turner in Turnerville and later acted as general agent for the Smith & Wesson Company of New York city. At a subsequent date he engaged in merchandising and thus continued until his retirement from active life in 1885, at which time he took up his abode in Hartford, where he passed away February 26, 1888. On the 28th of November, 1863, he had married Harriet Maria Storrs, daughter of William Storrs, of Westford, and of their five children four reached adult age: Ernest W., of Boston; Clement H.; Alice; and Clara, the wife of Arthur P. Bennett, of Hartford.

The second son was but two years of age when his parents removed with the family to Oxford, New Jersey, where he attended the public schools, and with the removal to Hartford in 1885 he continued his studies here until graduated from the high school with the class of 1891. After a little time he accepted a clerical position in the office of the National Fire Insurance Company, remaining with that concern until 1896, when he became associated with the local agency of W. T. Price, which was afterward sold to the firm of F. F. Small & Company. In 1905 Mr. Brigham





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CLEMENT H. BRIGHAM



became a partner in that firm and has contributed in no small degree to its success through his business capability, close application and unremitting energy. There have been no spectacular phases in his life work, but the steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible and the qualities which he has wisely cultivated and which have led to his success may become a part of the equipment of any other young business man who has the will to dare and to do.

Mr. Brigham was united in marriage to Miss Lilian Talcott, a daughter of Hart and Mary Gray (Huntington) Talcott and a representative of one of the old colonial families. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham have a son, Storrs Talcott, born May 3, 1900, and a daughter, Mary Gray, born April 29, 1905. The family residence is maintained at Granby and Mr. and Mrs. Brigham hold membership in the South Congregational church there, taking an active and helpful part in its work. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Lafayette Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M., of Hartford. His interest in the events which have shaped the annals of Connecticut is shown in his membership in the Connecticut Historical Society and his appreciation of the social amenities of life is attested by his connection with the Farmington Country Club, the City Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Congregational Club and the Civitan Club, of which he is the president. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and his interest in its welfare has been effectively shown. Upon that ticket he was elected to office, having in 1921 represented the town of Granby in the house of representatives, while in 1925 he was a member of the senate from the seventh senatorial district. While serving in that body he was made chairman of the committee on public health and safety and through committee service and in other ways he labored indefatigably for the welfare and upbuilding of the state and the advancement of its best interests. He was a member of the extraordinary grand jury which investigated the activity of the diploma mill (medical) known as the Holden grand jury, in which connection a most valuable work was done for the state in ridding it of those who were a menace to public health and safety. Mr. Brigham was also president of the Hartford Board of Fire Underwriters from 1922 until 1925, and such are his standards in business and in citizenship that his position as one of the acknowledged leaders among the men of the present generation is widely recognized.

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#### MORGAN BULKELEY BRAINARD

Morgan Bulkeley Brainard, president of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, was born in Hartford, January 8, 1879, and he naturally came into the field of insurance inasmuch as his father, the late Leverett Brainard, at one time mayor of Hartford, was for many years a director of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, while his mother was a sister of Morgan Gardner Bulkeley, third president of the Aetna Life.

Having graduated from the Hartford public high school, Morgan B. Brainard entered Yale University and completed his course with the class of 1900. He then enrolled as a student in the Yale Law School and at his graduation three years later received the Bachelor of Laws degree. He entered upon the active practice of law in the office of Lewis Sperry, who for many years was general counsel for the Aetna Company, and he became identified with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as assistant to President Bulkeley and was chosen his father's successor on the directorate at the latter's death in 1901. In 1905 he was elected assistant treasurer, the office being created at that time, and when two years had passed he became treasurer of the company and later was elected vice president, this being followed by his election to the presidency. He entered upon his duties when a comparatively young man but with wide training and diversified experience to serve as the foundation upon which to build the superstructure that constitutes the great Aetna interests foremost among the insurance activities on the American continent. Since he assumed the duties of his position, November 16, 1922, the growth has been continuous, because of changes which he introduced, bringing about improved methods and greater efficiency.

Mr. Brainard is a director and president not only of the Aetna Life Insurance Company but also of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, the Automobile Insurance Company and the Standard Fire Insurance Company. He is likewise a director



of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, the Hartford Electric Light Company, director and chairman of the board of the Bankers Trust Company and a director of the Underwood Typewriter Company, the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company, the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the American Hardware Corporation and Swift & Company. He is a director of The Connecticut Company, a holding company for all trolley lines of the state, and a United States trustee of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company. Mr. Brainard is now a director of the Hartford Hospital and of the Hartford Retreat for the Insane. The scope of his interests is further manifest in his service as a trustee of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, the Watkinson Library, the Morgan Memorial, the Connecticut State Prison and the Colt Bequest, and he has served as president of the Connecticut Historical Society, in which he still holds membership.

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#### ROBERT THOMAS HURLEY

Robert Thomas Hurley, commissioner of the department of state police and thus taking active part in the maintenance of law and order, makes his home and maintains his office in Hartford. He was born in Plymouth, Litchfield county, October 25, 1869, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Keating) Hurley, both of whom were natives of Ireland but in early life came to the new world, settling in Litchfield county, whence they afterward removed to Bristol, Connecticut, where the father engaged in farming.

Robert T. Hurley, after pursuing a public school education, began learning the tinsmith's trade, which he followed for several years. He next entered the employ of the E. N. Welch Clock Company of Forestville, but after a brief period turned his attention to horse racing interests, driving in several hundred horse races all over New England and the middle west. He always loved fine horses and participated in racing events between the ages of fourteen and thirty years. In 1889 he became foreman of the electric fuse department of the Johns-Pratt Company of Hartford, with which he remained until March 4, 1904, at the end of which time he became connected with the state police department as a state policeman. About 1917 he was made a captain of the department, and in July, 1921, was advanced to the position of superintendent. He is now commissioner of the department of state police and has one hundred state policemen under his direction. During the past twenty years he has made an intensive study of psychology and criminology and has one of the finest libraries on these subjects to be found in New England, with the contents of which he is largely familiar, having spent much time as well as money in a study of the crime situation, its causes and cures. Up to 1919 he had brought about the arrest and conviction of more "fire bugs" in the United States than perhaps any other man. He was instrumental in the capture of Archie Gilligan, who poisoned seven people and was convicted and sentenced to hang but gained a second trial in which the sentence was imprisonment for life. Mr. Hurley was also instrumental in bringing about the capture and conviction of Bernard Montveid, who killed a priest and his housekeeper and who was hanged in Wethersfield.

On the 2d of August, 1893, Mr. Hurley was married to Miss Mary Parrett, of New Hartford, and they reside at 1359 Albany avenue. He is an honorary member of the Exchange Club. Although his educational opportunities in boyhood were limited, he has closely applied himself along certain educational lines and is today a broad-minded man of wide interests as well as a most efficient public official.

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#### JUDGE HENRY PATRICK ROCHE

Well equipped for the profession of his choice, Judge Henry Patrick Roche has steadily progressed and ably administers the affairs of the police court of New Britain, which for thirteen years has been the scene of his legal activities. He was born June 4, 1886, and is a native of Berlin, Connecticut. His parents were James and Nora (Warren) Roche, the former of whom passed away in 1912, at the age of



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fifty-two years, and the latter in 1925, when she had reached the sixty-seventh milestone on life's journey.

Moving to New Britain in boyhood, Henry P. Roche here attended the public and parochial schools and in 1909 completed a course in Holy Cross College. In 1912 he was graduated from the Yale Law School and in the same year was admitted to the bar. At that time he established an office in New Britain and soon proved his ability to cope with the intricacies of the law. During the World war Mr. Roche entered the service of his country and was trained in the coast artillery school at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. After his honorable discharge he resumed his professional labors in New Britain and as time passed his practice assumed large proportions. In recognition of his ability he was appointed police judge on July 4, 1927, and is making a fine record in the office. He carefully ascertains the facts of each case brought before his tribunal and tempers justice with mercy.

In politics Judge Roche is a strong republican and his civic spirit has been demonstrated by service on the New Britain school board, with which he was identified for eight years. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has passed through all the chairs of the Foresters of America. In the affairs of the latter organization he takes a prominent part and is a member of the Grand Court of Foresters. A diligent student, Judge Roche has constantly augmented his legal knowledge and his professional colleagues and the general public unite in bearing testimony as to his worth.

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#### PHILIP G. GORTON

Philip G. Gorton, who, associated with his brother, is one of the managers of the home office of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, conducting business under the firm name of Gorton & Company, was born in Bloomfield, this state, May 30, 1863, his parents being Horace Simmons and Mary (Griswold) Gorton, the ancestral line having been one of long connection with New England. The youthful days of Philip G. Gorton were passed in the usual manner of the lad of normal interests to whom the public schools offer educational opportunities. He passed through consecutive grades to the high school and at the age of sixteen years started out in the business world by entering the employ of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company in Hartford, occupying the minor position of mail boy. He remained with that corporation for five years and then became a clerk with the Travelers Insurance Company, with which he was associated for three years. His identification with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company dates from 1900, at which time he became agent for the corporation, and is now associated with his brother, Joseph C. Gorton, under the firm style of Gorton & Company, managers of the home office of the Connecticut General Life. They have developed a business of large proportions, having an extensive clientele, and their success is the direct outcome of well defined plans promptly executed.

Mr. Gorton is a member of the Hartford Club and of the City Club. He votes with the democratic party and his active political service covers the period from 1896 until 1900, when under the Cleveland administration he was deputy clerk of customs. He has always preferred to concentrate his efforts and attention upon the insurance business, with which he has been connected from the age of sixteen years and in which he has won substantial advancement and well merited success.

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#### WALTER E. SPICER

At the outset of his career Walter E. Spicer placed his reliance upon the indispensable qualities of diligence and perseverance and these traits have enabled him to rise from a lowly position to one of trust and influence in manufacturing circles of Bristol. A native of Norwich, Connecticut, he was born January 10, 1871, and is a son of Addison and Malvina (Myers) Spicer. His education was acquired in the public schools of Norwich and in 1892 he secured work with the Babcock Printing Press of New London, Connecticut, starting as a stenographer. He remained with that firm

until 1897 and in 1898 came to Bristol. For two years he was a stenographer for the Sessions Foundry Company and his ability then led to his selection for the position of private secretary to W. E. Sessions. Mr. Spicer acted in that capacity until the death of Mr. Sessions in 1920, when he was made assistant treasurer, and has since filled this responsible office. His duties are discharged with characteristic thoroughness and fidelity and in the management of one of the oldest and largest productive industries of the city he is an important factor. He is a director of the corporation; president and treasurer of the Bristol Building & Loan Association; and secretary and a director of the Arcanum Building Company.

At Norwich, Connecticut, Mr. Spicer was married December 28, 1898, to Miss Myra M. Miller, by whom he has two children: Hildred Miller, the wife of George P. Graham; and Walter Elmore. For twenty-eight years Mr. Spicer has been active in the affairs of the Royal Arcanum, of which he is a past grand regent, and has attended three sessions of the supreme council. The first was in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the second in Montreal, Canada, and the third was the jubilee session, held at Seattle, Washington, in 1927. His Masonic connections are with Franklyn Lodge and Pequabuc Chapter. In every relation of life he measures up to high standards and the respect accorded him is well deserved.

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#### LAWRENCE J. GOLON

Lawrence J. Golon, engaged in the general practice of law, was born in 1902, in New Britain, where he still makes his home and where he is directing his professional activities. His parents, Stanley and Katherine (Baldyga) Golon, are both natives of Germany and the year 1881 witnessed their arrival in New Britain, but the father is now conducting a poultry farm in Berlin.

Lawrence J. Golon attended the public schools of Berlin and the New Britain high school for two years, after which he became a student in Montpelier Seminary at Montpelier, Vermont, also in Goddard Seminary at Barre, that state, and in St. Michael's College at Burlington, Vermont. He next matriculated in the Boston University Law School of Boston and was graduated in 1925, being admitted to the bar in the same year. He then came to New Britain, where he began practice with Judge William F. Mangan and Elias Ringrose and was thus associated until July, 1926, when he opened an office independently at 350 Main street, where he has since continued. He is well versed in the basic principles of law and he knows the necessity for thorough preparation as well as for clear and cogent reasoning in the presentation of a cause.

In June, 1926, Mr. Golon was married to Miss Pauline Brodzik, who was born in New Britain, and they have one son, Lawrence J., Jr., who was born April 30, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Golon are loyal members of the Holy Cross church, in the work of which she takes an active part, and she is also well known in social circles of the city. Mr. Golon votes with the republican party and is keenly interested in local civic affairs and in all that has to do with the progress and development of the community. He belongs to the Lambda Chi Alpha as a representative of the Boston University chapter and he is a member of the Lawyers Club. He also belongs to the New Britain and Hartford County Bar Associations and his interest centers in his profession, wherein he hopes to make continuous progress and where his record of successful achievement argues well for the future.

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#### PORTER BOURNE CHASE

One of the younger representatives of business activity in Hartford, Porter Bourne Chase is identified with real estate and financial activity and is now president of the Bankers Trust Company. The thoroughness with which he has mastered every detail to which he has given his attention has been one of the strong elements in his continued success and gradually he has advanced until he now stands in an enviable place in the community. Born in this city, May 27, 1896, he is a son of Charles E. Chase, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Hartford Fire



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Porter B. Chase





Insurance Company, and is a grandson of George Lewis and Calista Mendall (Taft) Chase, which establishes his connection with one of the old and honored pioneer families of New England, the ancestral record being given at length in connection with the sketch of his grandfather, George Lewis Chase, on another page of this work. His father, Charles Edward Chase, has risen to distinction in insurance circles and is still an active factor in the world's work, although he has passed the Psalmist's allotted three score years and ten. His record, too, is given at length elsewhere in this work.

Porter Bourne Chase therefore had the advantage of belonging to one of the old and respected families of Hartford and here in the public schools he pursued his early education, while later he studied in the Hotchkiss Preparatory School at Lakeville, Connecticut. He next entered Yale and won his Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the graduating class of 1919. During the succeeding year he was with the real estate firm of W. A. Sanborn & Company of Hartford, and in 1920 he established a real estate business on his own account, conducting his operations most successfully until 1922, when he organized the firm of Chase, Morrison & Company, admitting H. Terry Morrison to a partnership. As realtors they made for themselves a creditable position in the business world and gained many clients, conducting their interests jointly until 1926, when Mr. Chase withdrew from the firm to become the president of the Bankers Trust Company. In his business career he has shown a ready mastery of details as well as of the principal features of business, and his persistency of purpose, intelligently directed, has brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity. In addition to his association with the Bankers Trust Company he is a director of the Sanborn Map Company of New York.

On the 1st of September, 1917, Mr. Chase was married to Miss Marion Tuttle, a daughter of Judge Joseph P. and Edith (Mather) Tuttle, of Hartford, her father, now deceased, having been a very prominent lawyer and jurist of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have three children: Marcia, born June 3, 1920; George Lewis, born October 21, 1922; and Joseph Tuttle, May 1, 1926. In the social circles of the city Mr. and Mrs. Chase occupy an enviable position, the hospitality of the best homes of Hartford being freely accorded them. As a club man, too, he is well known, having membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf and University clubs. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has always recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. He comes of an honored family and his entire course has been one which reflects further credit upon the family name.

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#### VICTOR E. WALKER

With the industrial development of Plantsville, Victor E. Walker is closely associated as the president and treasurer of the Walker-Stewart Foundry Corporation. He was born at Meriden, Connecticut, on the 21st of January, 1883, and is a son of Eli M. and Catherine (Develing) Walker. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the public and high schools, thus receiving a thorough practical education.

When his textbooks were put aside Mr. Walker entered the employ of the Charles Parker Manufacturing Company at Meriden and no higher testimonial of his capability and loyalty to the interests which he represented can be given than in the fact that he remained with that organization for twenty-eight years, starting as a mechanic's helper, later serving as mechanic, then winning promotion to the position of foreman, while later he was advanced to the assistant superintendency and afterward became general superintendent, in which connection he contributed in substantial measure to the success of the business. When he severed his connection with the Charles Parker Manufacturing Company, Mr. Walker accepted the position of works manager with the Jacobs Brothers Scale Company of New York city, where he remained until 1920, when he came to Plantsville and here established the Walker-Stewart Foundry, which he has since operated, making it one of the chief productive industries of the place. The business was incorporated on the 30th of April, 1920, with Mr. Walker as president and treasurer, and he has since directed its destinies as its chief executive officer, being thoroughly familiar with every phase of the busi-

ness in principle and detail and bringing about its development in accordance with the spirit of modern progress and achievement.

Mr. Walker was married in Meriden to Miss Minnie Shultz. He has had little time for active participation in public affairs, but his influence is always given on the side of municipal advancement, while his business efforts have ever been of a character that have contributed to the material progress of the community in which he has labored.

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#### LESTER EMERSON SHIPPEE

Lester Emerson Shippee is connected with that branch of government service which insures safety in banking and his present efficient work as bank commissioner is based upon previous practical experience in the banking business. Moreover, he is a veteran of the World war and these and other facts in his active life entitle him to mention among the representative residents of Hartford county. He was born in Killingly, Connecticut, July 1, 1894, and is a son of Albert H. and Emmeline (Place) Shippee, who were natives of Rhode Island. The father engaged in business at Killingly as a dealer in antiques.

Lester E. Shippee pursued his early education in the public schools of Killingly and continued his studies in the high school at Danielson, Connecticut. After putting aside his textbooks he entered the employ of the Corkhill Worsted Company as book-keeper and paymaster, but after a time secured a position in the Windham County National Bank at Danielson and later became assistant cashier, remaining in that institution for about four years. All business and personal considerations, however, were put aside when on the 17th of September, 1917, he enlisted as a sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps for service in the World war and went to Florida in December, 1917. There he was graduated from the Army Paper School and went overseas in May, 1918, remaining with the American Expeditionary Forces until August, 1919, with the rating of quartermaster sergeant, being in charge of the accounting department of the disbursing office of Base Section No. 2.

After being mustered out at Camp Devens, Mr. Shippee went to New York city, where he entered the employ of the Columbia Bank, with which he remained for a year. On the 1st of November, 1920, he came to Hartford as junior examiner in the department with which he is still associated. In 1921 he was made chief examiner and in November, 1922, became deputy commissioner, while on the 1st of December, 1927, he was advanced to the office of commissioner, being the youngest man that has ever filled this position. He worked under three commissioners and was promoted by each of them. His work has ever been most thorough and his duties are conscientiously and capably performed. He has become widely known throughout the state of Connecticut through his service in this department and his record is an irreproachable one.

Mr. Shippee is well known as a member of the Hartford Club, the Snake Meadow Club, the Republican Club, the Allah Club and the American Legion, and in all these organizations his friends are many. He is yet a young man and what he has already accomplished promises well for the future.

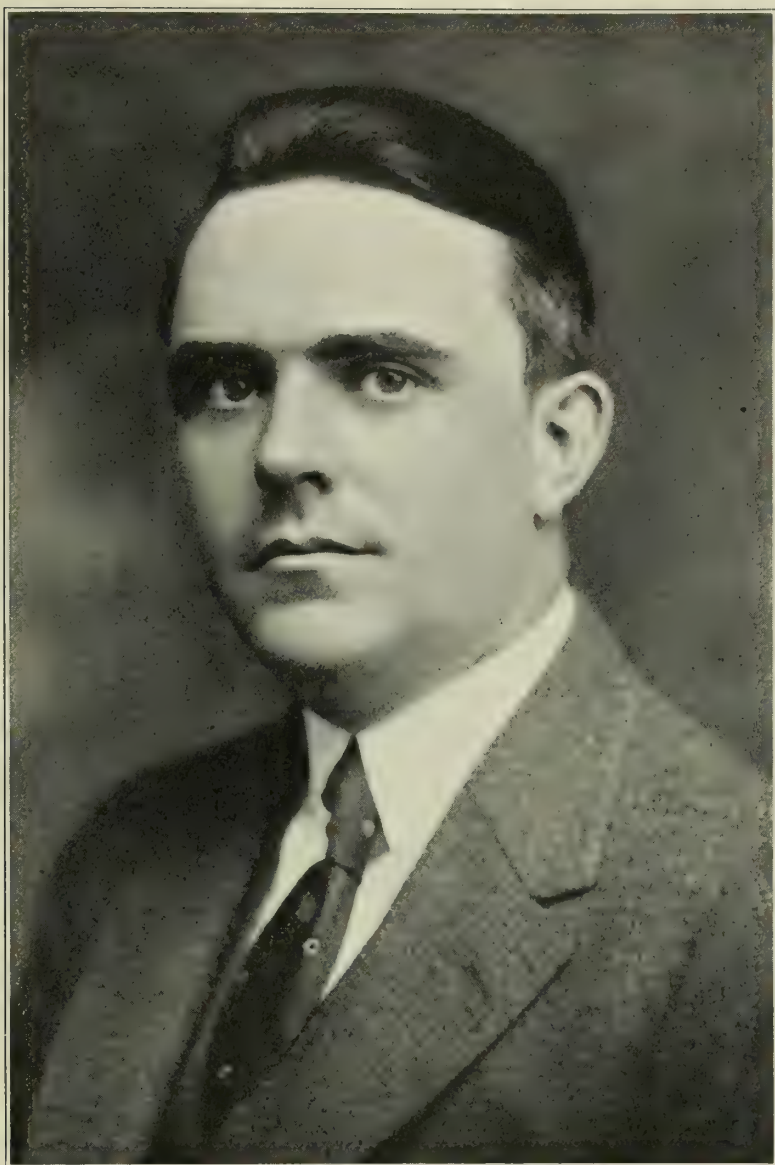
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#### ELIAS T. RINGROSE

Elias T. Ringrose, actively engaged in the practice of law, with offices in New Britain, is a native of this city. He was born November 17, 1890, of the marriage of Elias and Mary Ringrose, who removed from New Haven to New Britain, where the father worked as a molder to the time of his death. The mother, who was born in Ireland, is still living.

Elias T. Ringrose enjoyed the educational opportunities offered by St. Mary's parochial school, after which he pursued the high school course and was graduated with the class of 1909. He next attended the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., from 1912 until 1915, pursuing a law course, whereby he ultimately won his LL. B. degree. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1916, in Hartford county, and





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LESTER E. SHIPPEE



through the intervening period has devoted his attention to the work of the profession, engaging in general practice but specializing in real estate titles. He does work for all of the banks, particularly as relating to titles, and has developed expert ability in this field.

The year after his admission to the bar, or on the 11th of December, 1917, Mr. Ringrose enlisted at Hartford and was sent to Fort Slocum, where he was identified with the ordnance department. On Christmas day of that year he was transferred to Camp Upton and he received his discharge at Camp Devens on the 29th of April, 1919.

On the 25th of October, 1923, Mr. Ringrose was married to Miss Anna Conley, of New Britain, and they now have three children, all natives of this city: Mary, born September 25, 1924; Elias, January 31, 1926; and Bernard, September 21, 1927. The parents are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church and Mr. Ringrose is identified with the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A supporter of the democratic party, he served as councilman in 1921 and again in 1923 and exercised his official prerogative to further various progressive civic movements. He has membership in the New Britain Lawyers Club and his professional colleagues and contemporaries have for him warm regard owing to his conformity to the ethical standards of the calling.

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#### GEORGE BREED DAVIS, M. D.

Dr. George Breed Davis, physician and surgeon, is engaged in practice in Wethersfield and meets every requirement of the profession. He was born March 5, 1895, in Stafford, Connecticut, and there attended the public schools, afterward taking a preparatory course at Mount Hermon School. In 1921 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Dartmouth College and in 1924 was graduated from the University of Vermont, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a year he was an interne at Waterbury Hospital and since July, 1925, has followed his profession in Wethersfield. His office is located at No. 58 Church street and a rapidly growing practice is evidence of the confidence reposed in his skill.

Dr. Davis was married in 1925 to Miss Mary E. Ackley, of East Hartford, and they now have two children, George B., Jr., and Constance Elizabeth. The parents are Congregationalists and Mrs. Davis is active in church work and social affairs, and also belongs to the local chapter of the Eastern Star. The Doctor is a member of the Theta Chi college fraternity and Nu Sigma Nu, a medical fraternity, the Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies, a fellow of the American Medical Association, and a member of the Hartford Medical Society. While he takes an interest in public affairs, he reserves his energies for his profession and through broad reading and close study of the cases intrusted to his care is constantly enlarging his field of usefulness. Dr. Davis is a young man of pleasing personality and high principles and has gained a wide circle of friends during the period of his residence in Wethersfield.

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#### FRANK HENRY SHIELD

Progressing step by step since starting out on his business career, Frank Henry Shield is now president of the Hardware City Cooperative Association of New Britain. A native of Michigan, he was born in Echford county, June 8, 1883, and is a son of Charles J. and Elizabeth Shield. The father, who was born in England, came to the United States in 1874 and settled in Michigan, where he followed the occupation of farming, which was his life work. He conducted a successful business as a breeder of high grade horses, cattle and sheep and good management and unfaltering industry brought to him a substantial measure of success. His political endorsement was given to the democratic party and he was active as a leader in its local ranks. He was long a very active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he also consistently followed the teachings of Masonry and had membership as well with the Maccabees and with the Grange. He died in 1898 and is still survived by his



widow, who makes her home in Albion, Michigan, where she owns the residence that she occupies. By her marriage she became the mother of three sons and five daughters, of whom one daughter has passed away.

Frank Henry Shield pursued his education in the public schools of Michigan until he left the high school to become a student in Albion College at Albion, that state, pursuing a business course and also other lines of study. In August, 1909, he came to New Britain to become a teacher with the Commercial Business College, with which he was thus associated for a year. He afterward spent a year in the bookkeeping department of the Corbin Screw Corporation and on leaving that concern organized the Hardware City Business College at 132 Main street, conducting the school for seven years. He next organized the Shield Business College at Bristol, Connecticut, which he personally managed with marked success. In 1917 he founded the Hardware City Cooperative Association for the conduct of a real estate and insurance business. This was a stock company and the business was carried on as such until February, 1926, when Mr. Shield and R. L. Noren bought out the stockholders' interests, the two now holding the entire stock of the Hardware City Cooperative Association, of which Mr. Shield is now president. They handle all lines of insurance and have a large patronage in New Britain, while their sound judgment enables them to wisely direct the investment of their clients. Mr. Shield belongs to the New Britain Real Estate Board and is a past president of the New Britain Fire Underwriting Board.

On the 2d of September, 1916, Mr. Shield was married to Miss Lillian Berg, who was born in New Britain and was principal of the Northern school for several years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Shield hold membership in the First Congregational church, in the work of which they are actively interested, doing all in their power to further the purposes of the church and make it a force for righteousness in the lives of the people of the community. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he uses that avenue to advance the general good. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Knights of Pythias and in Masonry has attained the thirty-second degree and is a member of the Grotto and the Mystic Shrine. He is also an active and valued member of the Rotary Club, in which he has served as secretary, vice president and president, and he belongs to the New Britain Club and the Shuttle Meadow Club. His interests and activities are of broad scope, touching the welfare of the community, and his influence has been widely and beneficially felt.

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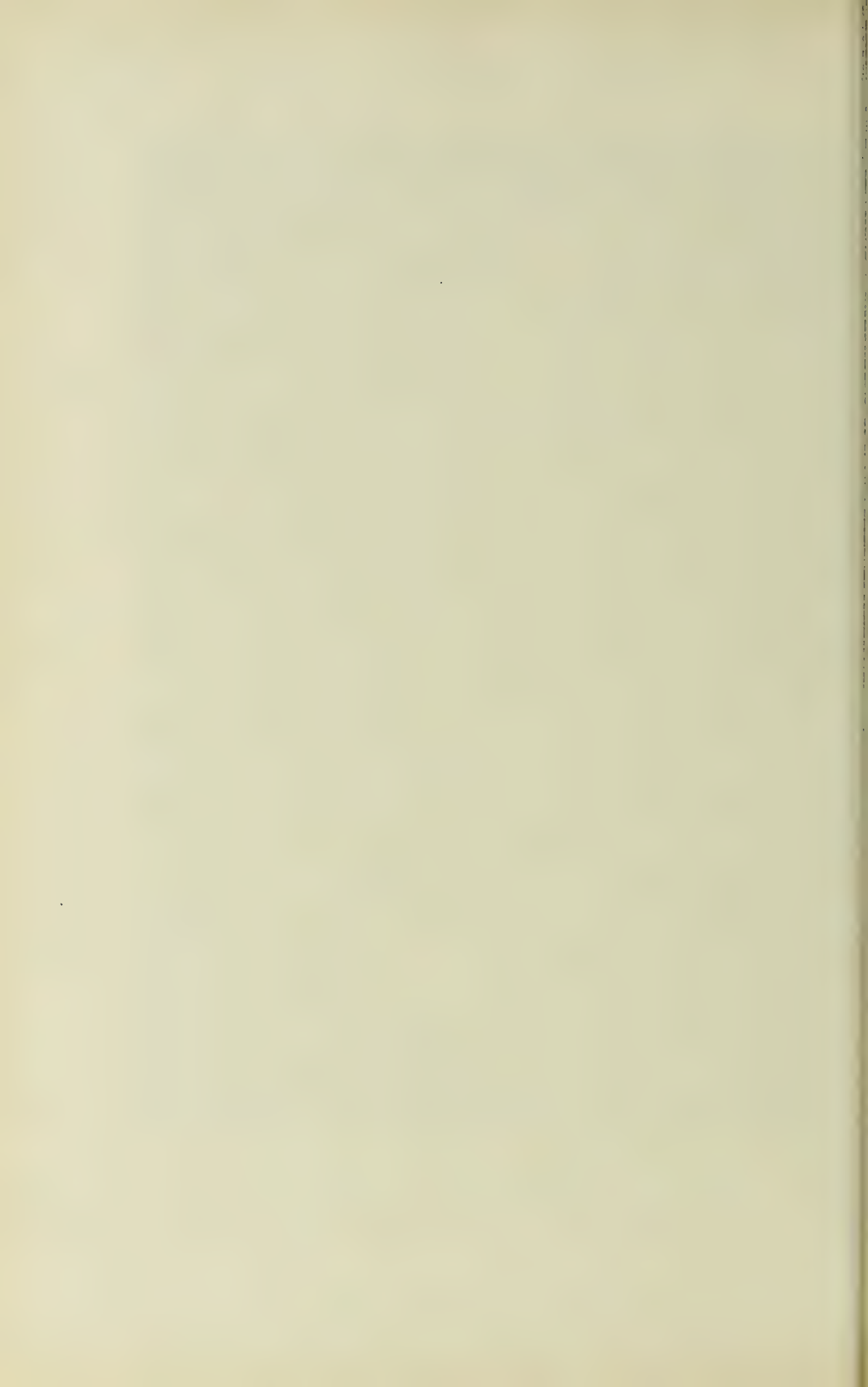
#### FRANK C. GRISWOLD

Frank C. Griswold, of whom it was said "He was beloved by all—a man with a host of friends," was born in Hartford, February 25, 1855, a son of Charles and Louise (Holeum) Griswold. He attended the public schools of Windsor, Connecticut, and at the outset of his career started out in connection with the insurance business, to which he ever afterward devoted his time and attention. Entering the employ of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, he never felt the need of changing his connection and remained as one of the most trusted and honored representatives of that organization until his death. Of him George E. Bulkley, vice president of the company, wrote as follows: "In November, 1872, Frank C. Griswold, then a boy of seventeen, began his connection with the Connecticut General. The company was a very small and unimportant factor in those early days of the life insurance business in this country and still had a very real struggle for existence ahead of it. Through those discouraging days, when the life insurance man was looked upon more as a nuisance than a blessing and the company was one of the smallest in the field and almost unknown, Frank C. Griswold traveled through the sparsely settled regions of Vermont and northern New York, where the company wrote most of its business, alternately acting as agent and superintendent. The traveling was hard, and the accommodations enough to discourage a less optimistic nature and a poorer digestion. My own personal recollections of him commence in January, 1897, just halfway through his service of fifty years. At that time and for many years thereafter Mr. Griswold was the only one traveling from the home office among the agencies except for very rare trips by President Russell. As I look back, I appreciate



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FRANK C. GRISWOLD





somewhat how much the company owes to Mr. Griswold. Not only was he constantly traveling over a territory where the means of communication were of the hardest and at a time when the securing and holding of agents for the Connecticut General was a very different problem from what it is today, but his character laid the foundation for the love and loyalty of the agency force which means so much to the organization today. There wasn't an agent who didn't love Frank Griswold. His duty to the company always came first in his mind above any personal interests. Returning from a long and exhausting trip, he was always ready to start out again if circumstances demanded it and he was generally the first to hear the call. One of our difficulties of the last few years has been to keep him at the home office for a few days at a time to see that he took a reasonable vacation.

"His delightful sense of humor helped him over many hard spots and made his stories of his experiences a pleasure to hear, overlooking as he did the many problems he had had to meet and the dreary hours on trains and in hotels. His simplicity, his sense of duty, never forced but purely natural with him, his cheerfulness in business and personal troubles, never mentioning anything of his own difficulties but always interested in yours, his intense modesty, have been the greatest inspiration to me for over twenty-five years. I am bearing this very brief and inadequate testimony of how we all feel toward him with the utmost satisfaction, regretting only my inability to properly express our love for the man and the debt we all owe him for his example of duty as well.

"The company celebrated Mr. Griswold's fiftieth anniversary with the company—there was a dinner party the 15th of November, 1922, even an anniversary cake, too, with fifty candles, but that went fast. During Griswold Week—November 20-27—the agents outdid themselves in their efforts to honor the man who traveled among them for so many years, and applications poured into the office."

In October, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Frank C. Griswold and Miss Agnes Wiley, a daughter of Orlando and Harriet A. (King) Wiley, of Hartford. They had one son, Robert C. Wiley, who passed away at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Griswold survives her husband and yet makes her home in Hartford, where they long occupied an enviable position in social circles. The many pleasing qualities which he displayed gained for him a host of friends and few men have been accorded a higher measure of confidence, esteem and kindly regard.

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#### MAJOR JACOB H. GREENE

Major Jacob H. Greene, secretary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which he is also a director, was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, June 10, 1868, a son of Jacob L. and Annette (Humphrey) Greene. The public schools of Hartford accorded him his preliminary educational advantages and later he attended St. Paul's School at Concord, New Hampshire, while afterward he matriculated in Trinity College of Hartford, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1891. He initiated his business experience by a short period of service with the Michigan Central Railroad Company, after which he obtained a position as reporter on the Hartford Courant, thus spending about two years. He next entered the Yale Law School but abandoned the thought of becoming a representative of the legal profession and in 1899 became identified with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company as assistant secretary. He has been with the corporation for a period of twenty-nine years, winning promotions from time to time, becoming second secretary in 1905 and secretary in 1918. No higher proof of his efficiency, thoroughness and capability could be given than the fact that he has represented the company through almost three decades. In addition to his connection with insurance interests he is a director of the New York Dock Company.

On the 7th of November, 1894, Major Greene was united in marriage to Miss Florence K. Buck, of Hartford, daughter of Hon. John R. and Mary Buck. Major and Mrs. Greene reside at 113 Woodland street. His military title came to him through service in the Connecticut State Guard. He was a member of the Foot Guard in 1892 and 1893 and during the World war period served in the Connecticut State Guard, being made major of the First Battalion, First Infantry. He belongs to the Hartford Club, the University Club, the Hartford Golf Club and St. Anthony's

Club of New York city. He is also secretary of the Church Home of Hartford and he has done public service along various important lines. He has been a member of the board of aldermen, a member of the board of health and also a member of the board of finance, and he is actuated in all public work by a marked sense of devotion to duty, recognizing at all times that a public office is a public trust—and at no time has any trust been reposed in Major Greene in vain.

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#### EDWARD FRANKLYN HALL

Edward Franklyn Hall retired from important financial connections when in 1927 he accepted appointment to the position of commissioner of finance and control for Connecticut, with offices in the state capitol. He makes his home in New Britain and he spent his entire life in Connecticut, he having been born at Middletown, January 5, 1879, his parents being David and Ellen (Orcutt) Hall. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the district schools of Berlin, to which place his parents removed during his early boyhood. There he remained to the age of eighteen years, when he became a resident of New Britain and entered the employ of the firm of Landers, Frary & Clark as timekeeper in the factory. His faithfulness and capability soon gained him recognition and after a year he was promoted to the position of paymaster of the hardware division. Another year passed and he was made assistant superintendent of the factory, while subsequently he was advanced to the position of auditor of the corporation and in 1922 was elected secretary of the Landers, Frary & Clark corporation, remaining in that connection until 1926, when he resigned and at the same time gave up directorships in ten different important business concerns to accept the appointment of commissioner of finance and control for the state of Connecticut. He remains the incumbent in this office, with headquarters in the state capitol, and is meeting every requirement of the position and fulfilling every expectation of his friends concerning his capability for office. His political allegiance has ever been given to the republican party and he is now president of the board of finance and taxation for the city of New Britain. He has also held other important public offices, inasmuch as he was a member of the state legislature in 1917 and was made clerk of the committee on finance and a member of the committee on appropriations. In 1919 he was again a member of the house and in 1921 he represented his district in the state senate, in which he was made chairman of the appropriations committee. In 1925 he was named chairman of the committee on railroads and a member of the committee on public health and safety. In 1927 he became chairman of the appropriations committee of the senate and thus through many years he has been active in shaping the interests of the commonwealth through legislative enactment and service. His work has been highly commended by the general public and his position has long been one of leadership in connection with the political interests of the state.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage at New Britain on the 16th of October, 1906, to Miss Olive Davis and they have one child, Melvin. They are well known not only in New Britain but in Hartford and other sections of the state, and Mr. Hall is today recognized as occupying a position of influence and of leadership, while his devotion to the general welfare stands as an unquestioned fact in his career.

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#### ANSON A. MILLS

Anson A. Mills, engaged in the plumbing and heating business in New Britain, has been continuously connected with this line of activity here since 1915, although at a previous period he resided for a time in New Britain, where he was employed at his trade. He was born at East Granby, Connecticut, in 1870, his parents being Gustavus D. and Sarah E. (Whitmore) Mills, who were natives of Hartford county, where the father followed the occupation of farming until the last fifteen years of his life, which were passed in Newington, where he died in 1902. He had been a republican in politics and active in the life of his community. He represented the town of Granby in the state legislature, to which office he was elected on the demo-



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EDWARD F. HALL





cratic ticket, but his study of the political questions and issues of the day led him later to become a supporter of the republican party. His widow survived him for a quarter of a century, passing away in 1927.

Anson A. Mills largely received his educational training in Newington, Connecticut, but afterward pursued a business course in the Hannum College at Hartford in 1888. In young manhood he was engaged in farm work but in 1893 came to New Britain, where he entered the employ of George Rapelye, who conducted a plumbing and heating business and with whom Mr. Mills continued for six years. In 1899 he became identified with the business of Bruce & Filley at Hartford, being in charge of the collection department, and later he traveled for the Skinner Chuck Company of New Britain, which he represented throughout the entire country. In 1909 he purchased the business of the M. J. Kibbe Company in association with his brother, John O. Mills, the undertaking being then carried on under the style of J. O. Mills & Company until 1915, when Anson A. Mills purchased the interest of his brother, who then removed to Westerly, Rhode Island, where he engaged in the furniture business. Mr. Mills now owns and conducts the business under his own name, having a plumbing and heating establishment and also carrying an attractive stock of stoves and kitchen ware. The business has steadily grown and expanded under his careful management and now furnishes employment to thirty workmen. Many important plumbing and heating contracts are accorded Mr. Mills and his skilled workmanship and efficiency constitute the basis upon which his success is built. He is now at the head of one of the oldest establishments in New Britain and his record for reliability is an unassailable one.

In 1891 Mr. Mills was married to Miss Nellie G. Griswold, of Newington, Connecticut. They have an adopted daughter, Leila M. Cochrane, who was born in Hartford, the daughter of Mrs. Mills' brother. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mills hold membership in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a trustee, and their interest in the church work is manifest in many tangible ways. She is also well known socially and she has membership in the Women's Club, the Eastern Star and the Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. Mills is serving on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He votes with the republican party and while not a politician in the usual sense of the term, he is keenly interested in all matters of progressive citizenship. He has served as treasurer of the Rotary Club since it was organized in 1921, is a member of the New Britain Club and is widely known in Masonic circles, being a Royal Arch Mason, a Consistory Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. Along the line of his chosen life work, too, he has exerted a strongly felt influence, is a past president of the local plumbers' association, president of the State Master Plumbers Association and interested in all that makes for progress and improvement in this field of business. His has been an active and useful life and one which has gained for him the high and enduring regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### WILLIAM S. THOMSON

William S. Thomson, president and treasurer of the Tobrin Tool Company, is thus closely associated with the productive industries of Plantsville and has been active in the development of this business, which features prominently in the upbuilding of the community. He was born September 6, 1870, in Mount Holly, New Jersey, a son of John and Elizabeth (Watson) Thomson, and pursued a public school education, after which he began learning the trade of die sinking in 1886. Through the intervening period to 1896 he devoted his time to mastering the business and to work in drop forge establishments. He came to Plantsville in 1896 and here began making drop forges under contract with the Blakeslee foundry, while in 1900 he became an equal partner in the Thomson Drop Forge Company. In 1923 he severed his connection with that business organization and established the Tobrin Tool Company, of which he is now the president and treasurer. The business was incorporated May 24, 1923, with an authorized capital of one hundred thousand dollars, his associates in the undertaking being Joseph C. Brannin and Robert W. Pain. From the beginning the business has steadily grown and developed, the output consisting of high-grade drop forged tools, screw drivers, pipe wrenches, cold chisels

and automotive tools and a small portable machine was known as the Tobrin bench saw. The factory is supplied with the latest machinery and equipment for economical production and its output is widely sold, the company being represented by jobbers in every state in the Union and in several foreign countries. They also have representatives on the Pacific coast and in the south. Mr. Thomson has not only contributed in large measure to the successful conduct and management of the business but in the years of his active life has developed many tools, securing patents on at least twenty tools and devices. He is alert and energetic and thoroughness has characterized him in everything that he has undertaken.

Mr. Thomson was married at Plantsville to Miss Nellie Frisbee and they now have four children: Mary, Elizabeth, Jeanette and William. He has never sought to figure prominently in public life but has concentrated his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, thoroughness characterizing him at every point in his career and eventually winning him a prominent and honored place among the leading representatives of industrial activity in Hartford county.

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#### CHARLES SOBY

Charles Soby, now deceased, was eighteen years of age when he came to Hartford and for many years he was well known as president and treasurer of The Gray Telephone Pay Station Company. He also figured prominently in other business and public connections and had made for himself a most creditable position in commercial circles ere he passed away at his home in this city, December 12, 1921, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was born in Suffield, Connecticut, March 4, 1854, his parents being William and Mary (Endress) Soby. The father was also connected with the tobacco trade for a number of years but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations in order that he might join the Union forces, enlisting as a member of Company C, Seventh Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Pocotaligo, West Virginia, October 22, 1862, and passed away on the 9th of November following.

After mastering the rudimentary branches of learning in the public schools of Suffield, Charles Soby attended the Connecticut Literary Institute in his native town and when eighteen years of age came to Hartford with his brothers and sisters. Here he established a cigar factory and salesroom at 66 Asylum street. The business, started on a small scale, grew under his directions until he occupied almost an entire four-story building for the manufacture of cigars. He was the secretary and treasurer of the Connecticut Tobacco Corporation, then engaged in the growing of six hundred and fifty acres of shade tobacco. Nor did Mr. Soby confine his attentions alone to this line. When William Gray invented the automatic toll equipment for the telephone, he asked Mr. Soby for financial aid and the latter responded, becoming one of the founders of the Gray Telephone Pay Station Company. This business was started on a small scale, Mr. Soby becoming one of the backers. He saw the opportunity in this patent and it was due to his ability as an organizer that eventually the company grew to the large and important concern it is today. The original cash value of the concern was placed at about twenty thousand dollars but today it has increased to over two million dollars and the credit of this belongs to Mr. Soby, who was president and treasurer of the company and actually the leading spirit in the business. He was also a director of the First National Bank and he was one of the stockholders of the Connecticut Fair Corporation, taking great interest in making its annual exhibit a notable success. A few weeks prior to his demise he was elected to the presidency of the corporation but did not live to carry out his well defined plans for the further development of its interests.

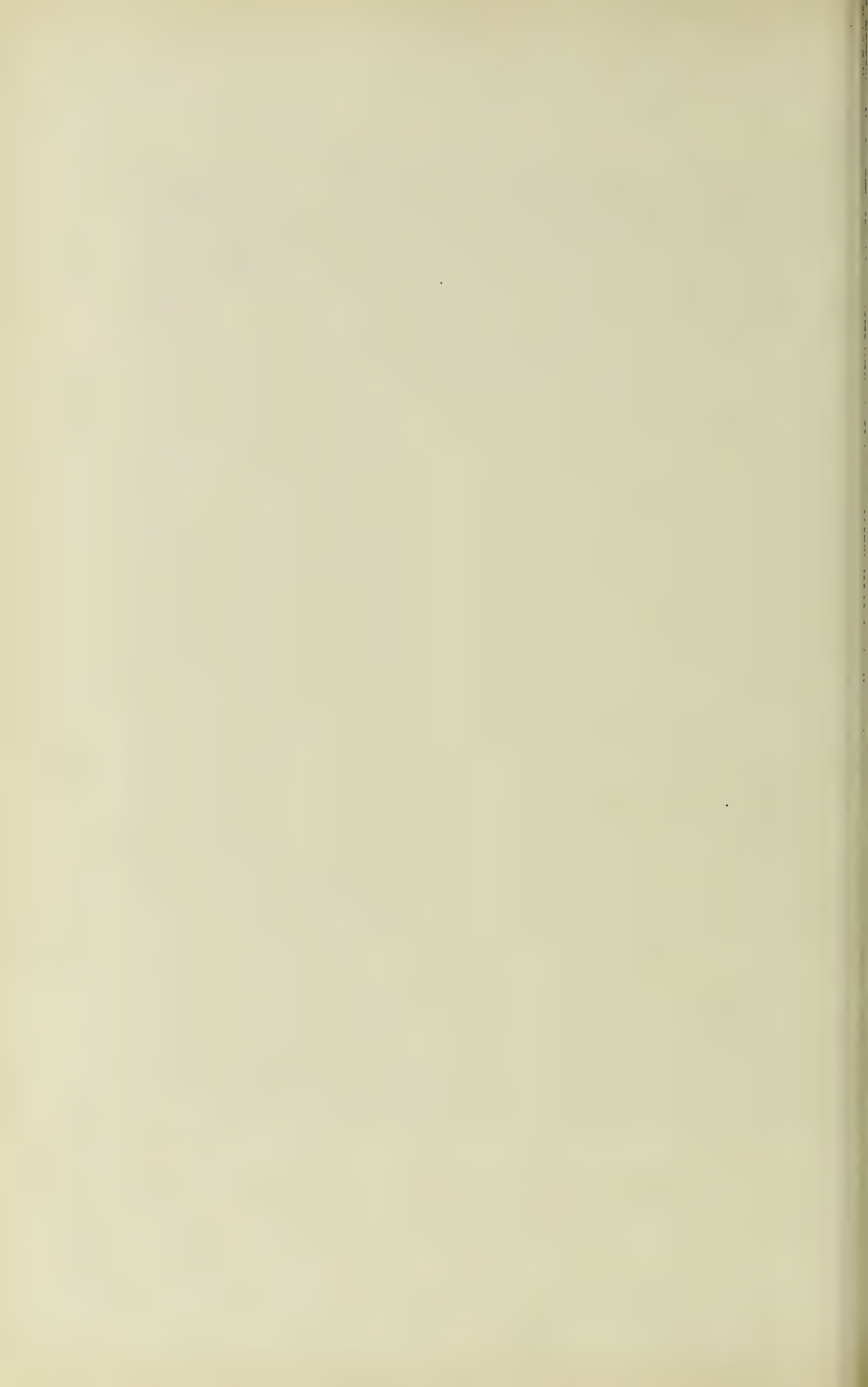
Mr. Soby was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hazlewood, daughter of William John Hazlewood, of Brooklyn, New York, and they became the parents of two sons: Ralph H., now twenty-four years of age; and James T., now twenty-one.

For many years Mr. Soby was well known as a lover of clean sports and as a promoter of baseball, serving as president of the Hartford Baseball Club from 1883 until 1886. About the same time he was also one of the backers of the Hartford Polo Club. He was likewise a charter member of the Hartford lodge of Elks and also of the Griffin A. Stedman Camp of the Sons of Veterans. In manner he was





CHARLES SOBY



pleasant and cordial and never hesitated in imparting information about his various enterprises to others if he believed he could assist them in attaining success in business. Generous in spirit, he gave freely but unostentatiously to those who needed assistance and he was highly regarded because of his many sterling traits of character and for the good that he did in the world as well as for the notable success which he achieved.

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#### GEORGE ALEXANDER LONG

George Alexander Long, widely known as the maker of the first telephone pay box and now secretary and general manager of the Gray Telephone Pay Station Company, has come into prominence not only as a business executive but as an inventor, and his contribution to telephone service in that field is of incalculable worth. Born in Montreal, Canada, on the 3d of November, 1870, he is a son of George S. and Mary E. (Brockway) Long, the former a native of New York and a noted inventor of his time. The mother was a daughter of Judge Brockway, who represented one of Connecticut's oldest families.

After acquiring a common school education George A. Long served a four years' apprenticeship as a pattern and model maker and then devoted eight years to contract work with the Pratt & Whitney Company. Subsequently he became foreman of the pattern department of the Phoenix Iron Works but after one year resigned to accept the position of general foreman of the National Machine Company. Since 1901 he has been continuously associated with the Gray Telephone Pay Station Company and from the position of draftsman has passed successively through the positions of shop foreman, shop superintendent and general manager to become eventually the secretary of the corporation. He has to his credit over one hundred inventions on telephone toll apparatus and is the actual producer of the first device in the world for collecting toll charges by mechanical methods without the use of an attendant. He was chosen to build the first model of William Gray's invention when he was only sixteen years old and the insight, aptitude and intellect he displayed in the early work has proved to be the foundation upon which the imposing structure of the Gray Telephone Pay Station Company has been reared. A contemporary writer has said: "Practically his whole fruitful and creative life has been devoted to the telephone pay station. His life has been so active and full, that he has been granted more patents on telephone toll apparatus than any other single person. And quite naturally such marked activity produced considerable patent litigation in which he gave expert testimony with signal success. Among George A. Long's more prominent inventions are the first single-slot coin collector, the first three-slot, and the first portable coin collectors. Then he developed the combined telephone and pay station—the compact type—two thousand of which then especially designed, formed the Wanamaker installation in Philadelphia, the largest in the world. Large cities, like New York, required a prepayment collector, however, to keep lines free, so Long provided the first automatic, multi-coin prepay stations. Of these, over sixty thousand are in use in New York alone—and their installation has become almost universal. He anticipated machine-switching telephony with that rare discernment which fathoms the future with uncanny accuracy; so it is hardly surprising to find, that as early as 1905, fifty of his prepayment machines for this service were put to good use in Fall River, Massachusetts, on the Strowger system. George A. Long's activities and achievements in the telephone field have gained for him recognition as an eminent authority—which is doubly attested by special honors conferred on him by the United States and Japanese governments." Mr. Long has secured patents on his inventions not only in the United States but in Canada, the British Isles, Belgium, France and Japan, and in all these countries the product of his inventive genius is contributing to satisfactory telephone service. There are now innumerable kinds of coin collectors and other devices upon the market which are the direct result of the inventive genius of George Alexander Long. It is said that there are over seven hundred thousand of these now in use throughout the world. He was accorded a silver medal by the Panama-Pacific Exposition and he is a widely read contributor to the Electrical World and to the Southern Electrician on subjects concerning American telephone practice.

In November, 1895, in Hartford, Mr. Long was married to Miss Grace L. Finley.



He is an Episcopalian in religious faith and fraternally is a thirty-second degree Mason. He finds his chief source of recreation in golf and he is a member of the Wethersfield Country and the Shuttle Meadow clubs. His military experience covers six years with the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, and eighteen years as lieutenant of the Putnam Phalanx. While his interests and activities have covered a broad scope, producing a well rounded character with no eccentricities and no hobbies, his attention has chiefly been given to business affairs and his achievement has brought him into membership connection with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. While his work is outstanding in scope and importance, his friends find him a most agreeable companion, his unfailing geniality and cordiality winning for him the warm regard of all whom he meets in social circles.

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#### MILTON D. NEWMAN

Milton D. Newman entered upon a profession in which advancement is proverbially slow and, moreover, he was only of the second generation of his family in America, but with ready adaptability and unfaltering purpose he has steadily progressed until he occupies an enviable position as a member of the Hartford bar, maintaining his office at 18 Asylum street, where he handles the interests of a large and representative clientele. Mr. Newman was born in this city June 10, 1902, and is a son of Solomon and Sarah Newman, who came from Russia and settled in Hartford. The son obtained a public school education here and afterward attended the New York University in preparation for a professional career. He there mastered the principles of law which won him his LL. B. degree upon his graduation with the class of 1924. In the following year he was admitted to the bar and has since engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he is making steady progress, practicing in the federal district court and also the state and county courts.

Mr. Newman has also been quite active in public affairs. He has always stanchly advocated the principles of the republican party and on its ticket was elected alderman from the third ward on the 7th of April, 1925. Endorsement of his first term's service came to him in reelection on the 5th of April, 1927. He is now serving as a member of the republican committee of the town of Hartford and is a member of the Republican Club. As a member of the aldermanic board he is serving as chairman of the ordinance committee, one of the most important committees of the city council, and none question his fidelity to duty or his devoted interest to the welfare and progress of the city and state. Fraternally he is connected with Lafayette Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M., and with the Knights of Pythias and has gained many warm friends among his brethren of those organizations.

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#### STANLEY R. EDDY

Stanley R. Eddy, a veteran of the World war, has made good use of his opportunities and is classed with New Britain's successful brokers and leading business men. He was born in this city on the 20th of November, 1890, and is a son of Elford B. and Mary (Welles) Eddy. His father was born in New Britain in 1856 and the mother was born in Newington, Connecticut, in 1864. Early in his career Elford B. Eddy became connected with the Stanley Rule & Level Company and remained with the corporation until his retirement from business. His political support was given to the republican party and his life was guided by the teachings of the Congregational church. He passed away in 1925, leaving three children: Mrs. Margaret Hooker, of Hartford; and E. Welles and Stanley R. Eddy.

The last named was a pupil in the Hotchkiss school and completed an academic course in Yale University in 1913. After leaving college he returned to his native city and for two years was a member of the office force of the New Britain Machine Company. In 1915 he entered the employ of Richter & Company, brokers and after the business was acquired by Putnam & Company he was placed in charge of the New Britain office, which he successfully managed until 1924. In March of that year he embarked in the brokerage business in partnership with his brother and they now



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have four offices, located in New Britain, Hartford, Meriden and New Haven. Their local office is at No. 65 West Main street and the rapid increase in their clientele is proof of their business acumen and high standards of service. Stanley R. Eddy is a director of the New Britain Trust Company, one of the substantial financial institutions of Hartford county.

In 1917 Mr. Eddy enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves and at the end of six months was transferred to the regular army, becoming a member of the Three Hundred and Third Field Artillery. He was made sergeant of his company and went overseas with the Seventy-sixth, a replacement division, which was ordered to the Metz front. On April 26, 1919, he returned to the United States, receiving his honorable discharge five days later, and then resumed his work with Richter & Company.

Mr. Eddy was married June 19, 1917, to Miss Alice Hart, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and they now have two sons: Howard Hart, who was born March 9, 1919; and Norman Cooley, born February 9, 1920. The parents are Congregationalists in religious faith and Mrs. Eddy is active in social affairs. Mr. Eddy casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and loyally supports all movements for the good of his city. He is a member of the American Legion and the New Britain and Shuttle Meadow Clubs. His progress has not resulted from any fortunate combination of circumstances, but is directly attributable to his own efforts and ability. Mr. Eddy's many friends in New Britain have watched his career with much interest and are thoroughly appreciative of his sterling worth.

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#### A. PARKER ABBE

A. Parker Abbe, president and treasurer of the Abbe Hardware Company, Inc., at New Britain, is thus at the head of one of the mercantile enterprises here which has been in existence for forty-five years and has long been accounted one of the foremost commercial interests of the city. New Britain numbers him among her native sons, he having been born in 1886. His father, A. Howard Abbe, removed from Enfield, Connecticut, to New Britain about 1880 but had previously been employed in Hartford by the Cone Hardware Company, having the oldest business in that line in the capital city. He was very active in public affairs in New Britain, lending his aid and influence always on the side of progress and improvement. He became closely associated with the hardware trade here and was at the head of the Business Men's Association, which indicated the fact that he was a recognized leader in the commercial circles of the city. Particularly in hardware circles he was widely known not only locally but throughout the country, and at one time he was called to the vice presidency of the National Retail Hardware Association. He married Nellie Parker, who was born in Meriden, Connecticut, and they became the parents of two sons, one deceased, and a daughter, also deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Abbe were consistent members of the First Congregational church and he also held membership with the Masons and the Elks. He never faltered in his loyalty to any cause which he espoused and he remained a valued and honored resident of New Britain until 1915, when he was called to the home beyond. His widow survives and is yet a resident of New Britain.

After completing his public school education A. Parker Abbe attended Yale College, in which he pursued an academic course as a member of the class of 1908. Going to New York city, he entered the employ of Brown Brothers & Company, Wall street bankers, whom he represented in a clerical capacity. In 1913 he returned to New Britain and entered into active business with his father in the Abbe Hardware Company, Inc. This business was established in 1883 by A. Howard and E. W. Abbe and was carried on by them until 1910, when E. W. Abbe retired. In 1913 the business was incorporated and has since been carried on under the present style. This is the oldest hardware concern in New Britain and has always been a leader in its line. An extensive stock of shelf and heavy hardware is always kept on hand and every effort is made to meet the demand of the purchasing public. Throughout practically his entire career A. Parker Abbe has been associated with this undertaking, which was established by his father and which has been carried on along the most progressive lines from its inception to the present time. The business is now owned by Mr. Abbe and his mother, the latter acting as secretary of the company,

while Mr. Abbe is president, treasurer and general manager. He closely studies the trade and his progressive spirit has enabled him to overcome the various obstacles and difficulties which continually arise in a business career.

Mr. Abbe also finds time for social activities and public service. He was one of the incorporators of the Savings Bank of New Britain and his sound judgment makes his cooperation a valuable asset in the conduct of any undertaking. He is a director of the Connecticut Retail Hardware Association, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Shuttle Meadow Club, the New Britain Yale Club and the Beta Theta Pi, a Yale fraternity. He also belongs to the First Congregational church and gives his earnest endorsement and staunch support to every movement that tends to bring about material development, civic improvement and moral progress in the community.

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#### JAMES FINLAY

Along the path of earnest, honest and persistent endeavor James Finlay proceeded to the goal of prominence and success. For an extended period he was connected with the printing business in Hartford, becoming president and treasurer of Finlay Brothers, Incorporated. He was born in Paisley, Scotland, November 13, 1852, and when he was only a week old the family home was established in Glasgow, where he gained his initial experience in the business to which he afterward devoted his life, becoming an employe of the well known firm of Blaikie & Sons of that city. He had reached the age of sixteen years when he accompanied his parents and his brother, William F. Finlay, to the United States, the family home being established in Clinton, Massachusetts, although a removal was made to Willimantic about six months later. The father, George Finlay, was a dyer who worked at his trade in Clinton and afterward in Willimantic, where he continued for two years, removing thence to South Manchester, where he secured a position as dyer in the Cheney silk mills. There he continued for a number of years, serving as "boss dyer" to the time of his death.

It was natural that James Finlay should find employment in the Cheney mills where his father was working. He was given a position in the finishing and shipping department and his diligence, faithfulness and industry won him promotion, so that in a short time he was placed in charge of the oversight of the "tip" printing on the end of each piece of silk and of the general letter press printing of the firm. It was this that brought him a knowledge of the business to which he later devoted his entire attention. In connection with his brother, William F. Finlay, he set up a printing plant at his home and their evenings were devoted to job printing. Their first investment was seventy-five dollars spent for a press and outfit, but soon this press proved too small for their growing business and a larger one was purchased. Cheney Brothers gave the two young printers much work and their evenings were thus fully occupied, and during the last year which James Finlay spent in the silk mills he was employed as "tip" printer.

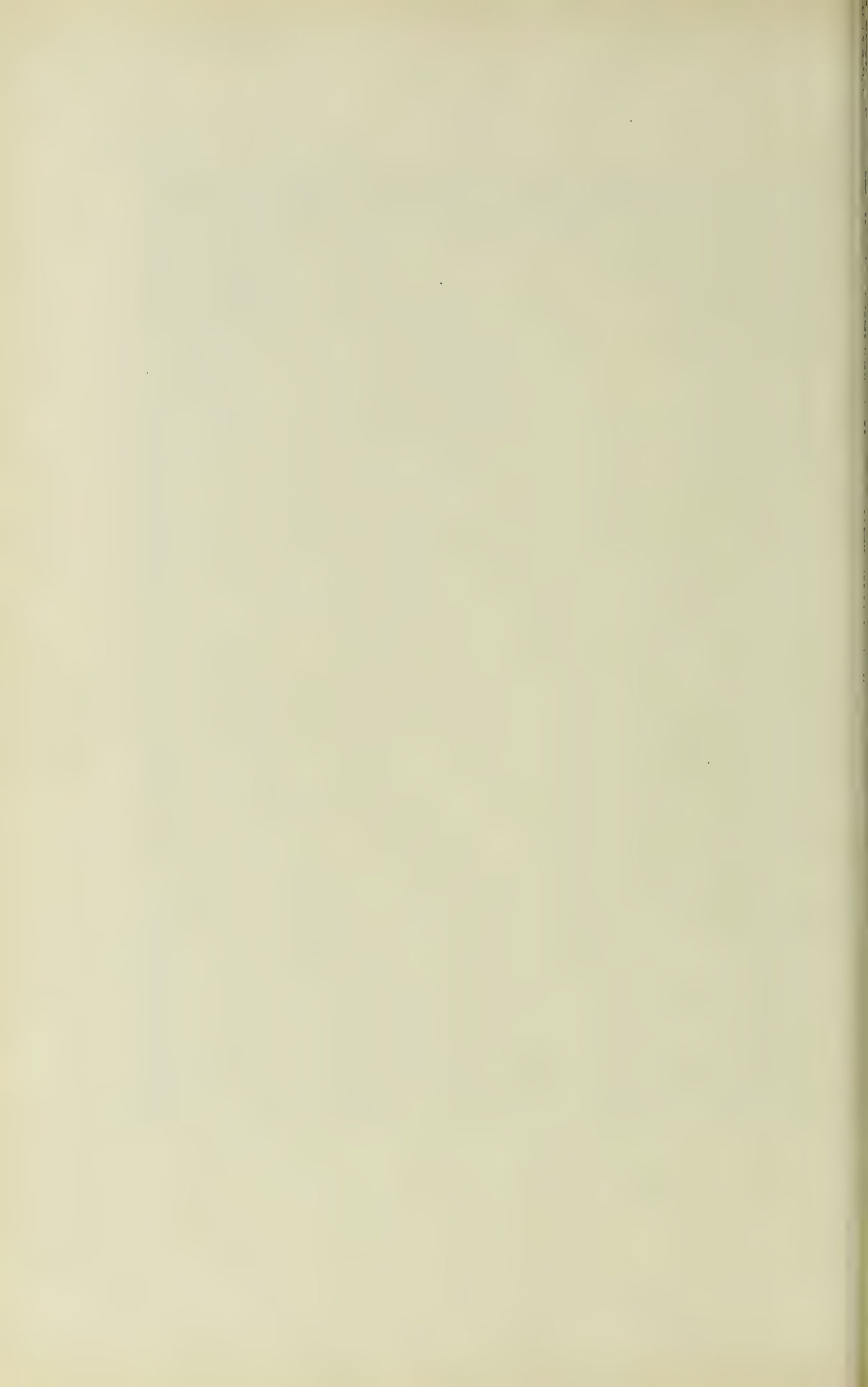
Prompted by a laudable ambition, he desired to own a print shop and gave up his job at the mill in order to take a position with Archer W. Lang in Hartford in a steam job printing plant at No. 96 Asylum street. This gave him added knowledge of the business and after six months he purchased the plant from Mr. Lang for four hundred and fifty dollars. He was then joined by his brother, William F., in carrying on their business, but their patronage did not increase as they had hoped and after a time they decided that it was best to return to South Manchester. Cheney Brothers and others in the town gave them work, which largely increased their former business there, and for ten years they continued in South Manchester.

In 1890 the Finlay brothers again came to Hartford, opening business on Temple street and later removing to the Hartford Post building at No. 25 Asylum street. Their next removal took them to No. 174 Pearl street and afterward they established their plant near Main and Asylum streets, where their business steadily grew in volume and importance, necessitating the purchase of new presses, ruling machines, embossing machines and other equipment until the plant was equal, if not superior, to any other of the kind in Hartford. William F. Finlay withdrew from the firm in 1912, but the business still remains in possession of the family although incor-



JAMES FINLAY





porated. After some years prosperity in substantial measure crowned the undertaking, but this result was secured only through unremitting diligence, determination, reliability and excellent workmanship.

On the 26th of February, 1880, Mr. Finlay was married to Miss Maria Nye, a daughter of George and Martha (Allen) Nye. The latter, who was born in East Windsor and had lived in Hartford for twenty-two years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Finlay, on Blue Hills avenue, at the notable old age of ninety-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Finlay became parents of three sons and two daughters, Mattie M., who died May 8, 1890; George N.; J. Herbert; Kenneth; Jessie, the widow of John Finlay, of Hartford. The son Kenneth is pursuing a four years' printing course in the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Finlay was prominent in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he was also a member of Hartford Chapter of the Eastern Star. He belonged to the Masonic Veteran Association of Connecticut. His religious faith was indicated in his membership in the First Presbyterian church. He also belonged to the Burns organization, which holds an annual banquet in honor of Robert Burns, and to Clan Gordon of the Order of Scottish Clans of Hartford. He measured up to the highest standards and exemplified in his life the sterling qualities of loyalty, faithfulness and reliability. Integrity was one of his marked characteristics and a kindly manner and helpful spirit was manifest in all of his relations with his fellowmen. It was said of him that "to know James Finlay day by day was a challenge to dare not only to be but to do greater and bigger things." He was nearing the seventieth milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest October 13, 1922.

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#### EDWARD W. WILLARD

Edward W. Willard is successfully managing a business which has a record of one hundred and eight years continuous operation in Wethersfield, where he is also a recognized leader in civic affairs. He was born in this town in 1883 and his parents were Stephen F. and Irene (Havens) Willard. In 1871 his father entered the employ of Comstock, Ferre & Company of Wethersfield and remained with the firm for fifty-three years. Capable and trustworthy, he was steadily advanced and became general manager and president of the company, acting in those capacities until his death on June 9, 1924, when he was seventy-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Willard had a family of five children, of whom Thomas H., the second in order of birth, is deceased. The others are Arthur C., Edward W., Stephen F., Jr., and John C.

Edward W. Willard was a pupil in the public schools of Wethersfield and attended Huntsinger's Business College in Hartford for a year. He was a student at the Connecticut Agricultural College for a year and on September 1, 1903, when a young man of twenty, became an employe of Comstock, Ferre & Company. Starting in a lowly capacity, he worked his way through the various departments, and since June 14, 1924, has been treasurer and general manager of the company, of which his brother, John C. Willard, is secretary. For a quarter of a century Edward W. Willard has been identified with the corporation, devoting the best years of his life to its service, and his earnest, systematic labors have been manifestly resultant.

The business was established about 1820 by James Lockwood Belden and in 1838 it was purchased by Franklin G. Comstock and his son, William G., who remained the owners for about eight years. William G. Comstock then admitted Henry Ferre to a partnership and in 1846 the present style of Comstock, Ferre & Company was adopted. In 1853 the business was incorporated and on September 10 of that year the first meeting was held in the office of Lee, Butler & Company of Hartford. The original stockholders were William G. Comstock, Henry Ferre, Daniel Strong, Charles Clapp, Thomas Belknap, William T. Lee, at that time head of Lee, Butler & Company now the Sisson Drug Company, Henry Strong of Case, Tiffany & Company, Tertius Wadsworth, William Boardman, Lemuel Humphrey, David W. Clark, William Isham, Ellery Hills, Thomas H. Holaday and H. L. Bidwell. The company grows and deals in seeds of various kinds and has about one hundred acres of fertile land, used for growing seeds of tomatoes, sweet corn, squash, onions and other vegetables. Since 1820 the institution has remained near the original location and is the oldest

of the kind in Connecticut. The men who have shaped the destiny of the company realized the fact that true commercialism rests upon the foundation of integrity, without which no business organization can long endure, and throughout the United States, Canada and in European countries the firm name has become synonymous with probity and enterprise in commercial affairs, and consequently its products are distributed over a wide area. The members of the firm are connected with The American Seed Trade Association, The New England Seedsmen's Association, and the Connecticut Seedsmen's Association.

Mr. Willard was married in 1907 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Griswold, of Wethersfield, and they have four children: Edward W., Jr., Katherine, Richard G., and Elizabeth. Mr. Willard is a Mason, belonging to Hospitality Lodge, No. 128, F. & A. M., of Wethersfield. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. For six years he served on the school board, of which he was chairman for one year. Since its organization in 1918 he has been identified with the town plan commission and is also a member of the board of appeals of the zoning commission. Broad-minded and public-spirited, Mr. Willard has constantly expanded his field of usefulness and his life affords an example of what constitutes good citizenship.

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#### A. RAYMOND BETTS

A. Raymond Betts, president of the Mutual Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, is one of the enterprising, forceful and resourceful young business men of Hartford to whom the city looks for her future development. He was born in Norwalk, December 24, 1891, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Betts and a brother of Clifford A. Betts, office engineer of the great Moffat tunnel which has just been opened through the Great Divide of Colorado.

The public schools of Norwalk accorded A. Raymond Betts his educational opportunities and following his graduation from the high school there he entered the employ of the Fairfield County National Bank, with which he remained for two years, thus gaining his initial experience in connection with financial management. He then resigned to become secretary of the Erwin M. Jennings Company of Bridgeport, with which he remained for seven years, and later he accepted the vice presidency of the Norwalk Iron Works, with which he was associated through the World war period, the factory of the company being devoted to the manufacture of war materials. During that era he was called to Washington, D. C., on several occasions for consultation in regard to the manufacture of war materials. On the 18th of October, 1923, he severed his connection with the Norwalk Iron Works to again enter the field of banking in association with the management of a new institution—the Central Fairfield Trust Company, which was the result of consolidation of the Central Trust Company and the Fairfield County Bank & Trust Company. He was active in its management and control, contributing in substantial measure to its growth and development in the capacity of treasurer. On the 1st of January, 1928, however, he resigned as treasurer of that institution to come to Hartford and assume the duties of the presidency of the Mutual Bank & Trust Company. It was a recognition of the splendid ability that he had displayed in his former banking connections that led the officials of the Mutual Bank & Trust Company to seek his services and turn over the executive management of the institution to him as its president.

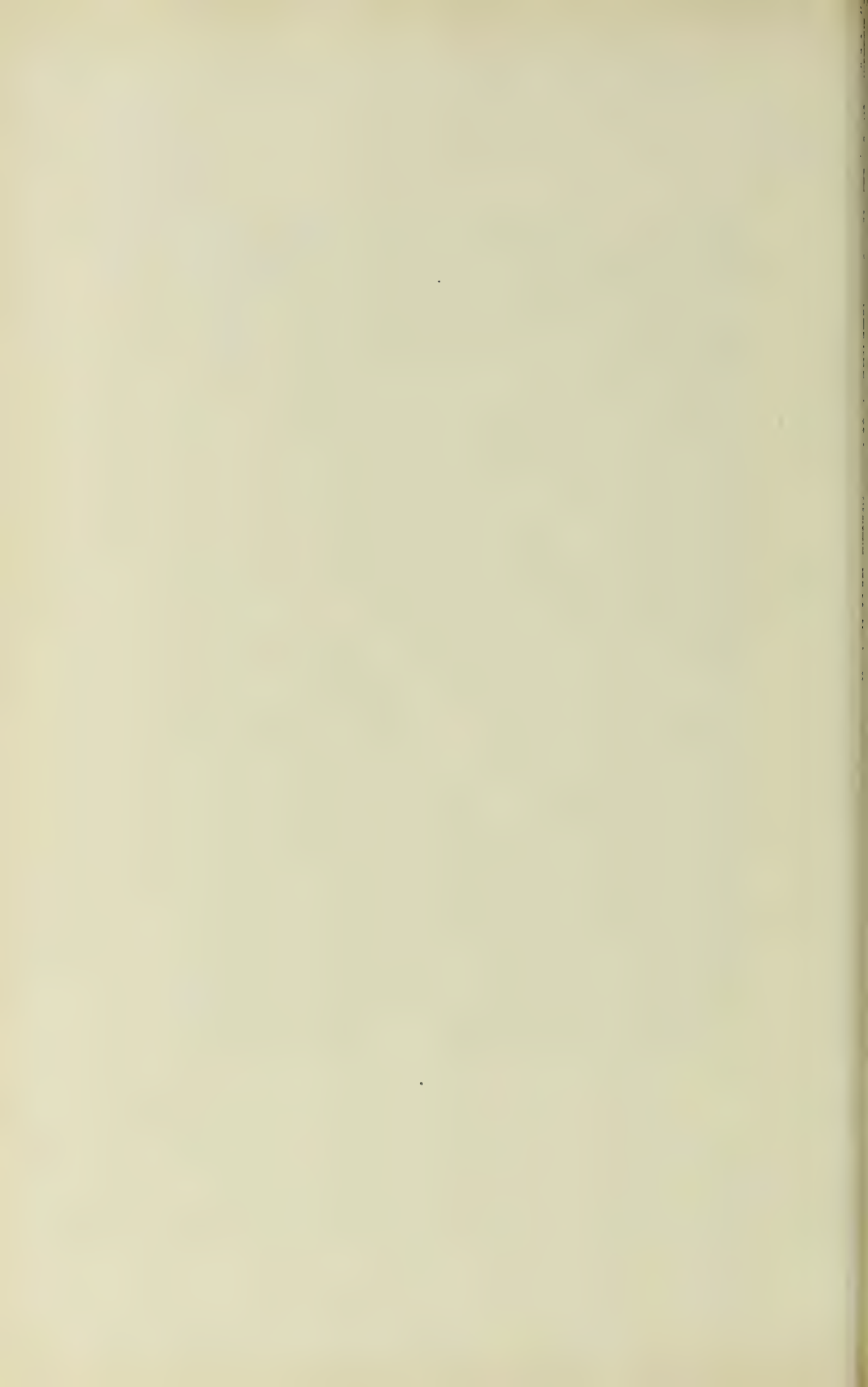
On the 11th of July, 1915, Mr. Betts was united in marriage to Miss Gladys M. Sanger, of Norwalk, and they are the parents of three sons: A. Raymond, Jr., born March 26, 1917; Elliott S., born December 21, 1921; and Morgan Hayes Betts, born March 20, 1928. Mr. Betts maintains his residence at Simsbury, but his acquaintance extends not only throughout Hartford but to many other sections of the state. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges in Norwalk and has membership in the Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Country Club and the Shorehaven Golf Club. His social qualities make for popularity wherever he is known, but he allows no outside interests to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties in connection with the bank. He is still a comparatively young man, having not yet reached the zenith of his powers, which are being steadily developed through broadening experience,





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A. RAYMOND BETTS



close application, thoroughness and persistency of purpose. His growth and progress have been continuous since he started out in the business world and he now occupies an enviable position among the strong representatives of financial interests.

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#### ELBRIDGE M. WIGHTMAN

Throughout his entire business career Elbridge M. Wightman has been associated with the North & Judd Manufacturing Company of New Britain and through the steps of an orderly progression has reached the vice presidency, being also the secretary and one of the directors of the company. He early realized that "there is no royal road to wealth" and that enterprise and diligence constitute the sure foundation upon which to build success. He has always, therefore, cultivated those qualities and has achieved results which are extremely gratifying and commendable. Born in New Britain in 1867, he is a son of John E. and Isabella (March) Wightman. The father in 1866 entered the employ of the firm of North & Judd, which was organized in 1863. He worked in the sales department and continued in the business until his death in 1880, or for a period of fourteen years.

It was in the year when his father's activities were ended that Elbridge M. Wightman became identified with the business. He had hitherto spent his time as a pupil in the public schools, entering the high school after completing the work of the grades, but with his father's death he turned his attention to the business world, being first assigned to general work in connection with the shipping department and office of North & Judd. Gradually he acquired a knowledge of the business and developed his efficiency, so that from time to time he was promoted and eventually was made superintendent of the plant, so continuing for ten years. In 1898 he was elected secretary and superintendent, in 1910 was given charge of the sales department and in 1914 was called into the councils of the company by being elected to the directorate. In 1918 he was elected vice president and today he is both vice president and secretary. With the passing years he has been very active in the business and his labors have constituted a forceful element in its continued growth and success. He is also a director of the City National Bank.

When a young man of twenty-three years, Mr. Wightman was united in marriage to Miss Kate E. Noble, who was born in New Milford, Connecticut, and they have one daughter, now Mrs. Jessie (Wightman) Jones, of New Britain. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wightman hold membership in the First Baptist church and are actively interested in its work. He is serving as senior deacon and as chairman of the finance committee. He is also prominent in the Young Men's Christian Association and was president of the local organization from 1915 until 1920. He is now a director of both the New Britain and the Connecticut State Young Men's Christian Associations. His interest in community affairs and public progress is manifest in many ways. He cooperates heartily in the work of the Chamber of Commerce of New Britain and in the State Chamber of Commerce and he is a valued member of the Rotary Club. He likewise belongs to the Shuttle Meadow, New Britain and Hartford Automobile Clubs, to the Connecticut Fish and Game Club and to the Connecticut Historical Society. Fraternally a Mason, he is identified with the lodge, chapter and council. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Hartford Woman's Club, the New Britain Woman's Club and Pine Orchard Club, and every progressive project receives their endorsement. They are most widely and favorably known, with a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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#### ELMER W. PAPE

Through successive stages of progress Elmer W. Pape has reached the presidency of the Adkins Printing Company of New Britain. He has been associated with the enterprise through practically this entire century, having accepted a position as salesman about 1900. He was born in New Britain in 1886, his parents being William C. and Minnie (McNary) Pape, also natives of this place. His grandparents, Mr. and



Mrs. Charles F. Pape, came to the United States from Germany about 1840 and the former was a member of the volunteer fire department of Hartford before the regular city fire department was organized. He was also connected with the police department of Hartford at one time. The grandparents of Elmer W. Pape in the maternal line were of the old Yankee Connecticut stock.

Elmer W. Pape, having pursued his education in the public schools until he became a high school pupil, afterward entered the employ of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company, manufacturers of locks, with whom he remained for four years, doing clerical work. He then became identified with the Adkins Printing Company as a member of the sales force, doing outside selling for a period of probably ten years. He was made secretary of the company about 1913 and continued to fill that office until 1920, when he was elected president. The Adkins Printing Company was incorporated in 1871 by three Adkins brothers and the business has been continued uninterruptedly to the present time, the patronage growing with the development and growth of the city. A progressive plant with modern equipment has always been maintained, and under the direction of Elmer W. Pape as president and also as a member of the board of directors the business maintains its high standard and continues to enjoy an extensive patronage. They do all kinds of job, catalogue and color printing and manufacture all kinds of loose-leaf and bound books, carrying a complete line of office appliances with a well equipped store. They are represented upon the road by five regular traveling salesmen and one part-time man and cover the state of Connecticut in their trade. Associated with Mr. Pape in the conduct of the business are Thure Bengston, who is treasurer, and A. E. Johnson, who is secretary.

In 1907 Mr. Pape was married to Miss Jennie Mitchell, who was born in Hawick, Scotland, and the family now numbers four children: William G., nineteen years of age, who is attending Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, New York; Charles F., fourteen years of age, who is a student in the Junior high school; Marjorie, aged seven, attending grammar school; and Elmer W., Jr., who was born in 1925. The parents are members of the First Congregational church and Mrs. Pape is a member of the Woman's Club of Maple Hill. Mr. Pape is also prominently known in political circles as a supporter of the republican party and formerly served on the board of relief and the town committee. He has been a member of the board of water commissioners and of the Maple Hill fire district and in 1925 he was elected to the state legislature from Newington, Connecticut. He is a past president of the New Britain Rifle Association, a past president of the Nutmeg Rifle League and a past vice president of the New Britain Fish and Game Club, and he largely finds his recreation in hunting. He is president of the Kiwanis Club, director of the Mercantile Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic bodies and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His has been an active and useful life and in every field to which he has directed his activity he has accomplished results which are beneficial and far-reaching. He has cooperated earnestly in bringing about public improvement, has advanced the social interests of the community and has become an important factor in business circles, where his labors are now covering broad territory.

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#### ALLEN PRICE PARKER

One of the notable examples of modern day enterprise and achievement is found in the life record of Allen Price Parker, the president and treasurer of the Clark Realty & Insurance Corporation of Southington. Without previous experience he entered the real estate field with the purpose of developing a high-class residential district and the story of his successful achievement is now an important factor in the history of real estate improvement here.

A native of New Haven, Allen Price Parker was born March 3, 1898, a son of H. A. and Hester M. (Park) Parker, the latter a daughter of the distinguished Dr. Edwin D. Park of New Haven, who was a brother of the late chief justice of the supreme court. In early life H. A. Parker was adopted by Charles H. Clark, mentioned at length on another page of this work.

In his youthful days Allen Price Parker attended the public schools of Southington and continued his education in Beach's private school, the Lewis high school,



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ALLEN P. PARKER





the Pequod Business School and the Stebbing Institute of Commerce, and it was while pursuing his studies in New Haven that he entered the field of business as an employe on the New Haven Register. He afterward accepted a permanent position with the paper and had been advanced to the position of assistant circulation manager when he put aside all business and personal considerations in order to enlist in the United States army in 1918 as a member of the gas and flame section of the chemical warfare division. After receiving his discharge he undertook to learn the bolt manufacturing business at the request of his granduncle, Charles H. Clark, but before he had accomplished his purpose in that connection another opportunity offered. The old factory of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company had been sold to the Hartford Battery Manufacturing Company and Mr. Clark decided that Mr. Parker should enter this organization. Accordingly he became a salesman, was later advanced to the position of sales manager and eventually became the vice president, having contributed in large measure to the growth and success of the business. In 1927, upon securing his inheritance from Charles H. Clark, one of the founders of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, he decided against the advice of most of the business men whom he knew to give his entire time, attention and resources to the development of the pasture land left him by Mr. Clark, comprising a tract of about thirty-five acres. His plan was to improve the property and there erect high-grade residences on a restricted basis and thus draw from the best element in the surrounding cities, including Hartford, Waterbury, New Britain and Meriden. He has succeeded far beyond his expectations and has thus set at naught the adverse prediction of his friends. He surrounded his tract by hard roads, his perseverance and determination being the contributing factors in the building of these highways. His work has won him the admiration of the entire district. His labors have converted the entire tract of unimproved pasture and swamp lands into a beautiful residential district upon which have already been constructed twelve high-grade residences. The business which he established and which he has conducted under the name of the Clark Realty & Insurance Corporation is now being broadened out to include mortgages and other investments aside from speculative building. Mr. Parker is the president and treasurer and the active leading spirit in the undertaking and his sound judgment, broad vision and keen insight have taken tangible form in the success which has rewarded his labors.

On the 4th of January, 1921, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Celia Baldwin Singleton, a daughter of John W. and Adelaide T. Singleton, of New Haven, and they have one child, Charles Clark Parker, born December 28, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Parker attend the Congregational church and he is a Mason and Mystic Shriner, an Odd Fellow and an Elk. He has membership in Kiltonic Post No. 72 of the American Legion, of which he is a past commander, and he is a member of the state executive committee and of the national distinguished guest committee of the Legion. He belongs to the Exchange Club and that he finds his recreation largely in outdoor life and sports is indicated in his connection with the Southington Country Club and the Ontix Fish and Game Club. He has not yet reached the prime of life, yet he has attained a measure of success that many a man of twice his years might well envy, and the qualities which he has displayed promise well for continued success and progress in the future.

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#### CLIFFORD W. UPSON

Clifford W. Upson, actively associated with the business interests of New Britain as a lumber dealer, being president and treasurer of the Swift & Upson Lumber Company, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1881, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of Hartford county, settlement having been made in the vicinity of Southington by some of his ancestors in the earliest pioneer period. His parents were Charles H. and Mary (Hotchkiss) Upson. The father, who was born in Southington, came to New Britain in 1887 and here established and conducted retail shoe stores, remaining in the business practically throughout his entire life. He was a member of the First Congregational church and passed away in that faith. His wife, who was born in New Britain, still makes her home here.

Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the public and high schools

of New Britain, Clifford W. Upson entered the employ of the Swift & Upson Lumber Company in 1906. He was assigned to work in the yard and steadily advanced by reason of his capability and loyalty. After a time he was given clerical work and later was chosen secretary of what is today the oldest lumber company of the city. The business was established by O. E. Swift and F. P. Upson and was incorporated in 1906. The company has always enjoyed an unassailable reputation because of its reliability and its trade has steadily grown owing to efficiency of management and control. In 1918 Clifford W. Upson was elected president and treasurer and has since filled both offices, displaying sound judgment and marked executive ability. The company does a retail business in lumber, sash, doors, mason supplies and in fact handles everything in the building line. W. H. Van Oppen is the secretary of the company and is also a director and stockholder. Mr. Upson has never extended his efforts into other lines but has concentrated his energies upon handling lumber and builders' supplies and has readily mastered all difficulties and obstacles in his path, making his way steadily forward to the goal of success.

In 1908 was observed the marriage of Clifford W. Upson and Miss Mildred Swift, a native of New Britain and a daughter of M. C. Swift, who belonged to one of the old families here that came from Warren, Connecticut. They now have one child, William Loring Upson, who was born in 1920 and is in school. Mr. and Mrs. Upson hold membership in the First Congregational church, regularly attending its services and participating in its work. He has likewise been very active in welfare work and is associated with the New Britain Fresh Air Camp, and a tubercular relief society. He is interested in everything that has to do with the amelioration of hard conditions of life and is constantly reaching out a helping hand. In early days he belonged to the Home Guard and he has always voted with the republican party. He belongs to the Shuttle Meadow Club and both he and his wife are interested in the social activities of the city in which they have spent practically their entire lives.

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#### ELMER HAYES LOUNSBURY

Elmer Hayes Lounsbury, attorney at law of Hartford, now filling the office of deputy secretary of state, was born March 24, 1877, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and is a son of Lewis H. and Sarah M. (Drew) Lounsbury. The father was a contractor who for many years was connected with the Singer Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport, where he passed away in 1918, having for a decade survived his wife, who died in 1908.

Elmer H. Lounsbury completed his high school studies in Bridgeport, after previously passing through consecutive grades in the public schools and was manager of the High School Student and a member of Alpha Delta Epsilon high school fraternity. Later he attended Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and won his Bachelor of Philosophy degree at his graduation with the class of 1903. On leaving that institution he entered the Yale Law School and is numbered among its alumni of 1905, at which time he was granted the LL. B. degree, while in the same year his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. It was also in 1905 that he was admitted to the bar and located for practice in Bridgeport, where he became a partner of William W. Bent under the firm style of Lounsbury & Bent. He remained an active attorney of his native city until 1909, when he came to Hartford, to accept the position of chief clerk to former secretary of state, Matthew H. Rogers, serving most efficiently and faithfully in that capacity until 1913, when he opened a law office in Hartford and later became associated with Perkins, Wells & Davis, while subsequently he was with the firm of Back & Chase. In 1917 he was reappointed chief clerk by Secretary of State Frederick L. Perry and so continued until January, 1923, when he was appointed deputy secretary of state by Francis A. Pallotti, who is filling the office of secretary of state and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. His long connection with this office, covering the period since 1909 save for an interval of four years, has made him thoroughly familiar with the work of the office, and his duties are discharged with marked promptness and fidelity. In 1927 he was selected by the revision commission to rearrange and revise the corporation laws of the state. He is now serving as a director of the McGovern Granite Company of Hartford.



(Photograph by Press)

ELMER H. LOUNSBURY





On the 1st of January, 1910, Mr. Lounsbury was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ostermeyer, a daughter of Lawrence and Cecelia Ostermeyer, of New Britain, Connecticut. They have one child, Grace Anna, born November 6, 1911.

Mr. Lounsbury has always given his political allegiance to the republican party, is serving on the republican town committee and is a member of the Republican Club. Fraternally he is connected with Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport; Washington Lodge, No. 15, K. P., of Hartford; and Tuscan Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M., also of this city. He is furthermore connected with the University Club, the Parkville Community Club, the Hartford Saengerbund and West Hartford Country Club—associations that indicate much of the nature of his interests and the line of his activity outside the strict path of his profession and of his official duties. He is always genial, courteous and approachable and in his career has illustrated the Emersonian philosophy that the way to win a friend is to be one.

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#### CHARLES FREDERICK MICHAEL

On the roll of Bristol's honored dead appears the name of Charles Frederick Michael. Few men are more widely or favorably known than was he, for his business connection as proprietor of the Commercial House gained him a very extensive acquaintance, while his social, genial nature constantly broadened the circle of his friends. He was born in Katzhutte, in the province of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, Germany, April 12, 1849, his parents being Christian and Laura (Tischer) Michael. His grandfather in the paternal line was Nicholas Michael, also a native of that province, in which he spent his entire life. He fought in the Prussian army against Napoleon Bonaparte in 1812 and was taken prisoner at Moscow, but after regaining his liberty returned to his native place, where he passed away about 1854. His wife, Barbara Baumann, who survived him, died in Union City, Connecticut. They had a family of nine children. Carl, who married Lena Troll (who died in Germany), afterward came to the new world and spent his last years in Terryville, Connecticut. Louisa became the wife of Heinrich Heinze and both died in Germany. Christian was the next of the family. Caroline became the wife of Heinrich Troll and after his death married Christian Schwabe, of Union City, Connecticut. Heinrich died in boyhood. Frederick, who served in the Civil war with the Union army, died in Terryville six years after receiving his discharge. Henry served for five years in the Mexican war and later in the Civil war and died in New York about 1897. Otilia became the wife of Henry Scherr, of New York city. Adeline became the wife of Charles Clump, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Christian Michael, father of Charles F. Michael, came to the new world in 1859 and for two months lived with his sister, Mrs. Henry Scherr, at Meriden, Connecticut. He afterward resided at New Britain until February, 1862, when he became a resident of Terryville. His wife died in March, 1897, and he passed away in 1905. Of their ten children, three died in childhood, while those who reached adult age were: Louis, who resided in Bristol; Louisa, who became the wife of Carlton B. Ives, of Bristol; Lillian, who married George Scherr, of Bristol; Conrad, of Terryville; Minnie, the wife of Louis Burg, of Bristol; Emma, who died at the age of sixteen, and Charles F., of this review.

During the first ten years of his life Charles F. Michael remained in his native land and then accompanied his parents to the United States, whereupon he became a public school pupil in Meriden and afterward in New Britain. He later secured employment with J. B. Sargent, of New Britain, but after six months the family removed to Terryville, where for a year he was employed in manufacturing cabinet locks. His next position was with Eli Terry, a clock spring manufacturer, and when that business was closed out he secured a situation with the Eagle Bit & Buckle Company, there learning the silver plating business. When that firm discontinued he went to Gaylord, Mix & Company, manufacturers of mail bag locks, and when the business was sold to the Eagle Lock Company Mr. Michael remained with the latter until 1872, when he removed to Winsted, Connecticut, where he conducted a billiard saloon for a year. It was in 1873 that he became a resident of Bristol and on the 31st of August he purchased the land upon which the following day he began the erection of the Commercial House. The work was steadily prosecuted until the

hotel was opened for business on the 1st of April, 1874, under the name of the Bismarck House. In 1875, however, he sold the property and for two years thereafter resided at Terryville but on the expiration of that period returned to Bristol and again took over the management of the hotel, the name of which had in the meantime been changed to Commercial House. He successfully conducted the business for six years and then again sold out, but after a year once more became manager and had charge until 1889. At that time he once more disposed of the hotel but the following year again became proprietor. He was ever a popular host, highly esteemed by the hotel patrons, and he conducted his business in a most progressive way, ever watchful of the comfort and convenience of his guests. He likewise had other business interests, becoming the builder and owner of the Bristol Opera House and the treasurer and manager of the Bristol Journal.

On the 23d of March, 1872, Mr. Michael was married in Terryville to Miss Katie Burg, a native of Greenfield, Massachusetts, and, like her husband, of German lineage, her parents being Theobald and Elizabeth Burg, who were born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Michael became the parents of five children. Louise Frances, born March 16, 1873, was married February 22, 1898, to Charles Russell Riley, principal of the South high school of Bristol. William Burg, born February 19, 1875, was married May 12, 1898, to Louise Ahl of Agawam, Massachusetts. Frederick Burg, born May 5, 1877, George Burg, born July 17, 1880, and Ruth Burg, born May 12 1894 are the younger members of the family. They have always held a prominent social position in Bristol and Mr. Michael was a popular and valued member of a number of fraternal organizations, including Pequabuck Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F., (charter member); the Daughters of Rebekah, same order; Adelphi Lodge, No. 12, New England Order of Protection; Bristol Lodge, No. 28, A. O. U. W.; and Guttenburg Lodge, No. 570, D. O. H. In politics he was an earnest democrat but not an office seeker. He was elected but did not serve as justice of the peace and for one term was on the board of burgesses. He preferred to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs and was particularly successful as a hotel manager, understanding human nature and knowing just how to meet his patrons. Practically his entire life was passed in Connecticut and his many sterling traits of character were known to all with whom he came in contact, so that his circle of friends was almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### ALFRED PLANT

For almost two decades Alfred Plant was associated with the great business organization that has been built up under the name of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. The policy of that corporation has ever been careful selection of employes and representatives and then continued service on their part when diligence and fidelity have proven their worth.

Mr. Plant was of English birth, a son of William and Hannah (Shaw) Plant, and he pursued his education in the schools of his native locality, while later he became a shorthand teacher in Macclesfield, England. At length he determined to try his fortune in America and on crossing the Atlantic settled in Hartford, where he arrived in the year 1902. Soon afterward he became associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, entering its employ in September and remaining with the corporation until death terminated his labors on the 19th of April, 1921. His record was one of long years of faithful service rewarded by various promotions and by appreciation of his splendid qualities on the part of those whom he represented and with whom he was associated.

On the 26th of August, 1896, Mr. Plant was married to Miss Hannah Grinshaw, of Macclesfield, England, a daughter of John and Hannah (Dickens) Grinshaw. They became the parents of three children: Alfred Grinshaw Plant, now connected with the Aetna Life Insurance Company in the supply department and who volunteered when twenty years of age for service in the World war, being overseas at the time the armistice was signed; Elsie, who is now connected with the West Hartford Bank; and Winifred Hannah, who is a teacher in one of the public schools of West Hartford.

Mr. Plant was ever deeply interested in the cause of education and at one time served as a member of the school board of West Hartford, doing all in his power to





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ALFRED PLANT



advance the welfare and raise the standards of the schools. He has long been deeply interested in Masonry and in 1912 wrote the history of Wyllys Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of West Hartford, on the occasion of the celebration of its fifteenth anniversary. He also served as worshipful master of that lodge in 1908 and was very active in promoting the work of the craft, while at all times he exemplified in his life the sterling principles upon which it is founded.

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#### JOHN B. MINOR

John B. Minor, actively engaged in business in New Britain as the head of the Minor & Corbin Box Company, manufacturers of paper boxes, has demonstrated in his record that success is not a matter of genius or the outcome of fortunate circumstances but the direct result of industry intelligently applied and of carefully matured plans. His entire life has been passed in Connecticut. He was born in Bridgeport in 1853, a son of John B. and Ursula (Allen) Minor, the former a native of Woodbury and the latter of Bethlehem. The father came to New Britain about 1857 and was associated with the firm of Giddings, Minor & Strong, dealers in coal and lumber, who carried on the business under the firm style of Minor & Strong after Mr. Giddings withdrew. About 1862 Mr. Minor went to New York city, where he conducted a coal business at the corner of Lexington avenue and Thirty-second street. Later he conducted a branch at 229 State street in Hartford for a year and throughout his entire life was identified with the coal trade but eventually sold his interest in the business. He was a member of the Center church and served on some of its committees. He died in Ponce, Porto Rico, in 1865, while his wife passed away in 1854.

After leaving the public schools John B. Minor attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1873. In the same year he entered business circles as an employe of his cousin, James H. Minor, and during the year 1875 was employed at the Union Works. He next occupied a position in the order department of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, also having charge of their exports, and his association with that house covered a period of seven years. In 1885 he again entered into business relations with his cousin, James H. Minor, of the Minor & Nichols Company, which in a short time was succeeded by J. H. Minor & Company. Later John B. Minor purchased the interest of J. H. Minor and in 1890 incorporated the business under the name of the Minor & Corbin Box Company, manufacturers of paper boxes. Their output is largely used by local manufacturers, nearly the entire product being sold in New Britain. Throughout his entire life Mr. Minor has been identified with manufacturing interests and is now president and treasurer of the company, which controls one of the important productive industries of this section of the state. Theirs is a well equipped plant and the business has been carefully systematized, so that there is a maximum production with a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material—a condition which is the basis of all success. Into other fields Mr. Minor has also directed his efforts with the result that various projects have benefited by his sound judgment and enterprising spirit. He is a director of the New Britain National Bank, the Savings Bank of New Britain, the American Hardware Corporation, the American Hosiery Company, the Union Manufacturing Company and the American Paper Goods Company and he is the president of the Plainville Water Company.

In 1876 Mr. Minor was married in Worcester, Massachusetts, to Miss Jennie L. Eldred, who was born in Worcester, and died in 1923. They had a family of five children: Ursula, who is now Mrs. Henry Burr, of Kansas City, Missouri; James H., living in New York city; Elsie, deceased; John B., Jr., who is with his father in business; and Eldred L., who is attending the University of Virginia. The son John B., Jr., married Frances Copeland, of Montclair, New Jersey, and their children are Catherine, Caroline and Ursula. The daughter, Mrs. Henry Burr, has two sons living, Henry, Jr., and Alan G. The family was well represented in the World war, for John B., Jr., James H. and Eldred L. enlisted for service and the father was a member of the draft board. John B., Jr., became a second lieutenant of the Sixty-first Infantry, was on duty overseas and was wounded in action, receiving his discharge in 1919. James H. Minor enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourth Field Artillery of



the Twenty-seventh Division and was on duty as a sergeant overseas until honorably discharged in 1919. The youngest son, Eldred, enlisted in the aviation branch of the army and was in the Instructors School of Aerial Photography at Rochester, New York, being discharged as a sergeant in 1919.

Mr. Minor gives his political allegiance to the republican party and stanchly supports every plan and project which he deems of vital worth in advancing the welfare and upholding the civic standards of his community. That he is appreciative of the social amenities of life is indicated in his membership in the Shuttle Meadow Country Club and the Sachems Head Yacht Club at Guilford, Connecticut. He has attained high rank in Masonic circles, becoming a Knight Templar thirty-second degree Mason and also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of United American Mechanics and he and his family attend the Plainville Congregational church. He is likewise identified with the Chamber of Commerce and thus his activities touch the general interests of society along many lines and feature in the symmetrical development of the city in which he makes his home, contributing to its material, civic and moral progress.

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#### ARTHUR C. WILLARD

Arthur C. Willard represents the seventh generation of the family in Wethersfield and bears a name that has long been an honored one in this locality. He was born in 1876, in this town, son of Stephen F. and Irene (Havens) Willard. Josiah Willard, first of the name in this town, eldest son of Major Simon Willard, migrated from Massachusetts to Connecticut, settling first in Hartford, and in 1661 came to Wethersfield. He purchased a home on Broad street, and part of the property is still owned by the family. Stephen F. Willard achieved prominence in the seed business, which constituted his life work. Early in the '70s he joined the seed firm, Comstock, Ferre & Company, which is still continued under that name. Stephen F. Willard was allied with the republican party, and in 1901 was elected to represent Wethersfield in the general assembly of Connecticut, and represented the town in the Constitutional Convention held the following year. His life was governed by the teachings of the Congregational church and for fifteen years he was superintendent of its Sunday school. He died June 9, 1924. Five sons were born to him, namely: Arthur C.; Thomas H., deceased; Edward W.; Stephen F., Jr., now a resident of Wollaston, Massachusetts; and John C., who lives on the old homestead in Wethersfield.

Arthur C. Willard was educated in the academy in Wethersfield. The schoolroom has since been converted into the town clerk's office. He also attended Hannum's Business College in Hartford and returned home after the completion of his course. He became a market gardener and was thus engaged for twenty-five years. On August 1, 1919, he was appointed assistant town clerk and acted in that capacity until February 6, 1926. He has since been town clerk, discharging his duties with efficiency and meeting every requirement of the office.

In 1907 Mr. Willard was united in marriage to Miss Ethel L. Thompson, of Hartford, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Emma A., born September 11, 1912. Mr. Willard is a republican, and a member of the Congregational church.

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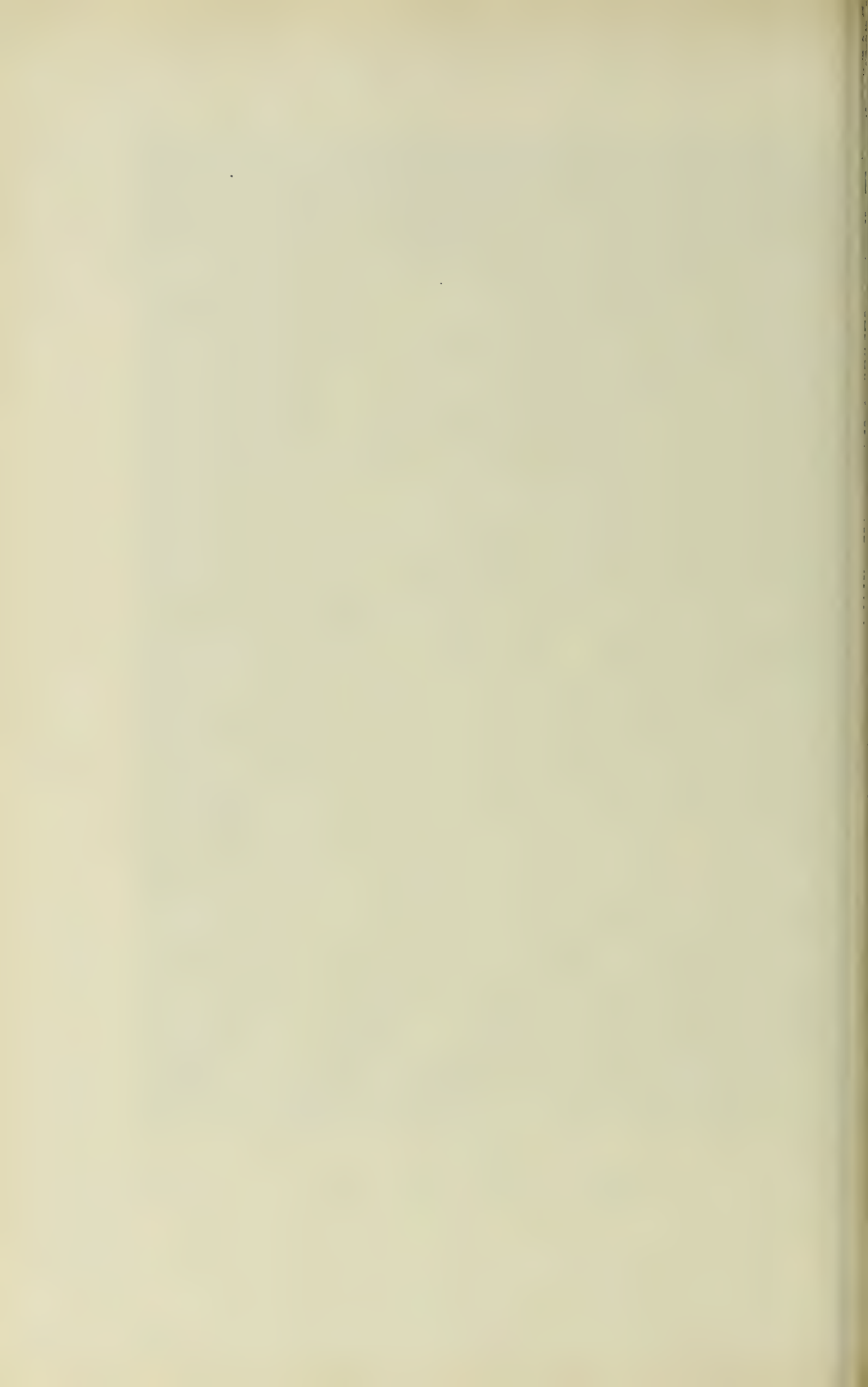
#### COLONEL HOWARD P. DUNHAM

In insurance and financial circles the name of Howard P. Dunham of Wethersfield is well known, for he is insurance commissioner of Connecticut, one of the foremost states insurancewise in this country. His legal knowledge and active insurance experience have enabled him to lend valuable assistance in the deliberations of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners of the United States, in which organization he is serving on several important committees. He was formerly a partner in the firm of Bel & Dunham, handling investment securities in Hartford. Previously he was employed by the Aetna Life Insurance Company in its accident



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COLONEL HOWARD P. DUNHAM





department and while thus associated made several contributions to insurance literature.

Colonel Dunham was born in Bennington, Vermont, August 14, 1878, his parents being Isaac Watson and Martha Agnes (Lindley) Dunham. At the usual age he entered the public schools, passed through the consecutive grades to preparatory school and afterward attended Union College, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He also has a degree of LL. B. He was a member of Delta Phi fraternity in college and Pi Phi fraternity in preparatory school. In 1921 he retired from the Aetna Life Insurance Company to accept the position of chief office deputy collector of internal revenue for the United States at Hartford, where he served under Colonel Robert O. Eaton, collector, for two years. He was a member of the state legislature in the biennial sessions of 1921 and 1923, serving on appropriations, railroad and other committees.

Colonel Dunham served on the staff of Governor Charles A. Templeton 1921-1923. He was appointed insurance commissioner of Connecticut by Governor Templeton for a four years' term from July 1, 1923, and on the 1st of July, 1927, he was reappointed by Governor John H. Trumbull, so that he is still the incumbent of that position, discharging his duties with diligence and fidelity. He compiled in 1912 a work in three volumes entitled—"The Business of Insurance," published by The Ronald Press of New York city, which has been widely accepted as a practical, working textbook and reference work, covering, as it does, all lines of insurance.

On the 22d of October, 1907, Colonel Dunham was married to Miss Jane Johnson Robbins, a daughter of Elisha J. and Ida (Adams) Robbins of Wethersfield, Connecticut, where Colonel and Mrs. Dunham reside at 212 Main street. He is chairman of the Wethersfield board of sewer commissioners, treasurer of the Wethersfield fire district and chairman of the town republican committee, and a member of the Hartford metropolitan district committee. He has served as president of the Automobile Club of Hartford for two terms and is at present on its board of governors. He is a director of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Wethersfield Congregational church and the Congregational Club of Hartford. He has membership also in the Masons, Odd Fellows, Connecticut Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the Vermont Club, and honorary membership in the Aetna Life Club, which he helped organize, the Connecticut Field Club and the Association of Superintendents of Insurance of the Provinces of Canada. He was one of the organizers and is a member of the City and the University Clubs of Hartford. He is also a member of the Hartford Golf Club and the Wethersfield Business Men's Association. For a number of years he was a member of the First Company, Governors Foot Guard, and the Connecticut State Guard.

His character is attested by the many friends whose warm regard he has enjoyed throughout his business career and who have watched with interest and commendation his steady rise.

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#### EDWIN ROGERS HITCHCOCK

Edwin Rogers Hitchcock, a well known representative of the printing business at New Britain, where he is conducting his interests under the name of the E. R. Hitchcock Company, was born in Southington, Connecticut, in 1877, a son of Henry A. and Mary (Rogers) Hitchcock. The father was a native of Southington and the grandfather in the paternal line was born in Cheshire, Connecticut. Henry A. Hitchcock carried on business as a dry goods merchant and at the time of the Civil war responded to the country's call for aid in preserving the Union. Later he proudly wore the little bronze button that proclaimed him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He passed away in 1888.

Edwin R. Hitchcock obtained his education in the public schools of New Britain and when but thirteen years of age became a clerk in the book store conducted by W. B. Thompson, with whom he remained from 1890 until 1898. Being in the book business naturally awakened his interest in the printing trade and in the latter year he went with the Adkins Printing Company, working as a bookbinder until 1904, when he established business on his own account, having in the meantime carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to justify

this step. He conducted his interests under the name of the New Britain Book Bindery until 1912, when the business was reorganized under the style of E. R. Hitchcock & Company, while in 1925 it was incorporated under that name. Mr. Hitchcock erected his present building in 1922 and has a well equipped plant for the conduct of a printing and bookbinding business. They have an extensive patronage in the job printing department, which is probably the largest of the kind in New Britain. They also do some state work, receiving patronage from different sections of Connecticut. Mr. Hitchcock is the president and treasurer of the company, with Henry F. Guilmont as vice president, the latter handling the outside work of the firm. Their plant is supplied with thoroughly modern equipment and they are prepared to render the highest type of service in their particular field.

In 1903 Mr. Hitchcock was married to Miss Harriett A. Comstock, who was born in Essex, Connecticut, and they have one child, Agnes, who was born in Essex, Connecticut in 1905 and who is now a student in Boston University. The parents are members of the First Baptist church, in the work of which they take a very helpful and prominent part, Mr. Hitchcock having served as superintendent of the Sunday school for thirteen years. At the polls he gives his political endorsement to the republican party but is never an office seeker. He has membership in the Kiwanis Club, the Sons of Veterans and the Independent Order of Good Templars and his life is characterized by those principles which make for the development of character and gain for a man an honored place among his fellowmen.

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#### HENRY AUGUSTUS PERKINS

Professor Henry Augustus Perkins is of a family, on his father's side, that has been prominent in Hartford history for a century. While members of it, as seen in the general history, were and are leaders in the legal profession, his great-grandfather, Enoch Perkins, who came to Connecticut in 1790, having been a prominent attorney, his father, Edward H. Perkins, and his grandfather, Henry A. Perkins, turned their attention to finance. For many years the latter was president of the city's oldest bank, the Hartford National Bank. He died in 1873. The father, who died in 1876, was a partner in the private bank known as the G. P. Bissel Bank. Professor Perkins's mother, Mary E. (Dwight) Perkins, who survived her husband until 1917, gave much of her thought and means for charitable and cultural purposes. Professor Perkins is the elder of two sons. The younger, Edward C. (Yale '98), chose the medical profession and for several years has devoted his efforts to missionary work, being at the head of a hospital at Kiukang, China.

Professor Perkins has attained recognition among physicists both here and in Paris, where he has studied. He is also interested in art and has written on educational problems. He was born in Hartford, November 14, 1873. Obtaining his early education in the Hartford public high school, after graduation he went to Yale and received his degree of B. A. there with the class of 1896. Three years later Columbia University conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree and the degree of Electrical Engineer. For a year he was with the Hartford Electric Light Company in the engineering department as assistant to Professor William L. Robb, who was then consulting engineer with that corporation. Then for two years he did graduate work in physics at Yale, or until 1892 when he accepted the position of professor of physics in Trinity College, with which institution he has since remained. He was a student in physics at the Sorbonne and at the College of France, both in Paris, in 1908-9 and again in 1921-22, and received his Doctor of Science degree from Trinity in 1920. For a time, after the retirement of President Flavel S. Luther and prior to the coming of President Remsen B. Ogilby in 1920, he was acting president of the college. He is the author of "A textbook on General Thermodynamics" and of various scientific articles in French and American physical reviews and also of educational articles which have appeared in the Yale Review, North American Review and Educational Review.

On April 8, 1903, Mr. Perkins married Miss Olga Flinch, a daughter of Alfred and Frederika (Boge) Flinch, of Copenhagen, Denmark, and they have two children: Henry A., Jr., born June 17, 1904; and Evelyn Ingeborg, born June 26, 1908.

Professor Perkins is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Alpha Delta



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Henry A. Peterson





Phi, American Physical Society, Société Française de Physique, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Explorers Club of New York, American Alpine Club, Hartford Club, University Club, the Friends of Hartford, the Twilight Club, the Monday Club, Hartford Golf Club, the Collectors Club, and the Graduates Club of New Haven. His political endorsement is given the republican party. In 1903 he served as gas inspector of the city of Hartford. Since 1917 he has been a member of the board of park commissioners of the city and since 1913 has been president of the board of directors of the American School for the Deaf. He is one of the directors of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and is also director of the Charity Organization Society, and the Watkinson Library, finding time for active and substantial aid to these and similar organizations looking to the welfare and benefit of the public at large. He finds his recreation in travel, mountain-climbing, winter sports, painting, in practicing the art of photographing in colors, and is an ardent stamp collector.

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#### H. BISSELL CAREY

Throughout his business career H. Bissell Carey has been identified with industrial operations and his ability and energy have placed him at the head of the Automatic Refrigerating Company, a Hartford concern, whose destiny he has wisely and successfully guided for three years. He was born April 12, 1886, in this city, of which his parents, Frank and Ella (Bissell) Carey, are also natives. The father was a well known journalist and was connected with the Hartford Courant for years.

After the completion of his high school course H. Bissell Carey enrolled as a student in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University and was graduated with the class of 1907. Entering the employ of the Johns Pratt Company of Hartford, he was made superintendent of the factory and remained with the corporation for about ten years. He next became associated with the M. S. Little Manufacturing Company in the capacity of vice president and still fills that office but is not active in its affairs. Since 1925 Mr. Carey has been president of the Automatic Refrigerating Company, which has a modern plant at No. 618 Capital avenue and furnishes work to a large force of experienced mechanics. His name also appears on the directorate of the Standard Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Carey was married September 30, 1914, to Miss Mary Barney, a daughter of D. Newton Barney, of Farmington, and they now have five children: H. Bissell, Jr., Newton Barney, Austin, Laura Jeannette and Frank S. Mr. Carey is a member of the Hartford Club, the Farmington Country Club and the Hartford Golf Club. His life has been one of quiet devotion to duty and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his time, talents and opportunities. He loyally supports all movements for the good of his city and his genuine worth has established him high in public esteem.

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#### FRANK G. VIBBERTS

Frank G. Vibberts, president of the New Britain Trust Company, one of the strong financial institutions of this city, is acknowledged a forceful factor in banking circles, having so thoroughly mastered every phase of the business that his opinions are largely accepted as authority upon all questions of banking and finance. New Britain numbers him among her native sons, he having been born here in 1877. His parents were Lester A. and Augusta L. (Smith) Vibberts, the former a native of Hartford. The mother, who was born in New Britain, was of English descent and belonged to one of the oldest families of Hartford county. It was in the year 1850 that Lester A. Vibberts established his home at New Britain, settling upon a farm on which he resided until 1892, when he retired from active business life. In his political views he was a stalwart republican and he served as selectman and as town officer in the town of New Britain. He had a family of five sons and two daughters.

Frank G. Vibberts supplemented his early public school training by a course in high school and then started out to provide for his own support by securing a posi-

tion in the Mechanics National Bank in 1894. He first acted as a runner or messenger and later was advanced to the position of bookkeeper, while subsequently he became teller. In 1905 he removed to South Manchester, Connecticut, but in 1906 returned to New Britain, where he organized the Hardware City Trust Company, which in 1907 was merged with the Mechanics National Bank in forming the New Britain Trust Company. Mr. Vibberts had served as treasurer of the Hardware City Trust Company and following the merger of the bank he continued to act as treasurer until elected vice president of the New Britain Trust Company. He then continued as the second executive officer until 1925, when he was elected to the presidency and has since given his attention to administrative affairs as head of the institution. He has for more than a third of a century been active in banking circles and his knowledge of financial affairs and conditions is comprehensive and exact, enabling him to wisely direct the interests of the institution which he represents. The Mechanics National Bank was established in 1887 with V. B. Chamberlain as president and W. E. Attwood as cashier and is the second oldest of the commercial banks of New Britain. While Mr. Vibberts meets every requirement of his position as banker, he has also become closely and helpfully connected with other business affairs. He is now a director of the Stanley Works, the Fafnir Bearing Company, the New Britain Machine Company and the Stanley Securities Company, of which he is likewise treasurer. He is also connected with the Burritt Mutual Savings Bank as a director and secretary.

In 1900 Mr. Vibberts was married to Miss Grace Chamberlain, who was born in New Britain, and their children are: Eleanor; Frank G., who is a student in Hamilton College; Anna; John C., who is attending the Gunnery School in Washington, Connecticut; and Grace S. Mrs. Vibberts belongs to the First Congregational church, to the Woman's Club of New Britain and the Artists Club of Hartford and is very active in the social life of her community. She cooperates in all movements which are of cultural value and benefit and her influence is widely and beneficially felt. Mr. Vibberts is an earnest supporter of the republican party and for six years rendered valuable service as a member of the school board, filling the position from 1919 until 1925. His cooperation can always be counted upon to further any project for the public good and to this end he has membership in the Chamber of Commerce. He served on the general committee of the Liberty Loan drives during the World war. He, too, is a member of the First Congregational church and is accounted one of the highly respected and influential residents of New Britain.

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#### CLAYTON WOLCOTT WELLES

Clayton Wolcott Welles, manager for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, having occupied this position since 1910, started out in the business world as an office boy, and that he has risen to his present position of responsibility is the outcome of his earnest purpose and unfaltering diligence. He was born April 22, 1883, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, where his parents, John Leslie and Mary Helena (Griswold) Welles, were residing. He attended the public schools and also the high school of Hartford and his advanced educational training was received in Yale University, which accorded him the Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1904. His desire to make a creditable name and place for himself in the business world did not deter him from accepting the humble position of office boy with the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company in December, 1904, the year in which he attained his majority. Thoroughness and capability constituted the rounds of the ladder on which he climbed to success and business power. Promotion in time made him solicitor for the company and afterward he became cashier and later assistant to the manager. This brought him knowledge of executive management and he was thus well qualified for added responsibilities when he was appointed manager of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company for Connecticut in 1910. Two years later his duties were increased in his appointment as manager for Rhode Island as well and he continued in that position in relation to both states until 1923, when he was made manager of the Interstate agency for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. His duties are manifold, his responsibilities heavy, in this connection, but he measures fully up to every requirement and, moreover, he has rendered valuable service as vice presi-





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CLAYTON W. WELLES



dent of the Connecticut Underwriters Association and as president of the Wethersfield Business Men's Association.

Mr. Welles is a charter member of the Wethersfield Country Club and was chairman of the fairways and greens committee in the early period of the layout of this club. He is also a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and of the Alpine Club of Canada. In connection with his activities in these clubs he has climbed a number of eastern mountains, including Mount Washington and Mount Katahdin; and in the Rocky mountains, Mount Rainier, Sir Donald and Victoria. Mr. Welles is also treasurer of the Civitan Club of Hartford, with civic interests directed more specially along educational lines. He is an immediate descendant of Governor Thomas Welles, who came to Connecticut (Wethersfield) in 1636.

In his religious life, Mr. Welles is a member of the Wethersfield Congregational church, where he has served as superintendent of the Griswoldville Sunday school and as a deacon. This is the meeting house in which his direct ancestors in the Welles, Wolcott, Adams and Griswold line have worshipped since the early settlement of Wethersfield. As corresponding secretary of the Wethersfield Cemetery Association, Mr. Welles has helped in beautifying the center of the town and in restoring the ancient burial ground to its present beautiful condition.

On the 21st of December, 1909, Mr. Welles was married to Miss Bertha Libby, of Hartford, and their children are: Jane Wolcott, born September 16, 1913; Judith Beach, born December 6, 1916; and Nancy Curtiss, born November 25, 1918. On the 15th of November, 1924, Mr. Welles married Arline Thompson, of Hampton, Connecticut. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft, and socially he has connection with the University Club and the City Club. In politics he is a staunch republican and is deeply interested in community welfare and progress. For six years he served as a member of the Wethersfield school board and for five years of that period was chairman, during which time two new grammar school buildings and a large addition to the high school building were erected. Of the cause of education he is a stalwart champion whose progressive spirit has found expression in the adoption of measures of much worth to the school system.

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#### WILLARD M. BRYANT

An alert and enterprising spirit is manifest in the conduct of his business interests by Willard M. Bryant, who is the chairman of the board of directors of the Bryant & Chapman Company, handling dairy products at 330 Woodland street in Hartford. He was born in Watertown, Connecticut, January 1, 1870, his parents being William Burr and Mary (Mitchell) Bryant, who were natives of Litchfield county, this state. The father became a mason contractor, devoting his life to that work.

The educational advantages accorded Willard M. Bryant were somewhat limited. He attended the New Haven elementary schools and started out to earn his living by delivering bread for a bakery company in New Haven, working for a dollar per day during the first year. He afterward secured a situation as assistant shipping clerk with the firm of Stoddard & Kimberley, wholesale grocers of New Haven, with whom he remained for about five years, and on the expiration of that period became associated with the firm of English & Holt, wholesale dealers in hardwood lumber. After a year thus passed he returned to his home town and invested his savings in a small grocery store in Watertown in 1893. There he conducted business for about three years, when he sold out, and on the 27th of July, 1896, drove to Hartford with his horse and buggy. He reached the capital about noon and before six o'clock of the same day was identified with the dairy trade, having purchased a small business for five hundred dollars. This included the plant and the horses and wagon of the former owner. Mr. Bryant has since been continuously active in this field save for a period of twenty-two months, when he sold out with an agreement not to again enter the business within a certain period. When that time had expired he repurchased the business from the Hartford Dairy Company and in 1897 he admitted Bert W. Chapman to a partnership that has since been maintained under the name of the Bryant & Chapman Company. Notable success has attended the undertaking, their trade constantly increasing due to the excellent line of dairy products which they handle



and to their progressive and reliable business methods. They have been pioneers in the distribution of Pasteurized milk and cream in Hartford and year by year their trade has grown in most gratifying manner until they now have the largest plant in the city, employing two hundred people with an annual pay roll of four hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars, while their annual sales reach about two million, five hundred thousand dollars. They cater to the best residents of Hartford and its suburbs and the business still continues to grow, while the firm sustains a most enviable reputation for reliability and enterprise. Mr. Bryant is president of the Connecticut Milk Dealers Association, which indicates his high standing in the field of labor which he has made his life work. He is continually studying the trade and market conditions and is able to speak with authority upon any question having to do with the supply and sale of dairy products. He is likewise a member of the Connecticut, the Hartford and the United States Chambers of Commerce and since 1914 as distributor of dairy products holds membership in the Hartford Rotary Club and adheres closely to its high standards of service to humanity and loyalty in citizenship.

On the 2d of April, 1893, Mr. Bryant was married to Miss Jane Smith, of Bellmore, Long Island, New York. They are the parents of three children: Helen B., the wife of William E. Buck, of Hartford; and Marion S. and Lois E., both at home. The family resides at No. 225 Ridgefield street. Mr. Bryant belongs to St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is a loyal follower of the teachings of the craft.

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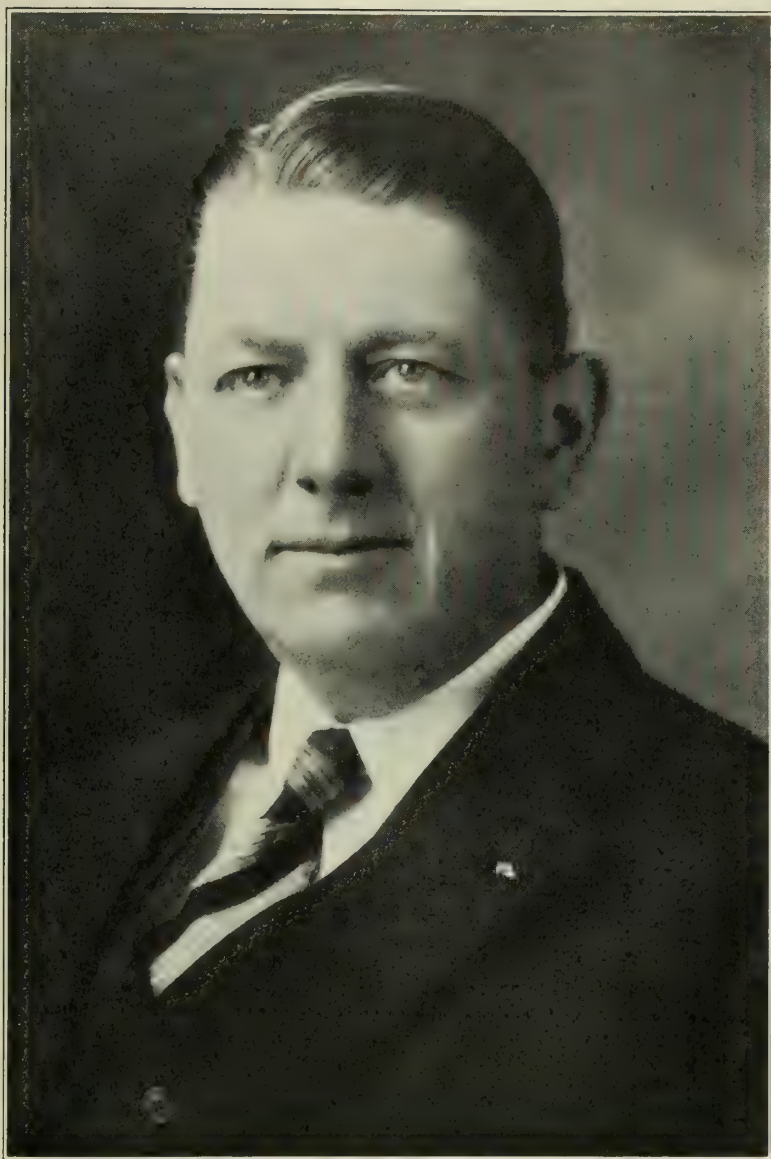
#### WILLIAM E. SMITH

William E. Smith, a self-made man whose firm purpose, strong determination and indefatigable energy have been manifest throughout his entire business career, is now the secretary and general manager of the Southington Hardware Corporation. He has looked ever to the steady development of the business with which he has had his present official connection since 1916. He is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of modern-day enterprise, and when obstacles and difficulties arise they seem to serve as a source of renewed effort on his part.

He was born in Yalesville, in the town of Wallingford, December 10, 1883, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Smith, whose family numbered nine children, he being the eighth in order of birth. After mastering the elementary branches of learning he attended the Wallingford high school for two years, but ere completing the course entered the business world by securing employment in the piano stool factory of the Charles Parker Company. After a few months he left there to accept an office position with the G. I. Mix Company and there obtained valuable experience of a varied nature, but the Mix Company failed in May, 1903, and Mr. Smith came to Southington, soon afterward securing a clerical position in the Plantsville factory of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company, there continuing until October 1, 1911. It was at that date that he became a salesman in the employ of the Chase Rolling Mill Company of Waterbury, with which he remained until December, 1915. The opportunity to return to Southington and become a representative of the Southington Hardware Company made strong appeal to him and after a brief association with this corporation he was elected secretary and manager in January, 1917. The following year he was made a member of the board of directors, with which he has since been associated, and in his official position he has been active in the control of a business that is now one of the large and important productive industries of Hartford county. The company has an extensive plant, thoroughly equipped, and its output is sent to various sections of the country. Mr. Smith has shown marked determination in surrounding himself with a corps of able and well trained assistants and his fairness and justice in the treatment of employes has won for him their earnest cooperation and support.

In June, 1910, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Johnson, of Cheshire, who died in September of that year, and in June, 1914, he married Frances C. Dickermann, of Milldale. They are well known socially, the hospitality of many of the best homes in this section being freely accorded them.

Mr. Smith has always been more or less actively identified with public affairs. While employed at Plantsville he served in the fire department and had become its foreman ere he removed to Waterbury. After returning he was for two years a member



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WILLIAM E. SMITH





of the board of fire commissioners and he served for two terms on the town school committee and then after an interval of one year was again elected to that position in 1923. The cause of public education finds in him a stalwart friend and his labors in behalf of the schools have been effective. He took an active and helpful part in the various drives during the World war and was a member of the Home Guard from its organization until it was mustered out, at which time he was holding the rank of captain. He is interested in Fraternal affairs and is widely known in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar and a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise has membership in the Plantville Congregational church, which indicates the rules that govern his conduct and shape his relations with his fellowmen. His entire course has been one of steady progress and his success indicates what can be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do.

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#### ISAAC D. RUSSELL

Isaac D. Russell, prominent in manufacturing circles as the treasurer of the American Hardware Corporation of New Britain, was here born in 1866 and is a son of Henry E. and Mary Augusta (Hance) Russell, who in 1864 removed from New York city to New Britain, where the father became well known in business circles in connection with the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company. In the course of a few years Henry E. Russell became secretary and eventually was elected to the presidency, thus continuing an active factor in the industrial circles of the city until 1898, when he retired.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Isaac D. Russell attended the New Britain schools until graduated from high school. He also had the benefit of further instruction in Trinity College for two years. About 1892 he became identified with the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company in the capacity of clerk and thus from an humble position worked his way steadily upward, being chosen vice president and treasurer of that company. Since 1902, when it was merged with the American Hardware Corporation, the enterprise established by his family has been conducted under the name of the American Hardware Corporation and Mr. Russell still continues at the head of its financial interests in the office of treasurer. He is also identified with the Savings Bank of New Britain and with the New Britain Trust Company.

In 1892 Mr. Russell was married to Miss Elizabeth Rockwell, who was here born and is a daughter of George P. and Eliza (Ames) Rockwell, her father having formerly been manager of the New Britain Knitting Company. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have five children: Henry E., who is attending Yale University; Mrs. Donald R. Hart, of New Britain; Mrs. Rodman W. Chamberlain, of New Britain; Mrs. Samuel Seymour Holmes, of New York city; and Margaret Elizabeth, who is employed in New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of St. Mark's Episcopal church and the latter is also interested in philanthropy and is well known in the social circles of the city. Mr. Russell turns to fishing for recreation. He has a wide acquaintance in the city where his entire life has been passed and where he has so directed his interests and activities as to win the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### ARTHUR F. WOODFORD

A lifelong resident of Bristol, Arthur F. Woodford has made his opportunities count for the utmost and is an important factor in the operation of one of the city's largest industries. He was born November 13, 1866, and his parents were Milton M. and Juliana (Hitchcock) Woodford. In the acquirement of an education he attended the public schools and his first commercial experience was gained in the employ of the J. H. Sessions & Sons Trunk Manufacturing Company, with which he spent a year. In 1883, at the age of seventeen, he became a member of the office force of the Sessions Foundry Company and soon demonstrated his worth to the firm. He was advanced through the various departments, mastering every phase of the indus-

try, and since 1908 has been secretary of the corporation, with which he has been identified for a period of forty-four years, giving to it the best efforts of his life.

At Forestville, Connecticut, Mr. Woodford was married, December 4, 1889, to Miss Florence E. Wood and they have become the parents of three children: Charlotte, Lester J. and Leland M. Mr. Woodford is a past grand of Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a thirty-second degree Mason. In the Masonic order he was past grand master of Connecticut for the term 1911-12. He is a member of the Bristol Baptist church and a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Bristol. In politics he is a republican and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, heartily cooperating in movements for the growth and betterment of the community. His life has been one of quiet devotion to duty and his genuine worth has won for him a secure place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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### JOHN TUTTLE CHIDSEY

Endowed with the requisite ability and the equally essential qualities of diligence and perseverance, John Tuttle Chidsey, truly a self-made man, has advanced beyond the ranks of mediocrity, taking his place with the successful few, and is now at the head of one of the large productive industries of Bristol.

Mr. Chidsey was born August 16, 1866, and represents one of the oldest families in Connecticut. In a direct line he is descended from John Chedsey (as the name was originally spelled), who was born about 1621. He was one of the signers of the New Haven Colony Constitution in 1655, and became a deacon of the First church in New Haven. Caleb Chedsey, his son, was born November 20, 1661, and on May 10, 1688, married Anna Thompson. They were the parents of Abraham Chedsey, who was born March 31, 1699, and was thrice married. His last union was with Bathsheba Grannis, by whom he had a son, Abraham Chidsey (II), born September 23, 1741. He was married March 27, 1766, to Hannah Goodsell, and they became the parents of Abraham Chidsey (III). His wife was Abigail Beach, and their son, John Harrington Beach Chidsey, was born June 8, 1800. He married Mary Bishop, by whom he had a son, Abraham Beach Chidsey. He was born November 7, 1832, and his second wife was Mary B. Tuttle, a daughter of Huthwith Tuttle.

Their son, John Tuttle Chidsey, attended the East Haven public schools, at the same time working on a farm, doing chores and assisting in the milk delivery. While thus employed he undertook to attend school half a day but had to give up school in his fifteenth year. In the winter of 1884-85 he studied stenography, and on May 9, 1885, took a position as stenographer and bookkeeper with Sessions Foundry Company of Bristol, working under the late William E. Sessions for twenty-two years, being gradually promoted, finally to office manager and purchasing agent.

The Root Company was started about 1866 by Joel H. Root, a well-known resident of Bristol, in a small wooden building on that portion of land in the central part of the town known as Root's Island. Various types of small hinges were manufactured here by means of the small water power available by the diversion of water through a canal from the Pequabuck river. The business was continued on a modest scale by Mr. Root until about 1885, and after that by his son, Charles J. Root, until his death in 1907. In the settlement of the estate of Charles J. Root, the administrator called in John T. Chidsey, then an expert accountant with the Sessions Foundry Company, to assist in making the factory inventory. In was from Mr. Chidsey's acquaintance with the industry during the following weeks of checking the inventory that the idea of purchasing the business occurred to him. 1907 was the year of the serious financial panic, and it was difficult to raise money for any new project, but through the assistance of friends and the Bristol banks Mr. Chidsey secured the funds necessary to finance the formation of a new corporation known as the C. J. Root Company, of which he became secretary, treasurer and general manager. Carlyle F. Barnes was elected president and held that office until 1915.

Under the wise and efficient management of the new owners, the business grew and prospered. The old wooden structure of two stories, was about sixty-five by thirty-five feet in dimensions, providing approximately four thousand, five hundred and fifty square feet of floor space, and in 1910 this was supplanted by a modern three-story fireproof building of brick construction, affording about twelve thousand



*John T. Chidsey*





square feet. A second building adjoining the first was completed in 1913, giving a total floor space of twenty-five thousand square feet. In 1919 a third section was built, increasing the floor space by about nine thousand square feet. In 1925 a fourth building, four stories in height, was erected, making a grand total of sixty-four thousand square feet of floor space, an increase since 1907 of about fourteen hundred per cent in the amount of space employed.

The number of employes has grown from the original twenty-six to about two hundred, an increase of approximately seven hundred and seventy per cent. The name was changed to The Root Company and, in May, 1928, this company merged with the Veeder Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut, thus becoming the leading manufacturer of high grade automatic counting equipment in the country. The combined companies cover a wide range of manufactured product—small hinges, for special purposes, continuous hinges for pianos, automobiles, boats, etc. The firm has also developed one of the best job-plating establishments in New England, doing work for concerns all the way from Brooklyn, New York, to New Hampshire. Experts have called this plating room one of the finest in the country, and visitors going through it are amazed at its cleanliness and special equipment for the various processes. The Root Company has been among the pioneers in developing the difficult art of chromium plating. The development of this industry from its humble beginning sixty years ago to its status among the large and important industries of a manufacturing community is a characteristic and noteworthy accomplishment of the spirit of adventure in the business world.

Since 1907 Mr. Chidsey has been treasurer and general manager of the business, and in 1915 became president as well. He is now the president, treasurer and general manager of the combined Veeder-Root, Incorporated. He is also a director of the Bristol National Bank, the American Trust Company, the Bristol Realty Company, and the Bristol Building and Loan Association, all of which are profiting by his wisdom and experience. He is a former president of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

At Ansonia, Connecticut, October 22, 1891, Mr. Chidsey was united in marriage Miss Ida J. Cook, a daughter of Henry C. Cook, founder of the H. C. Cook Company. Mrs. Chidsey has been a true partner in the home, and their thirty-seven years of married life have been singularly happy.

During the World war, Mr. Chidsey furthered the sale of Liberty bonds, and was chairman of the local war savings committee. In politics he is a republican and served for twelve years as city auditor. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and takes a prominent part in the activities of the First Congregational church of Bristol. He is a member of the Lions Club of Bristol, the Chippanee, Pequabuck and Farmington Country Clubs, the Hartford Club, Old Colony Club, the National Travel Club, Lake Placid Club, Central Congregational Club of Connecticut, and the Accountants Club of New York. Along fraternal lines he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the National Association of Credit Men, the National Association of Cost Accountants, the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, and the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Chidsey is a broad-minded man whose activities and interests are well balanced, and the rules which govern his life are such as never fail to inspire confidence and command respect and esteem.

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#### EDWIN B. LASHER

Edwin B. Lasher, with business headquarters in the new Strand building at New Britain, is becoming widely known as a contractor in concrete work, operating throughout Hartford county and to some extent in New Haven. Based upon the substantial qualities of efficiency and reliability, his business has steadily increased until his position in his line is one of leadership. A native of Kingston, New York, Mr. Lasher was born in 1888 and is of Holland lineage, his ancestors coming from the land of the dykes in the early part of the seventeenth century, making settle-

ment in New York city, while through many successive generations representatives of the family have lived in the Empire state, so that Edwin B. Lasher has every right to be termed a Yankee. His maternal grandfather, Christopher Krantz, was killed while serving the Union cause in the Civil war. His parents are J. C. and Tina B. (Krantz) Lasher, of Kingston, New York, where the father is engaged in business as an orchardist.

After attending the public schools of his native city Edwin B. Lasher pursued a course of study in the Spencer Business College at Kingston and in 1907 he entered the employ of New York city in the engineering department, thus serving for about two years. On the expiration of that period he came to New Britain, where he has since remained, and in association with L. C. Baker he organized and incorporated a company under the style of Baker & Lasher, concrete contractors. Mr. Baker has since retired from the firm to engage in the real estate business in Florida. Mr. Lasher's contract work covers the period between March 15 and December 15, when weather conditions prevent further activity in that field for about three months. As a concrete contractor he has become widely known, doing much heavy work of this character throughout Hartford county, while various contracts have also been accorded him in New Haven county. He has built up his business upon a thorough foundation of trustworthiness, progressiveness and reliability and each year has chronicled a steady growth in his patronage until he now ranks as the most prominent contractor in this field of business in Hartford county. As the years have passed he has also acquired real estate holdings in New Britain and in Florida.

In 1912, in Wallingford, Connecticut, Mr. Lasher was married to Miss Laura M. Burt, who was there born, and they have become parents of two children, Edwin B., Jr., and Barbara H., who are fourteen and twelve years of age respectively and are high school students. Mrs. Lasher is widely and popularly known in connection with the social activities of New Britain, where she has many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lasher hold membership in the Congregational church and fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and council. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. During the World war he was with the government in the shipyards at Portland, Connecticut, acting as paymaster there. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is an earnest worker in its ranks, believing firmly in its principles as factors in government control. He has served as commissioner on the board of compensation of assessments of New Britain for some time and he neglects no opportunity to advance public progress or to further any interest which will promote the material, intellectual and civic welfare of his community. He and his family occupy a most beautiful home in New Britain, which is the visible evidence of his well directed energy and progressive business spirit.

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#### CHARLES CHAUNCEY BISSELL

The life labors of Charles Chauncey Bissell have ended, but for a number of years he was classed with the prominent business men of Suffield, where he was born August 18, 1867. He represented one of the old American families, being a direct descendant of John Bissell, Sr., a native of England, who was born in 1591. His son, John Bissell, Jr., was born in England and became the pioneer of the family in the new world, he passing away in Hartford county, Connecticut, in 1693. He was the father of Jeremiah Bissell, who was born February 22, 1677, and married Mehitabel White. Their son, Samuel Bissell, was married August 1, 1746, to Mary Kibbe, of Enfield, Connecticut, and died September 18, 1759. He was the father of Isaac Bissell, who was born in Windsor, January 25, 1749, and was the first of the family to settle in Suffield. On the 4th of July, 1776, he married Amelia Leavitt, who was born in 1757 and died November 15, 1809, while he passed away July 28, 1822. Their son, Asaph L. Bissell, of the sixth generation of the family, was born in Suffield, January 1, 1791, became a successful physician, married Lucy Norton and died August 2, 1850. Among their children was Charles S. Bissell, who was born in Suffield, April 5, 1821, and was the father of Charles Chauncey Bissell.

The last named is therefore of the eighth generation of the family whose ancestral line is traced back to John Bissell of England. He was reared and educated in



Suffield and was thoroughly trained to business life, for while his father was a man of means, he believed that his sons should be qualified to earn their own living. On leaving home Charles C. Bissell came to Hartford and obtained a position with the Travelers Insurance Company, being associated with that corporation until 1891. He then entered financial circles as assistant cashier in the Suffield National Bank and continued in that capacity until 1898, capably and efficiently discharging his duties.

About nine years before, or in 1889, Charles C. Bissell was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Spencer, of Suffield, whose parents, I. Luther and Julia (Pease) Spencer, were well known residents of that town. Mrs. Bissell was of English descent, her ancestry being traced down from Hezekiah Spencer, of Suffield, who immediately responded to the Lexington Alarm and fought in the Revolutionary war. Spencer Hall, the ancestral home of the family, still stands in England. To Charles Chauncey and Clara Julia (Spencer) Bissell were born a daughter, Helen, and a son, Charles Spencer, whose sketch is given below. Charles Chauncey Bissell purchased what was known as the Cline place in Suffield and there developed one of the beautiful and attractive homes of that locality. He was an admirer of good horses and always kept some fine animals in his stables. After purchasing his land he conducted an extensive leaf tobacco business in Suffield as a member of the firm of L. P. Bissell, Brother & Company and was widely known as a representative tobacco dealer in his part of the state. He displayed sound judgment in what he undertook and his enterprise and diligence brought very gratifying returns. At the same time he enjoyed an unassailable reputation for integrity and reliability and thus he gained that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He held membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belonged, and she likewise held membership in Sybil Dwight Kent Chapter, D. A. R., of Suffield, of which she was vice regent. Mr. Bissell was well known in fraternal circles through his membership with the various branches of Masonry, including the Knight Templar commandery and the Mystic Shrine, both of Hartford. He also belonged to the Knights of Pythias lodge. His political endorsement was given to the republican party and he kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, although he never sought or desired political preferment. He had many admirable qualities which gained for him the trust and friendship of all who knew him and thus the community lost a valued and substantial citizen when he passed away.

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#### CHARLES SPENCER BISSELL

Charles Spencer Bissell, assistant auditor of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, maintains his home in the capital city during the winter seasons, while the remainder of the year is passed in Suffield. It was in that town that he was born October 18, 1893, his parents being Charles Chauncey and Clara Julia (Spencer) Bissell, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. The father was of French Huguenot and the mother of English descent.

Charles S. Bissell attended the Suffield school, in which he completed a course in 1912, and then matriculated in the Yale Sheffield Scientific School, winning his Bachelor of Philosophy degree at his graduation with the class of 1915. He has always retained his residence in Suffield but since 1917 has spent the winter seasons in Hartford. He entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company November 1, 1915, and received his initial training as cashier in various branch offices. In 1918 he was appointed traveling auditor and has since been elected assistant auditor of the company, in which capacity he is now serving, his record being a most commendable one. He is likewise a director of the First National Bank of Suffield.

On the 10th of May, 1919, at Suffield, Mr. Bissell was married to Miss Dorothy Adeline Fuller, who was born in Suffield, December 12, 1898, and is a daughter of the late Charles S. Fuller. Both she and her husband can trace their ancestry back to Gideon Granger, who was one of the first to hold the office of postmaster general in America. They have four children: Emily Adeline, Helen Fuller, Charles Spencer and Sumner Fuller.

Mrs. Bissell is a member of the Junior League of Hartford. Both hold membership in the Second Baptist church of Suffield and in all civic projects they are deeply and helpfully interested. Mr. Bissell is one of the directors and officials of the Com-

munity Chest, Inc., of Hartford, and is a trustee of the Suffield School. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he always keeps in touch with the vital questions and problems of the day. He has membership in the Chi Phi fraternity and in York Hall at Yale, while in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a Noble of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Suffield Country Club and the Hartford Gun Club, and in these affiliations is disclosed the nature of his interests, his activity and his recreation outside the strict field of business.

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#### CHARLES KELLEY, M. D.

For forty-four years Plantsville numbered Dr. Charles Kelley as one of its esteemed citizens and valued medical practitioners. His sterling worth was recognized by all and he long enjoyed an extensive practice that grew year by year as his powers developed through study and experience. He always kept in touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and investigation and ever readily adopted improved methods, while at the same time he never hastily discarded the old and time-tried practices of his calling.

Dr. Kelley was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, November 11, 1859. Both of his parents passed away at the age of sixty-three years, the father in 1893 and the mother in 1894. The Doctor early determined upon the practice of medicine as his life work. He acquired his public school education in his native city and when a youth of nineteen began reading medicine in the office and under the direction of his uncle, Dr. C. H. Yelvington, of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. Later he entered the Eclectic Medical College, situated at No. 1 Livingston place in New York city, and was there graduated with the class of 1883. In August of the same year he opened an office at Moores Mill, New York, where he remained only until May, 1884, when he came to Plantsville. Here he continued to the date of his death, or for a period of forty-four years, and throughout the entire time he enjoyed a substantial practice that steadily grew in volume and importance as the years went by, being at all times thoroughly conscientious and earnest in the performance of his duties. Study and investigation kept him in touch with modern-day methods and progress and his pronounced ability was manifest in his successful handling of many difficult problems.

On the 15th of June, 1887, Dr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Thornton, of Bismarck, North Dakota, and following her demise he married Grace Elizabeth Beckley, of Southington, who has also passed away. On April 5, 1927, he married Miss Jessie M. Hoyt, of Danbury, Connecticut, who survives him. Dr. Kelley was a well known and loyal representative of the Masonic order, having membership in Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M.; Triune Chapter, No. 40, R. A. M.; Temple Council, No. 32, R. & S. M.; and Harmony Chapter, No. 35, O. E. S. He was likewise affiliated with Eureka Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F.; William Berry Lodge, No. 50, K. P.; and Union Grange, No. 25, of the Patrons of Husbandry. He had many friends among his fraternal brethren but most of all among his patients, who found him a man of courage, of broad vision, of firm convictions and of kindly, sympathetic nature whose presence in the sickroom always carried with it hope and inspiration. His death, on March 31, 1928, when he was in the sixty-ninth year of his age, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret and his memory will ever be cherished in the hearts of those who loved him.

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#### PHILIP M. FAGAN

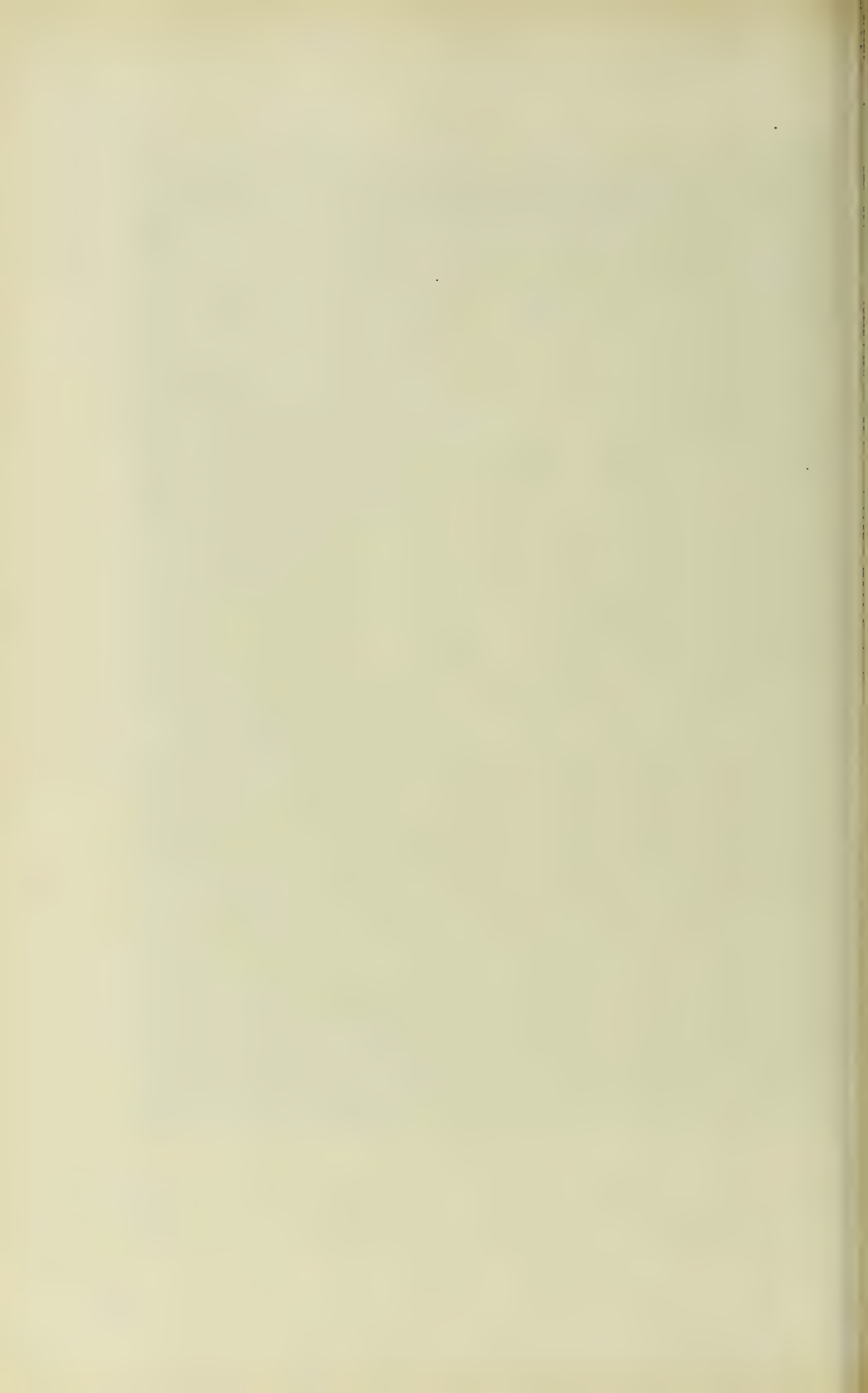
Philip M. Fagan, engaged in the insurance and real estate business in New Britain, was born in Kensington, Connecticut, in 1895, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of the state. His grandfather, John Fagan, was a Civil war veteran and was associated with the American Paper Goods Company prior to his retirement. The parents of Philip M. Fagan were James and Hannah (Ringwood)





DR. CHARLES KELLEY





Fagan. The father, now deceased, was also long associated with the American Paper Goods Company at Kensington. The mother is still living. In their family were three sons and a daughter, of whom William J. is associated with the American Paper Goods Company, being of the third generation of the family identified therewith. W. W. Fagan was well known in political circles and served as postmaster under the administration of President Wilson. Robert R. Fagan is now a traveling representative of the Travelers Insurance Company. The daughter, Mrs. Rose (Fagan) Corr, is living in the old homestead at Kensington.

Philip M. Fagan obtained a public and high school education at New Britain, completing his course by graduation with the class of 1915. The same year he began work in connection with the insurance business as representative of the Travelers Insurance Company, doing both inside and outside work through a period of six years or until 1921, when he established an independent agency in New Britain, where he has since remained, conducting not only an insurance business but also handling real estate and keeping well informed concerning property values.

The interruption to his business career came in 1917, for on the 18th of April of that year he enlisted as a machinist in the navy and came out as a first-class machinist's mate, receiving an honorable discharge March 9, 1919. He was largely engaged in doing coast duty and had his headquarters in the vicinity of New York. He was one of the first men of New Britain to join the military forces after the United States entered the World war.

Mr. Fagan is a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church. In politics he is a democrat and has always been very active in support of the party. He has served as justice of the peace at Berlin since 1923 and in the same year he became a member of the board of education and is now financial secretary of the school board. He belongs to the Elks lodge of New Britain and to the Knights of Columbus, his membership being in Daly Council, No. 12, Bishop Tierney Assembly of New Britain. He has membership in the Bolton Kasica Post, No. 68, of the American Legion, and the nature of his recreation is indicated in his membership in the Matla Bassett Fishing Association and the Kensington Gun Club. He is yet a young man who has not reached the zenith of his powers but is making steady advancement and is accomplishing what he undertakes.

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#### FRANK GARFIELD BUSH

Frank Garfield Bush is associated with the office organization of the Aetna Fire Insurance Company in the position of comptroller and fully measures up to the requirements of the office, his capability being based upon previous broad experience and close application. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 1881, and is a son of Albert and Julia (Day) Bush, who were natives of Wisconsin. The father, who for an extended period engaged in the insurance business in Chicago, passed away October 12, 1927, having for three years survived his wife, who died on the 30th of October, 1924.

At the usual age Frank G. Bush entered the public schools of his native city, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. Later he attended the Kent College of Law in Chicago and at his graduation in 1915 the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. The same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar and for some time engaged in active practice in Chicago. Later he became associated with the Aetna Fire Insurance Company as a Chicago representative, there remaining until 1923, when he was transferred to the home office in Hartford, being called here to fill the position of auditor. Later he was made assistant secretary and in February, 1928, was elected to his present office—that of comptroller. His association with the company has been mutually beneficial. His promotions have come in the recognition of an ability that has contributed to the success of the corporation. He is likewise comptroller of the World Fire & Marine Insurance Company and the Century Indemnity Company.

In early manhood Mr. Bush was united in marriage to Winifred Brand, of Wisconsin, and they are the parents of two daughters, Jean and Elizabeth. The family residence is at 74 Bainbridge road in West Hartford.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Bush is a Mason and attained the thirty-second

degree of the Scottish Rite as a member of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Chicago. He belongs to the Hartford Golf Club and through that medium largely finds his recreation, but no outside activities or interests are allowed to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties as a representative of the Aetna Insurance Company.

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#### ANTHONY JOSEPH RICH

In a profession which makes heavy demands upon the powers of comprehension and analysis Anthony Joseph Rich has made substantial progress and is regarded as one of the able lawyers of Bristol. He is a son of Joseph and Stella Rich and was born September 12, 1903, in this city. After completing a course in the local high school he matriculated in Trinity College, which he attended from 1920 until 1922, and was next a law student at Georgetown University. He was graduated with the class of 1925 and on July 7 of that year was admitted to the Connecticut bar. Mr. Rich has since maintained an office in Bristol, establishing a lucrative clientele, and is also connected with the firm of Shatz & Shatz, well known lawyers of Hartford. As an attorney he is astute, clear-minded and well trained, and in argument he is felicitous, logical and convincing.

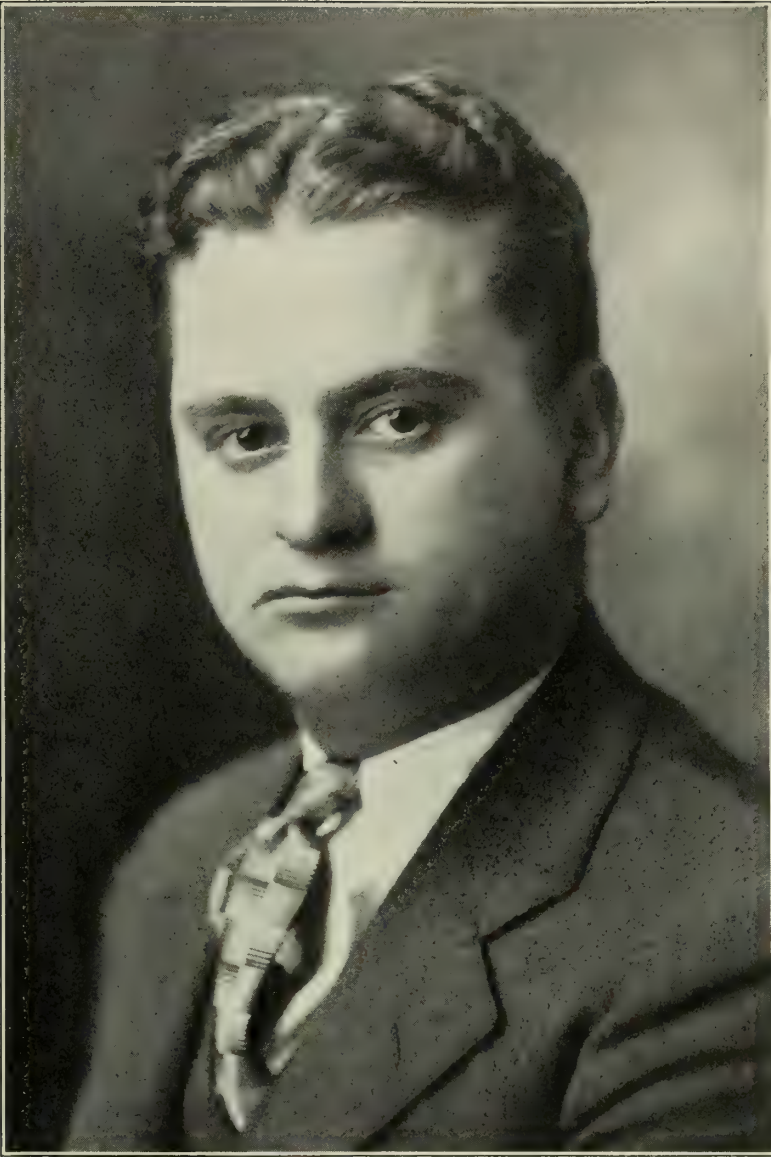
At New Britain, Connecticut, Mr. Rich was married November 22, 1926, to Miss Marion V. O'Neil, a daughter of John and Mary O'Neil and a member of one of the prominent families of that city. Mr. Rich is an adherent of the republican party and since November, 1926, has served as justice of the peace, ably discharging the duties of the office. In religious faith he is a Catholic and closely observes the teachings of the church. He is advocate for the local council of the Knights of Columbus and also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, the Sons of Italy, the Hamilton Law Club of Georgetown University, and Phi Beta Gamma, a legal fraternity. Studious and diligent, Mr. Rich is rapidly coming to the fore in his profession, and that he is a young man of genuine worth is indicated by the place which he holds in the esteem of Bristol's citizens, with whom his life has been passed.

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#### JOHNSTONE VANCE

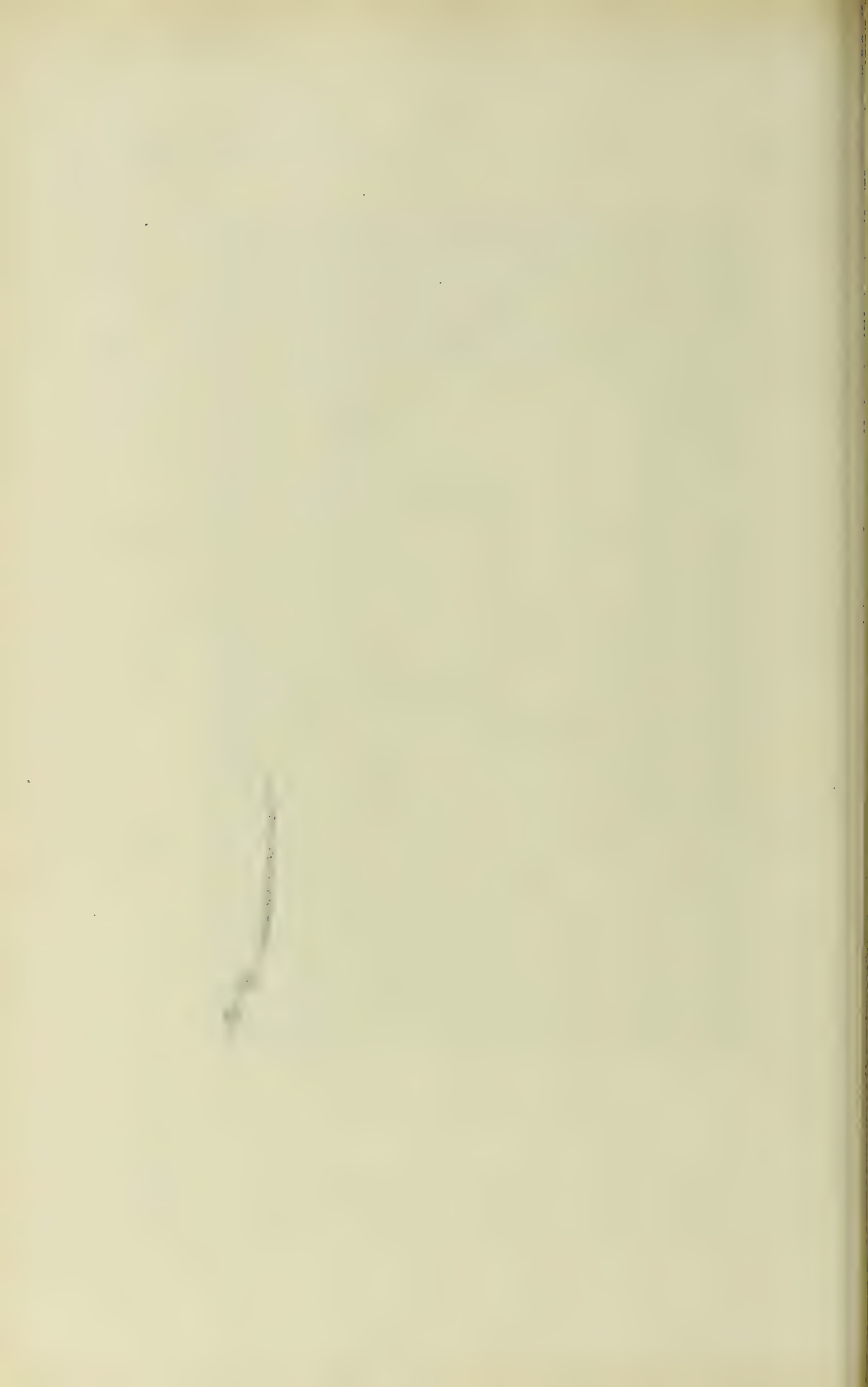
Johnstone Vance, managing editor of the New Britain Herald, which association with the journalistic interests of Hartford county dates from 1911, was born at New Britain, December 21, 1890. His father, Hon. Robert J. Vance, was born in New York city March 15, 1854, and died at his winter home in Montreat, North Carolina, June 15, 1902. His early education was acquired in the public schools of New York and later he continued his studies in New Britain, where he was graduated from the high school. Later he secured a position at the Stanley Works and subsequently was appointed to the position of paymaster in the New Britain Knitting Works, there remaining until March, 1876, when in association with J. O. Stivers he founded the New Britain Observer. The following year, however, Mr. Stivers withdrew from the partnership and Mr. Vance continued the publication of the paper alone until 1887, when the Observer was consolidated with the New Britain Herald. While editor of the latter publication Mr. Vance at the same time was a regular contributor of articles to the New York Sun. He traveled extensively in both America and Europe and was a man of most liberal education and culture. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he figured prominently in the public life of the state for an extended period. Through fifteen years he was a member of the state central committee and in 1888 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention in St. Louis, while in 1892 he again served in a similar capacity in Chicago. In 1886 he was chosen to represent his district in the Connecticut general assembly and in 1887 and again in 1888 he was a member of congress. From 1893 until 1895 he served as state labor commissioner and in 1896 he was chosen mayor of the city of New Britain. Thus in many positions of public trust he met the highest standards of official service and largely furthered the interests which he represented. In addition to his association with journalistic interests he was treasurer of the New Brit-





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ANTHONY J. RICH



ain Electric Light Company. On the 24th of January, 1890, he married Matilda O'Connor, of Alabama, and they became parents of a daughter, Agnes, and two sons, Johnstone and Robert.

Johnstone Vance obtained his education in the schools of New Britain and on leaving high school became associated with the New Britain Herald, with which he has remained continuously since 1911. He has worked his way upward steadily step by step and is now managing editor. As such he largely directs the policy of the paper and has made it the equal of the leading newspaper publications of the state. His standing in professional circles is shown in the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the Connecticut Newspaper Association and he also belongs to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

On the 21st of August, 1921, at New Britain, Mr. Vance was married to Miss Anne Gauer and they are widely and favorably known here. Mr. Vance is identified with the New Britain, Shuttle Meadow and the New York Newspaper clubs. In politics he is a democrat and was the nominee of the party for congress in 1924. He has membership in Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Giddings Chapter, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and in Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Hartford.

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#### WILLIAM F. CURTIN

William F. Curtin, a member of the Connecticut bar since June, 1926, at which date he began practice in New Britain, is a son of James and Mary Curtin and was born in New Britain, December 3, 1895. His early education was acquired here in the public schools and when he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the grades and in the high school he continued his studies in Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., where he completed his course by graduation with the class of 1918. In July of the same year he received appointment to the position of American vice consul in Brazil and there remained until February, 1919, when he became associated with the branch of the New York National City Bank in Santos, Brazil, where he remained until October, 1921. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the bar and he utilized his opportunity for preparation for the practice of law, matriculated in the Yale Law School in 1922 and was graduated with the class of 1926. In January of that year he was admitted to the bar of Connecticut and opened an office in New Britain, where he has since remained, giving his undivided attention to the interests of his clients. While advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, he is making steady progress and has already gained a place among New Britain's lawyers that many an older representative of the profession might well envy.

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#### HENRY H. CONLAND

Henry H. Conland is president and treasurer of the Hartford Courant. A native of Vermont, he was born in Brattleboro, May 11, 1882, and is a son of James and Matilda (McGuirk) Conland. When he had put aside his textbooks, having completed the work of the grade and high school at Brattleboro, he started out upon his newspaper career as an employe of the Brattleboro Reformer and was associated therewith from 1901 until 1904, during which time he gained intimate knowledge of the printing business and the methods of newspaper publication. On the 1st of June in the latter year he came to Hartford and obtained a position as reporter on the Courant in the editorial department. Gradually he worked his way upward, contributing to the success of the journal, and in 1911 he was called to official position, being elected secretary of the company. In 1913 he became treasurer and continued to act in that capacity uninterruptedly for thirteen years. In September, 1926, he was elected to the presidency and is serving now in the dual capacity of president and treasurer. With the passing years he has also become a director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and of the Phoenix Insurance Company.

On the 11th of February, 1909, Mr. Conland married Miss Caroline Matilda Henschel, a daughter of Charles S. and Mary E. (Otiwell) Henschel, of New York.



They now have a family of three sons and a daughter: Henry J., born May 18, 1910; Charles H., March 27, 1912; Stephen, April 22, 1916; and Mary E., October 19, 1920.

Mr. Conland is a member of the Hartford Club and the Hartford Golf Club. Politically he is a republican and served on the board of water commissioners from June 1, 1924, until June 1, 1927, acting as president of the board during the last two years of that period. All matters that have to do with civic welfare and with the upbuilding of Hartford receive his earnest attention and cooperation. His worth as a citizen is widely known and he has utilized his opportunities for influence through the field of journalism to promote Hartford's advancement.

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#### JOEL LATHROP ENGLISH

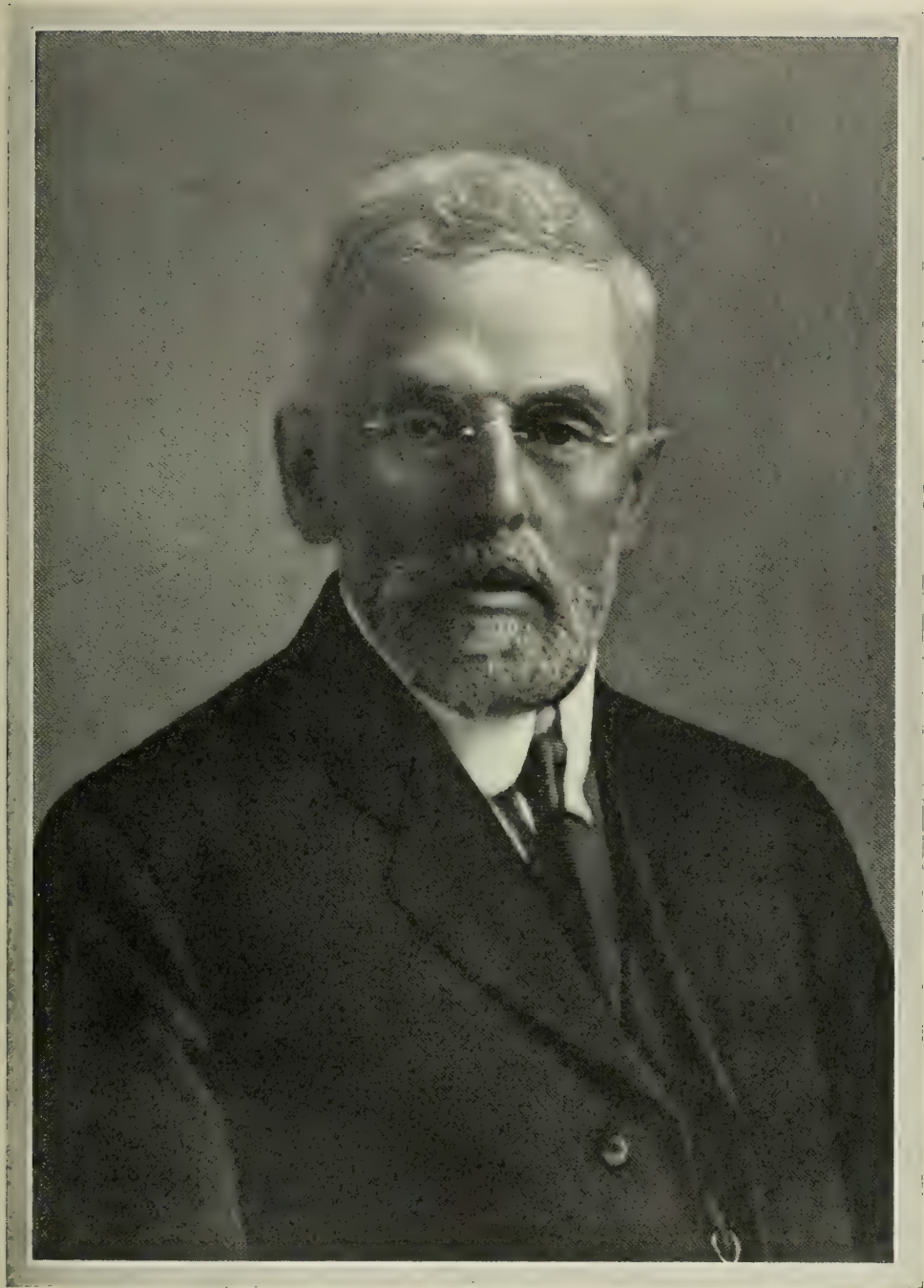
The story of achievement is one which thrills every reader and such a story is expressed in the life record of Joel Lathrop English of Hartford, Connecticut, who in young manhood became identified with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, then a new concern, and who through all the intervening period until his retirement in 1927 contributed in notable measure to the development and growth of this business, making it one of the foremost insurance organizations of the country. Step by step he advanced in this connection until for twenty-two years he occupied the office of senior vice president, adequately meeting every responsibility that devolved upon him. It would be to give only a one-sided view of his character, however, to speak of him merely as a successful business man. His fine character, his liberal culture, his high ideals of citizenship and his unfaltering loyalty made him a constructive factor in the life of his community.

Born in Woodstock, Vermont, on the 1st of October, 1843, he was a son of Henry W. and Eliza A. (Steele) English. He traced his ancestry back to Clement English, who in 1667 established his home in Salem, Massachusetts, and there married Miss Mary Waters. In pioneer times Richard English, the great-grandfather of Joel L. English, became a resident of Woodstock, Vermont, settling there in 1773.

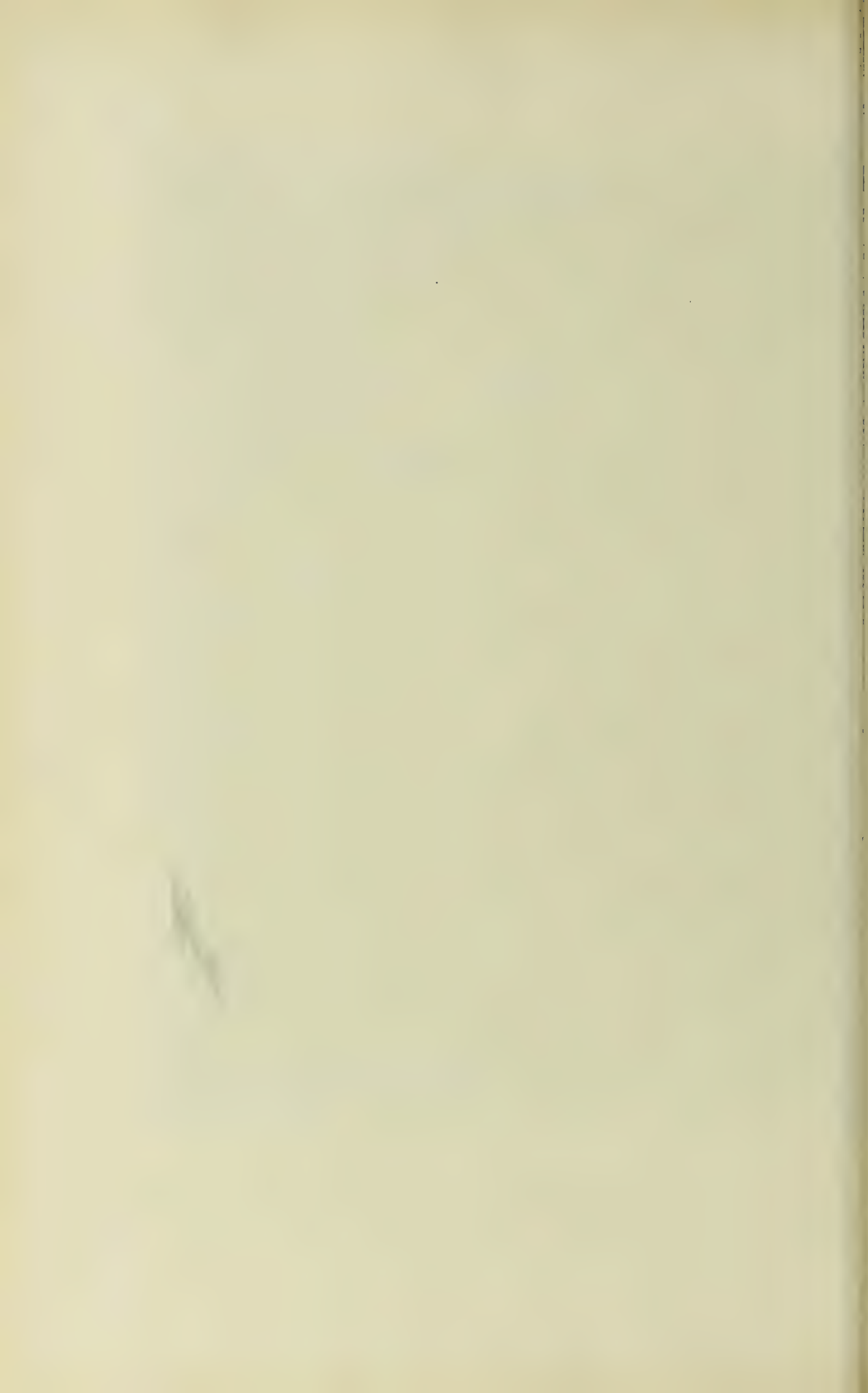
Having attended the public schools of Woodstock, Joel L. English continued his education in the Randolph Academy at Randolph, Vermont, and he was one of the first to take up the study of stenography and practice that art. It was his proficiency in that field that gained him a position with the Aetna Life Insurance Company. On the 1st of July, 1867, he became stenographer and general clerk for Thomas O. Enders, secretary for the company, at which time the entire personnel of the Aetna numbered but fifteen people, under the presidency of Eliphalet A. Bulkeley. Energetic, industrious and with a keen mentality that enabled him to readily grasp every situation and the demands made upon him, he gained rapid promotion and after five years was called to fill the office of secretary, at that time vacant. He continued to serve in that capacity until 1905, when he was elected vice president, and following the death of Morgan G. Bulkeley, president, and a son of the late Eliphalet A. Bulkeley, the presidency was offered to Mr. English but because of his age he declined to accept. In this connection it was written of him: "One of the oldest insurance men in the company, he was in truth one of the national builders of this great and civilizing structure. His long service with the Aetna was twice notably honored by his associates. His fiftieth anniversary was recognized by the general agents in the life department with the gift of a colonial desk and arm chair, the presentation occurring December 21, 1917, at the close of a special campaign for new business as a tribute to Mr. English. In the desk was a book of greetings, containing autographed letters from each of the life managers. The eightieth birthday of Mr. English was celebrated in an office filled with flowers and gifts from officers of the company and friends, and with messages and congratulations from all departments and branch offices of the company."

On the 20th of November, 1878, Mr. English was united in marriage to Miss Mabel B. Plimpton, who is yet a resident of Hartford. Their only son, Robert B. English, now deceased, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emily English, and their son, Robert B. English, Jr., of Hartford.

Joel L. English passed away on April 22, 1927, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was a member of the Hartford Club and



*J. L. English*





of the Art Society of Hartford and he was interested in all that pertained to the progress and welfare of his community. He gave generous and effective support for all worth-while civic projects and he measured up to the highest standards of manhood in every particular. The admiration which was accorded him by reason of his successful achievements was matched by the strong friendship that was given him in recognition of his many manly virtues. When he passed away the directors of the Aetna Life Insurance Company prepared a memorial in which it was said: "During his long term of service, Mr. English through faithful, energetic endeavor contributed much to the great growth of the business of the company, and in his work his gentle, kindly manner, his sound judgment and his unusual grasp of the business won him the constant esteem and affection of his associates in the home office and of the representatives of the company in the field. Mr. English served with every president of the company and each found him conscientious in effort, faithful in duty and generous of his counsel and friendship."

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#### JAMES L. DOYLE

It has often been said that no force is as potent in directing the development and promoting the progress of a community as its newspapers, and it is in the journalistic field that James L. Doyle has exerted his influence for the benefit and improvement of New Britain and the state at large, for he is the president of the New Britain Record, with which he has continuously been identified for about forty years, coming here in 1888. He was born at Norwich, Connecticut, June 24, 1855, and obtained his education in the grade and high schools of that city, after which he learned the printer's trade in the office of the Norwich Advertiser, of which John W. Steadman was then editor. Under his direction Mr. Doyle not only acquainted himself with the mechanical work of publishing a paper, but also learned the art of editing, and continued with the Advertiser for five years, or between the ages of fifteen and twenty. On leaving Norwich he went to Hartford, where he was employed in the printing house of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company from 1875 until 1882. In the latter year he established his home in New York city, where he conducted a printing office until 1884, when he returned to the employ of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company at Hartford, representing that house until 1888. In that year he came to New Britain and purchased the plant of the New Britain Record, which was founded in 1855 and was conducted as a weekly, having in 1888 a circulation of about one thousand copies per week. Mr. Doyle converted the paper into a daily and it now has a circulation of thirteen thousand copies per day. In the conduct of the journal Mr. Doyle has always followed a most progressive course, not only in presenting the news to the public but in the mechanical processes of the paper. In 1900 he erected a modern brick building and has since put up two additions, which now constitute the plant of the Record and he also incorporated the business, becoming president of the company. The Record is in keeping with the most modern spirit of progressive journalism and success in substantial measure has rewarded the labors of Mr. Doyle as editor and owner.

On the 10th of October, 1878, Mr. Doyle was married in Hartford to Miss Mary Langdon and they have two children: Edmund J., who married Sarah Hastings; and Walter J., who married Anna Ahern. Since 1888, through four decades, Mr. Doyle has continued as a prominent representative of journalism in New Britain and the state.

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#### GLOVER ELBRIDGE HOWE, M. D.

There are many who accord the medical profession the highest place in the ranks of public service, and among the representatives of the profession in Hartford is numbered Dr. Glover Elbridge Howe, who opened his office here in 1920 after two years of hospital work. Born in Marlboro, Massachusetts, on the 10th of August, 1891, he is a son of Abel and Theresa (Blake) Howe. His youthful days were spent in the state of his nativity and as a public school pupil he mastered the work of the

grades and of the high school, subsequent to which time he enrolled as a student in the Massachusetts Agricultural College, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913. Thus upon the broad foundation of literary training he built the superstructure of professional knowledge, pursuing a full course in the Harvard Medical College, which accorded him the M. D. degree in 1918. Following his graduation he became interne in the Hartford Hospital and thus served for two years, gaining broad and valuable experience in that connection. In 1920 he entered upon private practice in Hartford, and while he is well grounded in the general principles of medicine, he has specialized in gynecology and obstetrics, gaining high skill and efficiency in this department of medical science. He is serving on the staff of the Hartford Hospital and of the City Hospital and is rendering important service in those connections as well as in the field of private practice.

On the 11th of June, 1921, Dr. Howe was married to Miss Elizabeth Redfield, a daughter of Edward and Marietta (Griswold) Redfield, of Hartford, and they now have two children: Edward Redfield, born April 11, 1922; and Jane, born July 4, 1926.

Dr. Howe is a member of the Hartford Golf Club and finds recreation and pleasure on the links. His membership in the University Club also enables him to maintain an even balance for his intense professional activity. He has membership in the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Thus it is that he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the vital problems before the profession and the results of scientific inquiry and research whereby the proficiency of the profession is being constantly augmented. His spirit of cheer ever awakens the courage and confidence of his patients and he is rendering valuable service in that line which he has chosen as his life work.

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#### GEORGE WINTHROP HULL

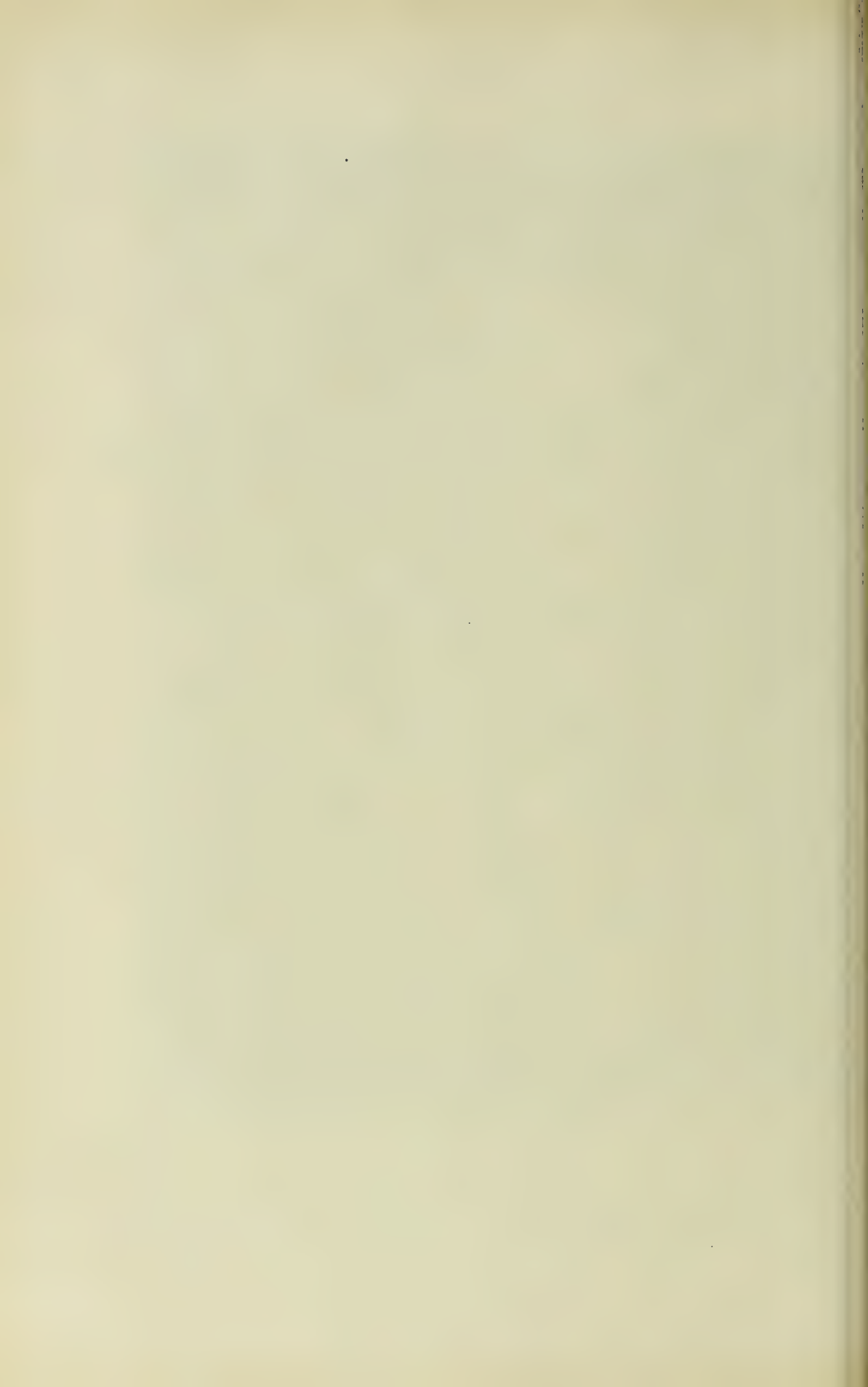
George Winthrop Hull, one of the political leaders of Bristol as well as one of its successful business men, enjoying a liberal clientage as a dealer in stocks, investments and real estate, was here born on the 24th of March, 1887, and is a son of George S. and Hattie Antoinette (Fenn) Hull. The father was born in Burlington, Hartford county, March 31, 1847, he being the eldest of the three children of Sylvanus and Florilla (Clark) Hull. Sylvanus Hull was of English lineage and was born in North Haven, Connecticut, in June, 1820. He was a son of Elisaph Hull, who was born in North Haven in 1783 and who, after devoting many years to farming, departed this life in 1873, at the notable age of ninety years. His son, Sylvanus Hull, also made farming his life work. He married Evaline Pond and they had a daughter Evaline, who became the wife of Isaac B. Hartwell. After the death of his first wife, Sylvanus Hull married Florilla Clark and their children were: George S.; Burton C., born February 22, 1854; and Rowland T., born in May, 1863.

Dr. George S. Hull attended the common schools and then studied for two years in the State Normal at New Britain, while later he pursued a preparatory course in the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield. He afterward devoted a year to study in the Yale Medical School and later attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, next matriculating in the Homeopathic Medical College of that city. He was graduated with the class of 1872 and at once located in Bristol, where he soon built up a large practice. For many years he filled the office of medical examiner and in 1887 was elected surgeon of the First Regiment of the Connecticut Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, filling the office until 1890, when he was appointed to a similar position with the Second Regiment and a few weeks later was made assistant surgeon-general on the staff of Brigadier General E. F. Durand. In Masonry he attained high rank, taking the degrees of lodge, chapter, council and commandery, also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and was a charter member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Hartford. He held membership with the Knights of Pythias in its various branches and held various offices in the grand lodge, serving also as representative to the supreme lodge. He belonged to the subordinate lodge and to the encampment of Odd Fellows and was ever loyal to the high teachings and purposes of these various fraternal organizations. In religious faith he was a consistent Baptist and politically he was a republican. Much of his time and effort, however, was given to his important professional duties



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and he belonged to the Alumni Medical Association of the New York Homeopathic Medical College and to the Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Society. He also directed his labors at times into the commercial field and became financially and actively interested in the Codling Manufacturing Company, which was incorporated in 1893 and of which he was made president. He was also president of the Turner Heating Company, manufacturers of hot air heaters and stoves, and was a director of the Bristol Water Company from its organization. He also served on the directorate of the Dowd Printing Company of Winsted, Connecticut.

On the 2d of April, 1867, Dr. Hull was married to Miss Sarah Alice Curtiss, who was born in October, 1846, and died in October, 1884. For his second wife Dr. Hull chose Miss Hattie Antoinette Fenn, whom he married June 3, 1886, and who was born in Plymouth, September 22, 1857, her father having been Lucius A. Fenn.

George Winthrop Hull, the only child of the second marriage, obtained a public school education in Bristol and later was a student in the Crozer Theological Seminary at Chester, Pennsylvania. Later he traveled in Europe for a year, gaining that liberal culture and experience which only travel can bring. The year 1905 witnessed his return to Bristol, at which time he entered the political field in republican ranks, doing much of the work in drawing up the charter for the city of Bristol. In the first city election he was defeated by only six votes for the office of mayor. He served for two years in the city council and at all times he is interested in everything that has to do with the public welfare and with municipal progress, looking beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future.

In Bristol, in 1916, Mr. Hull was married to Miss Millicent Perkins and to them have been born four children: Andrew; Harriet and Jane, twins; and David, who died at the age of five years. By a former marriage Mr. Hull has two sons, George S. and William G.

Fraternally Mr. Hull is connected with the Royal Arcanum and also has membership in the Bristol Grange and the Sons of St. George. His activities and his interests are manifold and are ever directed along progressive lines leading to the uplift of the individual and the advancement of public welfare. His private interests in the field of business are directed along the line of stocks and investments and real estate dealing and he has gained many clients, his business steadily growing in extent and volume, so that he is well known in financial circles of his native city.

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#### HOBART F. PERRIN

Well known as a representative of the automobile trade in Hartford is Hobart F. Perrin, the treasurer and general manager of the Capitol Buick Company, in which connection he has built up a business of extensive proportions. His identification with the Buick interests dates from 1908 and his operations have centered in Hartford since June, 1924. He is a native of Massachusetts, and was born in Stoughton, October 7, 1889. His parents were Dr. Edward A. and Isabel L. (Lunt) Perrin, who were also born in the old Bay state. The father is a dental surgeon of Stoughton and prominent in local affairs.

The son, Hobart F. Perrin, was educated in the public schools and in Tufts College at Medford, Massachusetts, there pursuing a course in the engineering department and thus laying the foundation for later success in connection with the automobile trade. In 1908 he became associated with the Buick Company at Boston, Massachusetts, starting as an employe in the electrical and service end of the business. In 1910 he was transferred to a similar position in Worcester, Massachusetts, and he thus came to understand every part of the car and to recognize the value of its construction. In June, 1924, he came to Hartford, where he had previously organized the Capitol Buick Company, of which he has since been treasurer and manager. This corporation was capitalized for two hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Perrin purchased the building site on which has been erected a large structure with all modern conveniences for the display and handling of cars. The building was completed at a cost of about three hundred thousand dollars and has beautiful show-rooms on Washington street, with service shops in the rear and also with storage space. The building contains about fifty-five thousand square feet and in addition

there is a yard area of about thirty thousand square feet. The company employs approximately one hundred people and has branches in New Britain, Unionville and Manchester, all under the supervision of Mr. Perrin, whose brother, Philip M. Perrin, is associated with him in the business. Aside from serving as treasurer and manager Hobart F. Perrin is one of the directors of the Capitol Buick Company.

In 1914 Mr. Perrin was united in marriage to Miss Florence I. Byrne, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a son, Edward F., born July 3, 1916. They reside at 16 Girard avenue. Mr. Perrin is well known in Masonic circles, having attained the Knight Templar degree in Worcester Commandery and the thirty-second degree in Massachusetts Consistory. He was formerly a member of Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Boston and is now identified with Sphinx Temple of Hartford and is a member of three Shrine clubs. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club and the Shelter Harbor Golf Club and finds rests and pleasure on the links but centers his interest in his rapidly growing business, to which he gives most capable direction, his enterprising spirit and undaunted courage in the face of obstacles being salient features in the success of the corporation which he represents.

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#### DONATO LARAIA

Among the men of foreign birth who have found in the business conditions of Hartford opportunity for the attainment of success and who have made steady advancement in the business world was numbered Donato Laraia, banker and broker, who conducted business at 195 Temple street in Hartford. A native of Italy, he was born March 23, 1867, in Corleto Perticara, in the province of Potenza, and was a son of Biose and Bridget (Demna) Laraia. The mother died during the early youth of her son Donato, who with his father and brother John came to America in 1872, when a little lad of five years. They landed at New York and thence proceeded to Boston, Massachusetts, where they remained for a brief period but in 1873 settled in Hartford, where the family has since lived. In early manhood Donato Laraia was engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business for some years but in 1896 turned his attention to banking and the brokerage business, in which he became very successful, winning many clients, so that his interests were of extensive proportions. He conducted a general private banking business and also handled steamship tickets and transmitted money to foreign countries.

On Thanksgiving day of 1905 Mr. Laraia was married to Miss Lucy Denezzo, a native of Hartford, and they became the parents of three children: Bridget, Laura and Francis B., the last named attending Notre Dame College.

Mr. Laraia was interested in public affairs and in 1925 was appointed street commissioner, which office he filled for three years. Fraternally he was connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Eagles and with Arrowhead Tribe of Red Men. He was also a charter member of Solomon Colt's fraternity and also of the Young Italian American Association. He likewise belonged to the City Club of Hartford. He made several trips abroad after coming to America and greatly enjoyed the visits to his native land, but he felt that America was his home and that he owed his allegiance to the interests of this country, for here he found and enjoyed the business advantages which led him to success. He died suddenly August 10, 1928, leaving many friends to mourn his loss.

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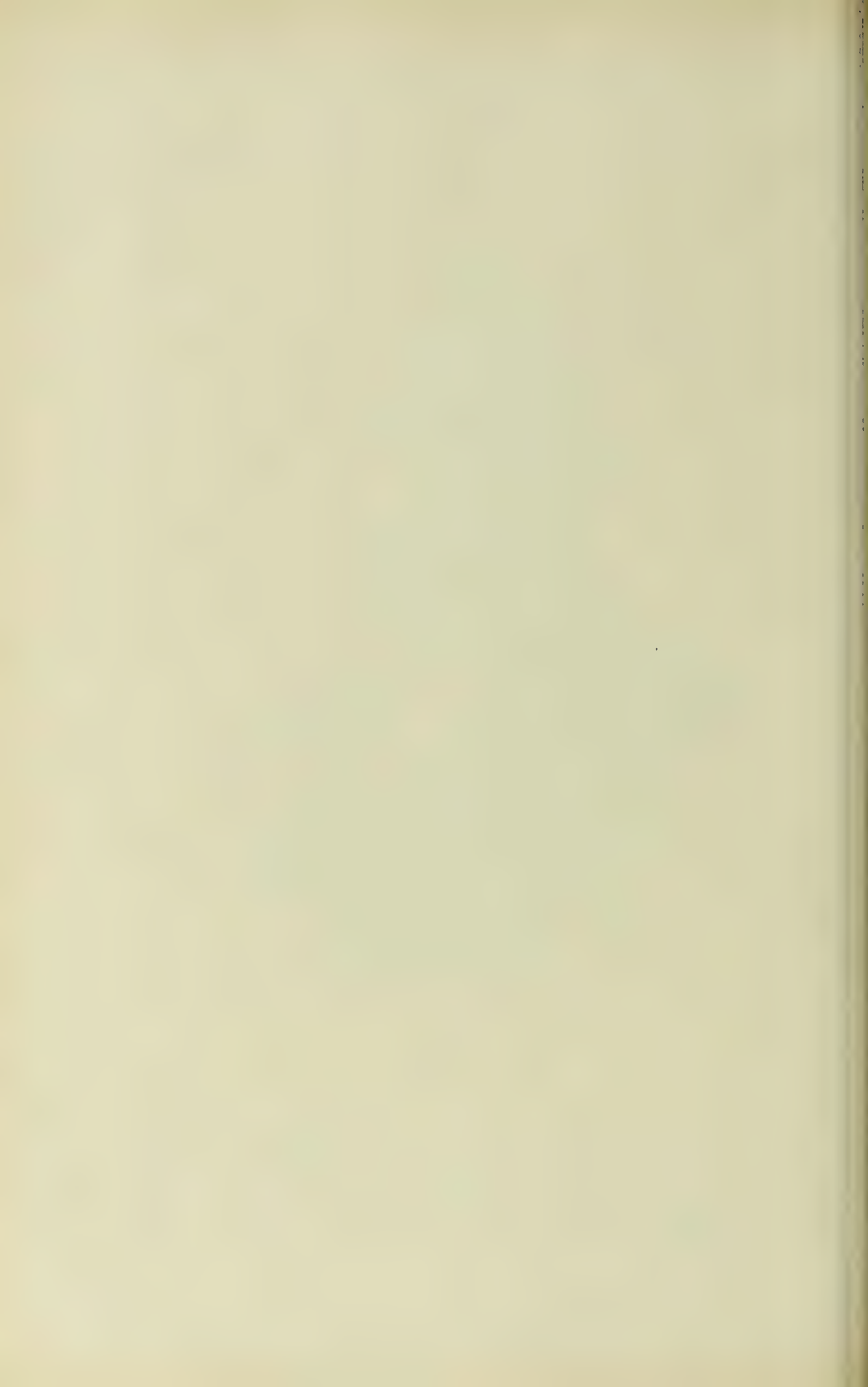
#### WILLIAM HART JUDD

For fifteen years William Hart Judd continuously filled the office of assistant cashier in the New Britain National Bank and his record indicates what can be accomplished through individual merit and when a laudable ambition points out the way. Nor has he allowed business affairs to entirely monopolize his time. He has ever measured up to high standards of citizenship and has worked effectively and earnestly for the common good. He was born in New Britain, May 5, 1877, his parents being William S. and Helen (Hart) Judd, the latter a descendant of Stephen Hart, while





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the former was a descendant of Thomas Judd, both original settlers of Farmington. The family therefore has long been associated with the history of Connecticut and representatives of the name have ever been loyal adherents of all that has stood for general progress and improvement.

William Hart Judd became a pupil in the local schools, attended the high school, graduating in 1896, and then secured a position as runner for the New Britain National Bank on the 1st of January, 1897. He entertained no false ideas concerning success. He realized from the outset that perseverance and energy are the vital forces in its attainment and those qualities have ever characterized him, so that as the years went by he gained promotion after promotion until he was made cashier in 1928 and as such has since been active in directing the affairs of the institution. He is ever a courteous and obliging official, doing everything in his power to accommodate the patrons of the bank to a point that does not interfere with its safety.

On the 6th of June, 1908, at New Britain, Mr. Judd was united in marriage to Miss Florence Alderige and they are the parents of two children, William Hart, Jr., and Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Judd hold membership in the First Baptist church, in which he is serving as treasurer, and he is also filling the office of treasurer for the Boy Scouts. His political endorsement has ever been given to the republican party and he is a recognized leader in its councils. He was first elected to office as alderman from the third ward and during his term was president pro tem of the common council. In 1927 he was elected a member of the state legislature and was made clerk of the incorporation committee, a member of the banking committee and chairman of the committee on manufacturing. He is also chairman of the republican town committee. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is in hearty sympathy with its high principles and purposes. Along more strictly social lines he has connection with the New Britain Club and among the patriotic organizations he is connected with the Sons of the American Revolution and the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati. He holds to the highest and best traditions of New England in his business life and in citizenship, and his sterling worth is attested by all who know him.

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#### JOHN C. BLACKALL

Among the younger representatives of the Hartford bar is numbered John C. Blackall, who since admitted to practice in 1923 has followed his profession in the capital city. A native of Waterbury, Connecticut, he was born March 29, 1892, his parents being John and Margaret (Kelly) Blackall, also natives of that place. Public and parochial schools and the high school of Waterbury provided him his early educational opportunities and in 1912 he was graduated from St. Thomas Seminary in Hartford. He afterward devoted two years to the study of philosophy in St. Bernard's College in Rochester, New York, and in 1914 he joined the staff of the Waterbury American as a reporter, remaining in that connection until 1915, when he became a member of the reportorial staff of the Hartford Times. Later he was promoted to the position of assistant city editor and remained with the Times until 1917, when he resigned in order to become private secretary to the Hon. Augustine Lonergan, for whom he acted as secretary during the two successive congressional terms in Washington. During the last session of the last congress under the Wilson administration Mr. Blackall was assistant enrolling clerk of the house of representatives, occupying that position from December, 1920, until March, 1921.

In the latter year Mr. Blackall became private secretary to Congressman Carl E. Mapes, of Michigan, with whom he continued until congress adjourned in 1923. It was then that Mr. Blackall came to Hartford, where he opened an office for the practice of law, for during his secretaryship with Messrs. Lonergan and Mapes he had studied in the Georgetown Law School of Washington and was admitted to the bar in 1923. After coming to Hartford he was associated with E. W. Broder until July, 1928, since which time he has practiced alone. His practice is growing in volume and is becoming increasingly important as he gives proof of his ability. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness, care and precision and what he has already accomplished argues well for success in the future.

On the 24th of November, 1921, Mr. Blackall was married to Miss Mae A. Kelly, a daughter of Michael C. and Bridget (McCarthy) Kelly, of Waterbury, Connecticut.



They now have a daughter, Mary Frances, born November 17, 1922; and a son, John C. Blackall, Jr., born August 23, 1926.

Mr. Blackall votes with the democratic party and fraternally he is connected with the Elks, while in the path of his profession he is identified with the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut State Bar Association. A creditable ambition prompts him to put forth earnest and persistent effort and already his record at the bar is such as the younger members of the profession may well envy.

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#### FRANK I. PRENTICE

It is a long step between bank messenger service and the office of vice president and treasurer of a large and substantial financial institution. This advance, however, has been covered in the business career of Frank I. Prentice, who since starting out to provide for his own support in 1880 has been continuously associated with the Society for Savings and now holds the position of second executive officer as well as that of treasurer. The steps in his orderly progression, however, are easily discernible. Industry, loyalty, determination, enterprise and laudable ambition—these are the qualities which have carried him steadily onward and upward.

Born in Hartford, November 24, 1862, Frank I. Prentice is a son of Charles H. and Julia E. (Hills) Prentice, of Hartford. He mastered the branches of learning taught in consecutive grades in the public schools until he had completed his high school course and then turned to the business world, there to win success or meet failure in as far as he would put forth effective effort in mastering business principles or show a lack of determination. Those who knew Frank I. Prentice had no doubt as to the outcome. He accepted the humble position of messenger in what was then the Pratt Street Bank and he resolutely set to work to master every phase of the business and to win his promotion through capability and efficiency. His present position has resulted therefrom. After leaving clerical positions he was made assistant treasurer and so continued from 1906 until June, 1927, when he was elected vice president, at the same time continuing in the office of treasurer, so that he is the present incumbent in the dual position.

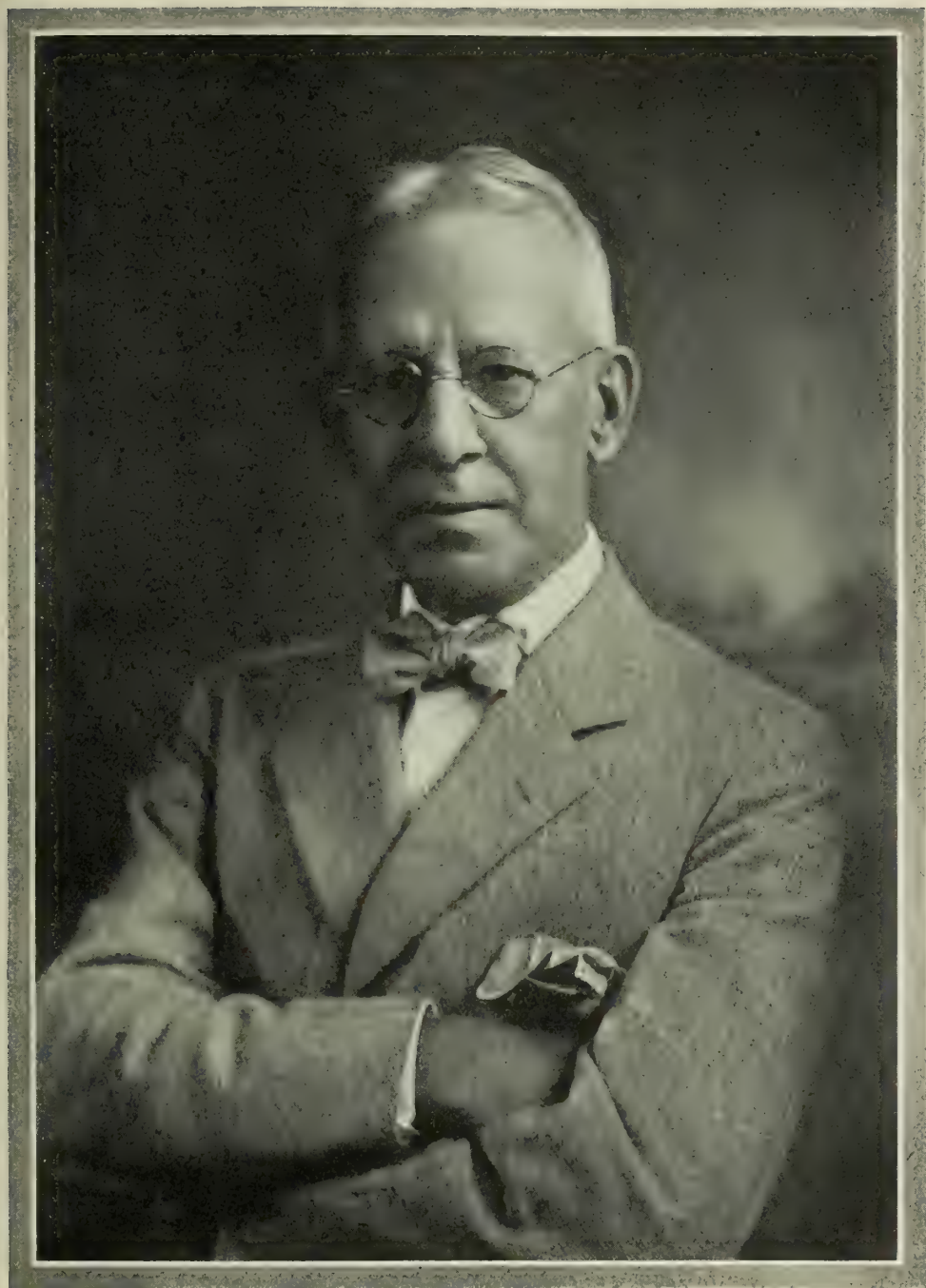
On the 21st of September, 1886, Mr. Prentice was married to Miss Mary Merrill, a daughter of Thurlow B. and Ellen (Starr) Merrill, of Hartford. They have two children: Thurlow Merrill, born December 15, 1898; and Eleanor Hills, who is the wife of Thomas E. Hapgood, of Hartford, and has two children, Frank Prentice and Mary Elizabeth.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Prentice has continuously voted with the republican party, firmly believing in its principles as factors in good government. He is well known as a member of the Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club and Twentieth Century Club and he also belongs to the Connecticut Historical Society. Matters vital to his state are of deep interest to him and his progressive spirit prompts endorsement of all measures for the general good.

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#### WICKLIFFE S. BUCKLEY

From messenger boy to bank treasurer indicates the scope of the business activities of Wickliffe S. Buckley and his effectiveness in the line of business which he chose as his life work. He has never dissipated his energies over a wide field but has concentrated upon a single branch of business with the result that he has become a recognized power in banking and financial circles, occupying today the position of treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank, to which office he was called on the 28th of May, 1920. His entire life has been passed in the section of the state in which he now resides, for he was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, February 23, 1867, and there spent his youthful days in the home of his parents, Charles H. and Louisa J. (Andrews) Buckley. In Hartford he obtained a public and high school education and was a youth of seventeen years when, having put aside his textbooks, he entered the Mechanics Savings Bank on the 24th of November, 1884, in the humble capacity of messenger. Though his duties were of minor character, they were faithfully per-



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FRANK I. PRENTICE





formed and his industry and loyalty won him recognition on the part of his superiors that led to steady advancement. Step by step he climbed upward, each promotion winning him a broader outlook and larger responsibilities, and in July, 1910, he became assistant treasurer, while on the 28th of May, 1920, he was chosen treasurer of this corporation. The bank was organized in 1861 and began business in 1863 with two hundred and sixty-four accounts and with deposits amounting to forty-one thousand dollars. Such has been the growth of the bank that its deposits now amount to more than twenty-two million dollars. A mutual banking business is conducted entirely for the benefit of depositors and at this writing the business has passed the twenty-four million dollar mark. Associated with the bank for forty-three years, Mr. Buckley is responsible in large measure for its continuous expansion and success. His cooperation has also been sought in other fields of finance and he is now a director of the First National Bank and also has interests in institutions of a semi-public character, being a director and secretary of the Hartford Hospital and vice president of the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

On the 16th of October, 1895, Mr. Buckley was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Harrison, a daughter of James and Isabella (Cuny) Harrison, both now deceased.

Mr. Buckley has continuously voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine and has ever been a faithful follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft, while the motive springs of his conduct are further found in his Christian belief, his membership being in Saint Andrews Episcopal church, of which he is now serving as treasurer. He has always been deeply and helpfully interested in those forces which make for moral uplift and progress, while at the same time he has wisely and carefully directed his business activities until he is now numbered among the men of affluence in Hartford.

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#### EMIL H. FUNK

Among the modern and carefully conducted commercial institutions of Bristol is the furniture store and funeral home of C. Funk & Son, Inc., of which Emil H. Funk is one of the owners. The business is controlled by three brothers and the organization is composed of three long-experienced heads. Their establishment is modern to the ultimate degree and equipped to render the utmost in service. The business is highly systematized and has enjoyed a steady growth as a result of the well directed efforts and honorable, straightforward methods followed by the members of the firm. All are business men of high standing and the partners also enjoy the social side of life, being popular members of the Chippanee Country Club.

George J. Funk, president and treasurer of the firm, is a licensed embalmer and is in charge of the furniture store. He is a director of the Rowe & Davis Investment Company and also of Bristol Hospital. In politics he is a republican and champions all projects for civic growth and betterment. He is connected with the Sons of Veterans and his fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and the Masons. In 1893 Mr. Funk married Nellie Parsons and had several children. His son, George, Jr., died July 28, 1925. Of the daughters, Marie is the wife of Kenneth Beckwith and their children are John and Jane. Frances is the wife of Raymond Crumb and the mother of two children, Maryln and Frances. The others are Donald, Josephine, Jeanette and Arthur.

Louis E. Funk, vice president of the firm, is also a republican and takes a helpful interest in public affairs. He is a Rotarian and also belongs to the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1912 he married Miss Bertha Gamm, by whom he has two children, Louise and Edward.

Emil H. Funk, secretary of the firm has charge of the embalming and undertaking departments and, like his brothers, has worked untiringly and effectively for the development of the business. His public-spirited devotion to the general welfare has prompted his service on the school board of District No. 3, of which he acts as chairman, and is also a director of the building committee. He is identified with the Sons of Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Arcanum, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Lions Club, and in the Masonic Order has attained the thirty-second degree. In 1900 he

married Miss Jessie H. Hull and they have become the parents of four children: Gladys, who is Mrs. H. G. Foster, of Chatham, New Jersey; Augustus George, who married Miss Dorothy C. Story, of Maplewood, New Jersey, and who is office manager of C. Funk & Son, Inc.; and Harriett and Erma, at home.

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#### JOHN B. BYRNE

On the roll of capable officials of Connecticut appears the name of John B. Byrne, who in 1922 became state bank commissioner, having been connected with this department of public service since 1917. His work has been characterized by thoroughness and efficiency, and his record deserves the highest commendation. Mr. Byrne has been a lifelong resident of Connecticut, he having been born in Thompson, this state, on the 15th of May, 1886, his parents being John and Mary (Corrigan) Byrne. He was a pupil in the public schools of Putnam, Connecticut, until he had completed the high school course, and in 1905 he secured the position of office boy with the First National Bank of Putnam, with which he was connected continuously until 1917, winning various promotions and filling the office of assistant cashier at the time he left that bank to accept the position of state bank examiner. Again he gave evidence of his worth and reliability, so that in 1919 he was appointed chief bank examiner, serving in that capacity until the year 1922 brought him appointment to the position of deputy bank commissioner and later appointment as commissioner. On the 1st of July, 1923, he was reappointed for a four years' term and again in 1927, but he resigned and became vice president of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company December 1st of that year. Thorough and efficient, with broad experience to serve as the foundation of his present service, his record has brought him a well merited reputation and gained for him the high regard of the banking fraternity of the state. He also has business interests of importance, being president of the Byrne Company, Incorporated, owners of a well appointed dry goods house of Putnam.

Aside from serving as bank commissioner Mr. Byrne has filled the office of alderman and was president of the board of aldermen of Putnam from 1909 until 1912. His military record covers service as lieutenant colonel on the Forty-third Division staff, of which he is finance officer. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. In his social relations he is a member of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Rotary Club, the Country Club of Farmington, the Putnam Country Club and the Union League Club of New Haven. Mr. Byrne is one of the ten members from Connecticut in the New England Council and is also a member of the executive committee of the Connecticut Banking Association. Always approachable, genial and courteous, he has gained a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### HON. RICHARD COVERT

Richard Covert, head of factory systems for the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company and thus prominently identified with the productive industries of New Britain, is also a recognized leader in political circles and at the present writing is filling the position of state senator. He was born at Branford, Connecticut, September 24, 1880, and is a son of Charles W. and Mary Covert. Having acquired a public school education in Branford, he entered the employ of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company in 1899 and throughout the intervening period has been continuously associated with this enterprise. The business is one of the important manufacturing concerns of the city, and although he began in a humble capacity in the factory, Mr. Covert won promotion from time until merit and capability brought him to his present important position as head of factory systems. Aside from his activity in the field of manufacturing Mr. Covert is recognized as a prominent political leader in his section of the state. His service in the general assembly as a member of the house of representatives covered the sessions of 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1921, and endorsement of his excellent record came to him in his election to the office of senator in 1923. He was



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**JOHN B. BYRNE**





made a member of the committee on roads, rivers and bridges and he remained in the senate during the sessions of 1925, 1926 and 1927, acting as secretary of the appropriations committee in 1925 and 1927. Moreover, he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all questions which came up for settlement and ranked with those men who are recognized as leaders for progress and improvement. He was also elected and served as county auditor in 1917, 1919 and 1921. In 1926 he was elected state central committeeman from the sixth district, which comprises the city of New Britain.

In May, 1905, at New Rochelle, New York, Mr. Covert was united in marriage to Miss Irene Hoyt. They are the parents of three children: Charles, Mortimer and John.

Mr. Covert has practically spent his entire life in New Britain and his sterling worth is attested by all who know him. He has many friends who admire him for his excellent traits of character, for his ability in business and his leadership in politics, his course at all times measuring up to high standards of manhood and citizenship.

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#### MARTIN F. STEMPIEN

Martin F. Stempien is one of the younger representatives of New Britain's legal fraternity and possesses all of the qualities essential to success in a most exacting profession. He was born November 11, 1901, in this city and is a son of Jacob and Eva Stempien, natives of Poland. They came to the United States in 1893 and established their home in New Britain, where they still reside.

In the acquirement of an education Martin F. Stempien attended the parochial and public schools of New Britain and the Sacred Heart school, from which he was graduated in 1914, while two years later he completed a course in the grammar school. In 1920 he was accorded a diploma on the completion of a four years' course in the New Britain high school and afterward matriculated in the University of Boston, taking a course in the College of Business Administration, the B. B. A. degree being conferred upon him on the completion of a four years' course. In 1924 he enrolled as a student in the Yale Law School and was graduated with the class of 1927, receiving the degree of LL. B. In September of that year he was admitted to the bar and has since practiced in New Britain. His mind is logical and analytical in its trend and in presenting a case he is always well fortified by a comprehensive understanding of the legal principles applicable thereto. He has clearly demonstrated his ability to handle important litigated interests and his clientele is rapidly increasing. His office is located at No. 476 Main street and he resides with his parents. During 1921-24 he was secretary of the Polish Students Club of Boston and is now a member of the Lawyers Club of New Britain, the Hartford County Bar Association, the Polish Republican Club and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Polish Business Men's Club and of the Boston Alumni Club of Connecticut. Mr. Stempien reserves all of his energies for his profession and his ability, industry and ambition insure his continuous progress therein. He loyally supports all projects destined to prove of benefit to his community and his personal characteristics are such as make for esteem and friendship.

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#### HAROLD E. SHEPARD

The success of any business enterprise depends upon its personnel and the efficiency and commercial ideals of those who control its interests. The New Britain Lumber Company finds a capable official in Harold E. Shepard, who has sat on its board of directors since 1917 and is now the secretary of the company. In his business career progressiveness has been tempered by a safe conservatism, and energy and unabating industry have carried him steadily forward. A native of Haddam, Connecticut, he was born in 1888, his parents being William E. and Carrie L. (Goff) Shepard, the former a farmer by occupation who in 1888 left the fields and removed to New Britain, where he became associated with the business interests of P. & F.

Corbin. He was prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving as past grand of his lodge, and he was also a Royal Arch Mason. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Their son, Everett G. Shepard, is now in charge of the sash and door department of the New Britain Lumber Company, and a daughter, Helen L., is now the wife of Donald W. Harris, of the firm of Pimm & Company.

The other member of the family, Harold E. Shepard, brought to New Britain in his infancy, pursued his education in the public and high schools here and also took a commercial course at the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1903, when a youth of fifteen, he entered the employ of P. & F. Corbin as a clerk in the order department and remained with that firm until 1906, when he came to the New Britain Lumber Company as a bookkeeper. He has since worked in this department and is now in charge of the secretarial work of the company, in which connection he has large responsibilities and important duties. In 1917 he was elected a director of the company and has since been very active in this business, which was incorporated in 1871. He is now the secretary and a director of the Bristol Lumber Company. He is likewise a director of the Commercial Trust Company of New Britain and his strength and resourcefulness as a business man have been evidenced in many ways.

In 1911 Mr. Shepard was married to Miss Bertha Ramsay, of Southington, and they now have two children: Barbara Lillian, born September 10, 1914; and Janet Louise, born August 19, 1920. Both are in school. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard hold membership in Trinity Methodist Episcopal church of New Britain, are actively interested in its work and generously support its projects. Mrs. Shepard is also well known socially and is a member of the Woman's Club of New Britain. Mr. Shepard belongs to the Masonic fraternity, has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite, the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is a republican and he loyally adheres to the high purposes of the Rotary Club, in which he holds membership. He likewise belongs to the Shuttle Meadow Country Club and through that avenue finds much of his recreation. His interests and activities are wisely diversified, making his a well rounded character.

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#### FREDERICK H. WILLIAMS, JR.

Frederick H. Williams, Jr., conducting a large insurance agency in Hartford, having built up a business of extensive proportions, was born in this city October 9, 1882, and is a son of Frederick H. and Jennie Grace (Turnbull) Williams. The father, who was for many years connected with Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, passed away in Hartford in 1920, having for two decades survived his wife, who died in 1900.

No event of unusual importance occurred to vary the routine of life for Frederick H. Williams, Jr., during the period of his youth, which was that of the normal boy who divides his time between work and play, with a major part given to the acquirement of a public school education. After he had left the high school he became associated with the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company. From the beginning he had no false ideas concerning the attainment of success. He realized that promotion must depend upon industry, capability and faithfulness and it was through those qualities that he gained his successive promotions, each one of which brought him larger responsibility and a wider outlook. Eventually he became the general agent for his company in Hartford, remaining with that corporation from 1905 until 1920. In the latter year he determined to engage in business independently and established his agency, in which he has since handled all lines of insurance, building up a very substantial business as the years have passed. He became general agent for the Century Indemnity Company and now has many clients, being today accounted one of the foremost representatives of general insurance activity in Hartford. He is also a director of the Riverside Trust Company.

On the 7th of June, 1911, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Florence Alma Wilbur, a daughter of Hiram and Mary (McKenzie) Wilbur, of Albany, New York. They have one son, Donald Turnbull, who was born March 11, 1924. They occupy an enviable social position, the hospitality of many of Hartford's best homes being freely accorded them.

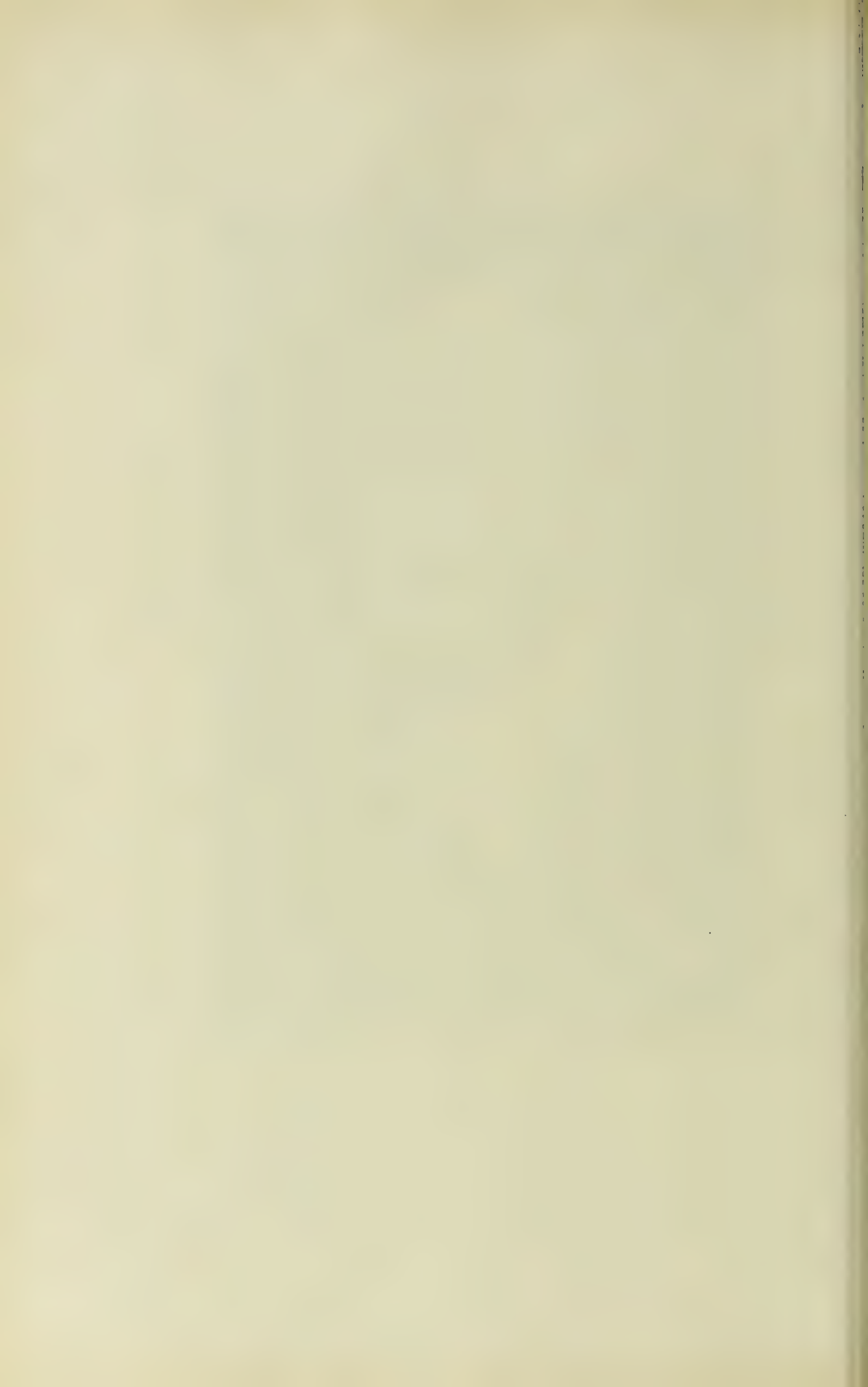
Mr. Williams votes with the republican party and fraternally he is identified with





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all the Masonic bodies and with the Mystic Shrine, while in club circles he is a well known figure, belonging to the Wampanoag Golf Club, the City Club, of which he is president and director, the Automobile Club of Hartford, of which he is also a director, the Connecticut State Agricultural Society, which numbers him as one of its directors, the Hartford Canoe Club and the Shelter Harbor Country Club. He has many friends by whom he is highly esteemed as a genial, companionable gentleman and one whose worth as a business man and citizen has been fully demonstrated in the activities which have brought him from an obscure position in insurance circles to a place of distinction.

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#### LEWIS AUSTIN STORRS

On the list of Hartford's lawyers appears the name of Lewis Austin Storrs, whose preparation for the bar was thorough and whose experience has been wide, while his constantly developing powers brought him prominently to the front and continued him in a position of leadership among the attorneys of the capital city up to the time of his retirement. He was born in Hartford, August 28, 1866, a son of Zalmon A. and Mary (Rowell) Storrs. The father was an attorney in early life and later became treasurer of the Society for Savings, filling that office at the time of his death February 22, 1890. He had long since been ranked with the prominent, valued and honored residents of Hartford.

The public school system of his native city afforded Lewis A. Storrs his educational opportunities until he had completed his high school course. He further pursued his studies in Yale College, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1889, and in the Columbia University Law School, where he was a member of the class of 1892. In the previous year he was admitted to practice at the New York bar and in 1899 at the Connecticut bar. When his college work was over he opened an office in New York city, where he remained from 1891 until 1899, and then came to Hartford, where he successfully practiced for eighteen years, being long accorded prominence in his chosen profession, while as counselor and in the work of the courts he represented many important interests. In 1917 he retired.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Storrs was married February 19, 1895, to Bessie Whitmore, a daughter of William T. and Elizabeth (Himrod) Whitmore, of Brooklyn, New York. They have become parents of six children: John W., a manufacturer of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who married Katherine Wagner, of St. Louis, Missouri, and now has two children, John W., Jr., and Ann; Ruth, the wife of F. B. Castator, of Atlanta, Georgia, and the mother of two children, Barbara Storrs and Ruth Rowell; Una, who is the wife of W. C. Riddle, of West Hartford, and has two children, William C., Jr., and Robert; Marabeth, who is the wife of B. L. Finn, of Syracuse, New York, and has one daughter, Mary Lee, born January 18, 1928; Lewis Austin, Jr., who graduated from Yale in the class of 1925; and Robert.

When age conferred upon Mr. Storrs the right of franchise he became a supporter of republican principles and has never seen occasion to change his political allegiance. He has wide acquaintance in New England and in the East and is numbered with the valued members of the University Club of Hartford, the Yale Club of New York, the Shuttle Meadow Club of New Britain and the Congressional Country Club of Washington, D. C. The greater part of his life has been passed in Hartford, where the sterling traits of his character are known to his many friends and where his many admirable qualities and characteristics have gained for him the respect and good will of all.

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#### WILLIAM L. HATCH

For forty years William L. Hatch has been a resident of New Britain and throughout the entire period has conducted an insurance business which has become one of the largest of the kind in the state. His interests are carried on under the name of The W. L. Hatch Company and he has developed the organization so thor-



oughly that it reaches out in service to hundreds of patrons and in volume o'ertops that of many of its competitors. Mr. Hatch is a native of the neighboring state of Massachusetts, he having been born at Worcester on the 25th of July, 1866. He pursued his education while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Ossian L. and Catherine Hatch, then residents of Meriden, Connecticut, and when he had mastered the work of the grades continued his studies in the high school. It was five years after he had completed the course that in 1888 he came to New Britain and founded the business now carried on under the name of The W. L. Hatch Company. The years have chronicled its steady growth and development until the undertaking is now without a peer in the state as to the volume of business annually transacted. Mr. Hatch was likewise the founder of The New Britain Real Estate & Title Company and has been a trustee of the New Britain Trust Company since its organization. His sound judgment is regarded as a valuable asset to any undertaking in which he becomes interested.

On the 3d of April, 1889, at Meriden, Connecticut, Mr. Hatch was united in marriage to Miss Julia Wetmore, a daughter of Orville and Owen Wetmore, and they now have one son, Harold W.

In his political views Mr. Hatch has always been a stalwart republican and his interest in community affairs has been manifest in many tangible and practical ways. A quarter of a century ago he served as a member of the city council and he has given ten years' service as a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His association with the South Congregational church indicates his interest in the moral development and progress of the community and to the organization he has rendered eighteen years' service as treasurer.

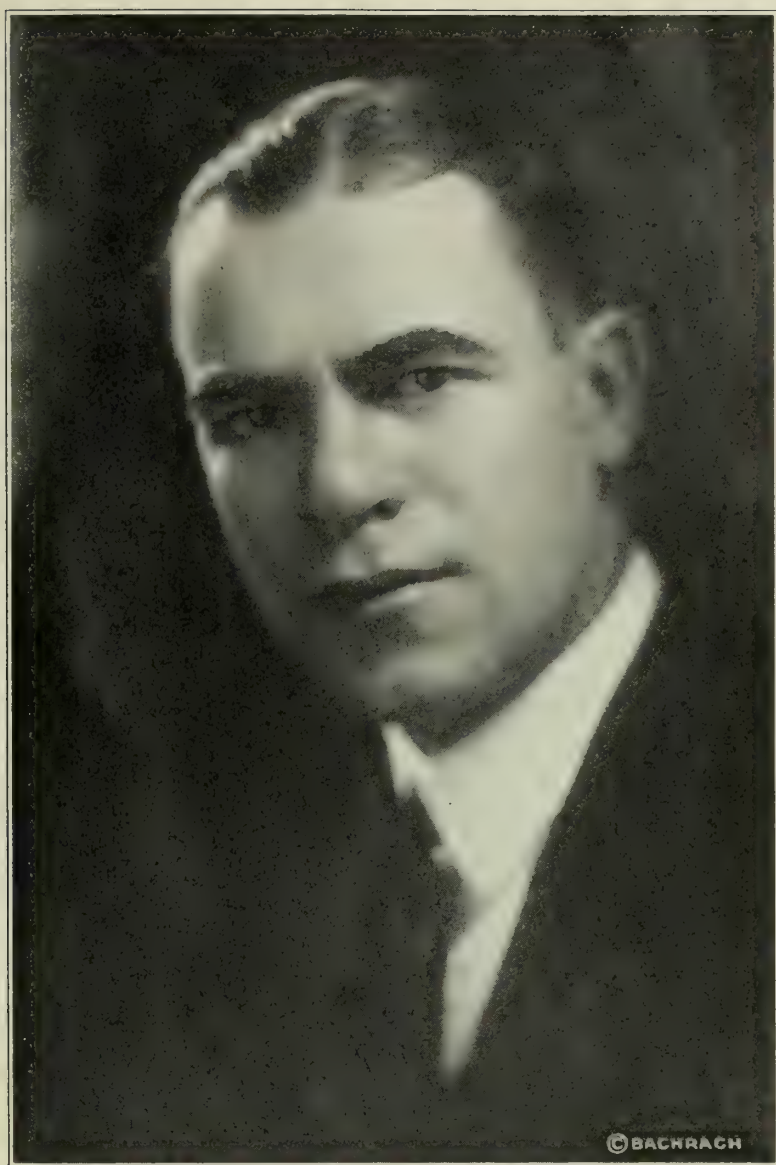
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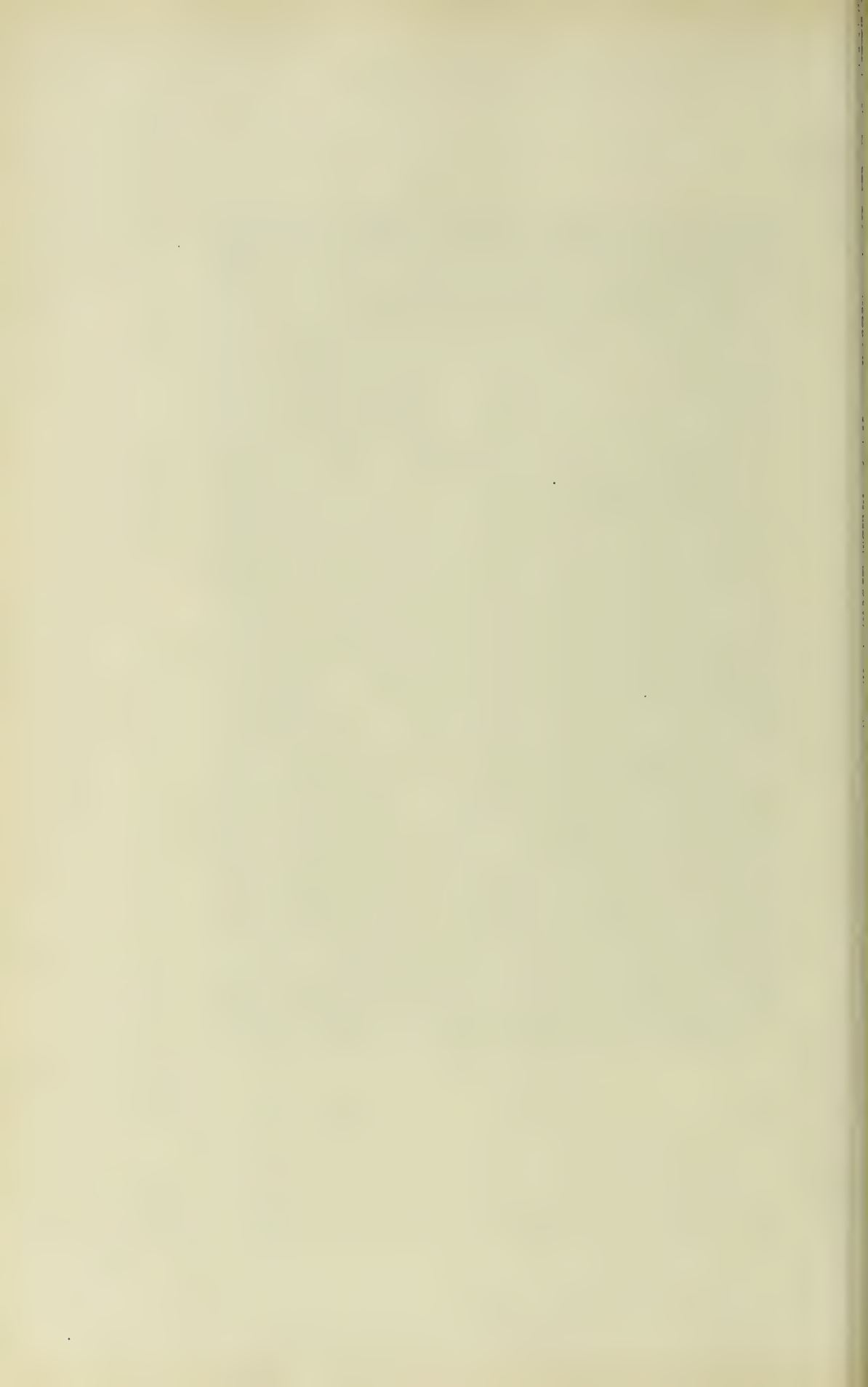
William Henry Wiley, the well known head of the Tuller-Wiley Agency, handling all kinds of insurance, is a native son and lifelong resident of Hartford. He was born May 14, 1893, his parents being J. Allen and Annie (Corbin) Wiley, the former a native of Hartford, while the latter was born in the town of Union, Connecticut. The grandfather, William H. Wiley, was born in Wakefield, Massachusetts, and in young manhood came to Hartford, where in 1872 he established the William H. Wiley & Son Company, manufacturers of overgaiters, leggings, wool soles and specialty footwear. This business was successfully continued until 1916, when the company merged with the Wiley-Bickford-Sweet Company of Worcester, the operation of the Hartford factory, however, being continued. The father of Mr. Wiley is now living retired from active business. He has been a helpful factor in the life of the community and at one time served as a member of the common council.

In the West Middle grammar school William H. Wiley pursued his studies until graduated with the class of 1908, when he entered the Hartford high school and completed his course with the class of 1912. He afterward spent two years in the Hotchkiss school at Lakeville, Connecticut, and following his graduation there in 1913 he entered Yale University and is now numbered among its alumni of 1917. The same year he entered the military service of his country, then engaged in war with the central powers, and with the rank of first lieutenant he went overseas with the Forty-second or Rainbow division, with which he served throughout the period of the war. After the signing of the armistice he went to Germany with the army of occupation and remained in that country for four months. Returning to America, he received his honorable discharge in May, 1919, having participated in a number of the hotly contested engagements in which the American Expeditionary Forces took part, including the battle of Chalons on July 16, 1918, the engagement at Chateau Thierry, the battle of Saint Mihiel and the battle of the Argonne, thus passing through all of the experiences of modern warfare.

Following his return home Mr. Wiley entered the employ of the Wiley-Bickford-Sweet Company, remaining with that firm until April, 1922, when he resigned and turned his attention to the general insurance business in connection with W. James Tuller under the firm style of the Tuller-Wiley Agency. In May, 1927, he purchased Mr. Tuller's interest in the business, which he continues under the old name. The company are general agents for the Phoenix Indemnity Company of New York and



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local agents at Hartford for the City of New York Insurance Company, the Phoenix Underwriters, the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont, the Aetna Life Insurance Company, the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company and the Automobile Insurance Company. Through his agency Mr. Wiley has built up a business of large and substantial proportions and is meeting with gratifying success.

On the 22d of November, 1923, Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Eleanor M. Gay, of Hartford, and they reside at No. 26 Lilley road in West Hartford. Mr. Wiley belongs to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, A. F. and A. M., and is well known through his social connections, having membership in the University Club of Hartford, the Avon Country Club, in the West Hartford Post of the American Legion, the Military Order of Foreign Wars and in the Lions International Club.

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#### FRANCIS TALCOTT FENN

Francis Talcott Fenn, assistant secretary of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, was born July 13, 1887, in the capital city of Connecticut, a son of E. Hart and Angie Isabel (Conklin) Fenn. The father was one of the best known men of New England and occupied a prominent position in connection with national political affairs as a member of congress from Connecticut.

Francis T. Fenn pursued his early education in the public schools of Hartford, attending the West Middle district school, while for three years he was a student in the Hartford high school. When his textbooks were put aside he secured employment in the First National Bank as a messenger and clerk and was there employed until 1909, when he became identified with the Travelers Insurance Company, filling the position of secretary to the president. Following the demise of that official Mr. Fenn became connected with the financial department in the office of the treasurer and so continued until 1918. In January of the latter year he entered the employ of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company as a representative of the financial department and was promoted to the position of assistant secretary in February, 1928, thus reaching an executive position in which his capability for management has been well demonstrated. He has also been one of the trustees of the West Hartford Trust Company since its organization.

On the 7th of June, 1913, Mr. Fenn married Miss Mildred Quiggle, of Hartford, and their residence—Sunset Farm in West Hartford—is brightened by the presence of two sons and two daughters: Francis, Jr., Margaret, Hart Quiggle, and Elizabeth Conklin. Mr. Fenn finds recreation in tennis and outdoor sports and is a member of the Farmington Country Club and the Mansfield Fish and Game Club. He is identified with Troop B, the machine gun company of the Connecticut National Guard, and has membership with the Sons of the American Revolution. He belongs to Wyllys Lodge No. 99, F. & A. M., of West Hartford, and his loyalty to the teachings of the craft finds its counterpart in his fidelity to any trust which is accorded him.

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#### EDWIN W. SCHULTZ

Edwin W. Schultz is senior partner of the firm of Schultz & Costello of New Britain and also the organizer and promoter of the business carried on under the name of the Central Realty Company. Of both of these concerns he is the treasurer and his spirit of enterprise, combined with thoroughness and close application, has brought to him a most gratifying success. Mr. Schultz comes to New Britain from Pennsylvania, he having been born at Lancaster in the Keystone state February 20, 1867, his parents being Benjamin and Emma (MacAllister) Schultz. The public schools of his native city afforded him his early educational opportunities, while later he attended Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. He next spent a year at the Columbia Law School in New York city, and while he did not further qualify for the profession, his knowledge of the law has been of immense value to him in the conduct of business affairs. His identification with New Britain dates from 1897, in which year he entered the employ of the New Britain

Knitting Company in the humble capacity of office boy. That he possessed the necessary qualities for the attainment of success is indicated by the fact that he won promotion after promotion until he was made secretary of the company, with which he terminated a seven years' connection in order to turn his attention to the real estate business. It was at that time that he bought out the real estate firms operating under the names of the Moore Company, Hall & Peck and H. G. Fowler. He also acquired the real estate business of Senator John Brady and combined these into one concern, operating in the real estate, investment and insurance field under the name of Schultz & Costello, Inc. He also established the Central Realty Company as a subsidiary of Schultz & Costello, and of both organizations Mr. Schultz is the treasurer and an active executive. He is a member of the State Realty Association and is also owner of the Hardware City Storage.

Mr. Schultz was married at Jewett City, Connecticut, September 17, 1903, to Miss Emmeline H. Partridge and they have become parents of two children: MacAllister, a graduate of Princeton University; and Mary P.

Mr. Schultz is also well known in fraternal circles. He is a Knight Templar and Shriner and is an Odd Fellow and was president of the Odd Fellows Building Association. He also belongs to the New Britain lodge of Elks, to the Knights of Pythias, the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution, and is popular among his brethren of these organizations. His political support is given to the republican party and in 1915 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, while in 1916 he was elected county commissioner of Hartford county and has since filled the office, covering a period of twelve years—a fact indicative of his fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens—a confidence that he has never betrayed in the slightest degree.

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#### GEORGE GRAVES

Well known among those who are engaged in the investment business in Hartford is George Graves, with offices at 66-68 Pearl street. Born in Middlebury, Vermont, November 15, 1868, he is a son of the Rev. Gemont Graves, D. D., and Maria (Moulton) Graves, the latter a direct descendant of Chief Justice Chase of the supreme court and a representative of other lineage equally distinguished. The Graves family came from England in 1636 and made settlement in Hartford, Connecticut, where they were among the earliest residents. This branch of the family, however, afterward removed to Vermont. The father was a graduate of the General Theological Seminary of New York and spent most of his life in the mission field in Vermont, putting forth earnest and effective effort in keeping alive the little churches of the Episcopal denomination. He was widely known as a great spiritual leader and his work was done without financial recompense. He died in 1915, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, having for half a decade survived his wife, who passed away in 1910. They were the parents of six children who are yet living: Marie Moulton Hopkins, of Chicago; Lillian, the wife of J. W. Carroll, of New York city; George, of Hartford, Connecticut; Harmon Sheldon, of New York; Charlotte, the wife of Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the United States treasury under Secretary Andrew Mellon; and Dudley Chase, who is engaged in the investment business in New York city.

George Graves pursued his education in the public schools of Burlington, Vermont, and in the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated A. B. with the class of 1889. He made his initial step in the business world in connection with the old Corbin Banking Company of New York city, with which he was associated for four or five years, and for a time he was engaged in the investment business on his own account in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1899 he came to Hartford, where he was with the Society for Savings until 1913, and later he was active in the management of the Heublein estate for several years. Since 1923 he has been engaged in the investment business with the firm of F. E. Kingston & Company. He has had broad experience along financial lines and his enterprise and progressive spirit have brought him to the front.

On the 16th of April, 1900, Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Miss Vance Peek Kelley, a native of Burlington, Vermont, and they have two sons, George and Garrett Van Antwerp. The parents are members of Trinity Episcopal church and for a number of years Mr. Graves has served as auditor of the church. His friendly



(Photograph by John Haley)

GEORGE GRAVES





nature finds expression in his membership in the Hartford Club, the University Club and the Choral Club. He has a wide acquaintance and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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#### JAMES FRANCIS DALEY

James Francis Daley, chief claim agent of the division of the United States Veterans Bureau at Hartford and a soldier of the World war, was born November 27, 1894, in the city which is now his home, his parents being William H. and Lillian H. (Henderson) Daley, who are likewise natives of Hartford and representatives of old families here. The father is deputy chief of the Hartford Fire Department and has been connected with the fire service of the city for thirty-three years or since he attained his majority.

James F. Daley was educated in the schools of Hartford and in Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1920 with the LL. B. degree. He had previously had military experience, having on the 17th of September, 1917, joined Company B, Three Hundred and Third Machine Gun Battalion, at Camp Devens, and in May, 1918, he went overseas, where he attended the first course in the school at Gondrecourt, France. After completing his course there he was assigned to duty as instructor in machine gun tactics and two months later returned to his company, after which he was sent to the officers' training school at La Valbone. There he completed a course about the time the armistice was signed and was given a certificate of capacity qualifying him to be an officer. He was assigned to Company E, of the Forty-ninth Infantry, remaining with that command until he received his discharge in March, 1919. After returning to Hartford he was commissioned a second lieutenant and he is now a member of the Officers Reserve Corps of the Three Hundred and Fourth Infantry.

It is natural that many of Mr. Daley's membership connections should be with military organizations. He belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in which he was post commander of Lieutenant Caldwell Colt Robinson Post No. 254 for three years, while at the present time he is the State Commander of that organization. He takes a great interest in the young boys training in the citizens' military training camps and does everything in his power to assist them in gaining a knowledge of military tactics and procedure.

On the 23d of September, 1925, Mr. Daley was married to Miss Edna Goss, of Hartford, and they reside at 110 Grandview terrace. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Hartford lodge of Elks but his interest chiefly centers in military affairs and he is now doing effective work as chief claim agent of the division of the United States Veterans Bureau at Hartford. He is systematic, thorough and delves to the root of matters, while his capability enables him to speedily secure results.

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#### LEON E. DARY, D. D. S.

Dr. Leon E. Dary, who since 1906 has engaged in the practice of dentistry in New Britain, was born in Derby, Connecticut, in 1881, and is a son of Albert W. and Susan (Smith) Dary, whose family numbered seven children. The father was a Civil war veteran, aiding in the defense of the Union, and both he and his wife are now deceased. The ancestral record of Dr. Dary can be traced back to Governor Winslow of Massachusetts.

In the acquirement of his education the Doctor attended the public schools of Shelton, Connecticut, and then determined to follow a professional career, with which purpose in mind he entered a dental college at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905, having completed a course in dental surgery and X-ray work. He has since taken a postgraduate course in porcelain work and there is no phase of mechanical and operative dentistry with which Dr. Dary is not thoroughly familiar, while his efficiency has constantly increased as the result of his daily activities and the study and research work which he has since carried

on. Following his graduation he practiced in Derby from 1905 until 1906 and then removed to New Britain, where he has since remained and where his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance.

On the 7th of November, 1912, Dr. Dary was married to Miss Ann Graham, who was born in Canada, a daughter of John and Kathryn Graham, also natives of Canada, where the father conducted a wholesale business. Dr. and Mrs. Dary have become parents of two sons: John G., who was born in 1913; and David I., in 1916. The former is a member of the Boy Scouts and is now patrol leader. The Doctor has long been interested in the Boy Scout movement, believing it to be a large contributing element to the development of boys along physical, mental and moral lines, and is now scout master of Troop No. 6 of Maple Hill. He has been thoroughly active in promoting the welfare of young people and has done much effective and beneficial work among juveniles. His political support has always been given to the republican party and he has been an active worker in its local ranks. During the World war he served as dental examiner on the war board. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a director in DeMolay, the junior order of Masons, and belongs to the Lions Club and the Grange. His wife is a member of the Maple Hill Club and the New Britain Woman's Club. Both belong to the South church, in which he is a teacher in the Sunday school. His activities have touched life at many points and he has always been keenly interested in those forces which make for progress and development, especially in the growth of character and in the advancement of civic interests. He has thus found time for cooperation in public affairs, while he has never neglected his professional duties and keeps in touch with the trend of professional thought and progress through his membership in the Connecticut Dental Society and in the American Dental Association.

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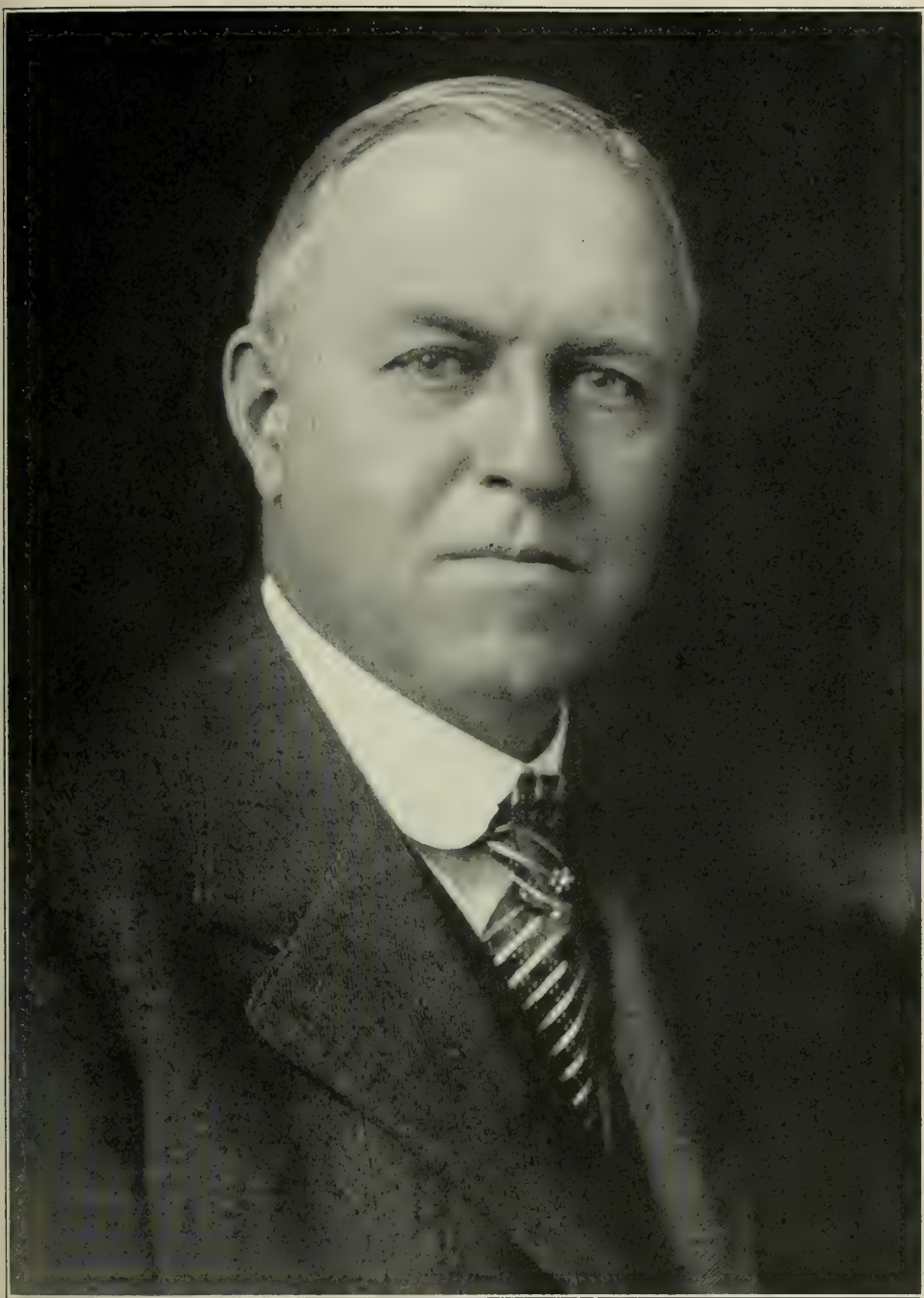
#### ARTHUR SETH BARNES

Arthur Seth Barnes, whose connection with the Bristol Press Publishing Company of Bristol, Connecticut, covers twenty-six years but who for a further decade has been identified with the printing business, is also prominently known because of his activity in the political field, where he has exerted a widely felt and beneficial influence. He was born in Bristol, March 12, 1871, his parents being Seth and Margaret (Phetzing) Barnes, the former born in Norfolk, Connecticut, March 13, 1846, and the mother in Bristol, March 20, 1849. The father was of English lineage, the family having been established in America about 1806, with settlement in central Connecticut, whence a removal was afterward made to Litchfield county. The mother of Arthur S. Barnes was of German lineage, both of her parents, Jacob and Catharine (Ertel) Phetzing, being natives of Germany.

It was in the year 1884 that Arthur S. Barnes completed his work in the grades of the public schools of Bristol and in 1887 he was graduated from the high school. Later he entered Yale and graduated from the academic department in 1892. In July following his graduation he began work in the printing house of Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor in New Haven and in 1895 was admitted to a partnership in the business. In 1900, however, the partnership relation was discontinued and the business was incorporated under the style of the Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, with Mr. Barnes as the first secretary of the corporation. He remained therewith until August, 1901, when he resigned his office and left New Haven. In March, 1902, he was appointed manager of the Bristol Press Publishing Company, then a weekly paper published in Bristol, Connecticut. Something of the growth of the business is indicated in the fact that in 1910 he made this a semi-weekly publication and in October, 1916, he began the publication of a daily issue. He is now president and treasurer of the Bristol Press Publishing Company and the active manager. Not only does this company own the journal previously mentioned but also the Farmington Valley Herald, a weekly paper with a circulation in the towns of the Farmington valley between Hartford and Winsted. The Bristol Press has become not only a profitable business enterprise but also a factor of far-reaching influence in molding public thought and opinion and in promoting progress and improvement along many lines.

At Macon, Michigan, on the 16th of October, 1902, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Anna May Bailey who was born in Springwater, New York. She is now treasurer of





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ARTHUR S. BARNES



the Katherine Gaylord Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her father, Daniel Bailey, was born in Penn Yan, New York, while her mother, who bore the maiden name of Henrietta Clarkson, was born in Macon, Michigan. Both are now deceased. Her maternal ancestors were early settlers of Plainfield, New Jersey. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have been born three children. Clarkson Seth, who was born in Bristol, October 28, 1903, was graduated from Yale in 1926 and is now with the Bristol Press. Elizabeth Ertel, born February 9, 1905, is a kindergarten teacher in Manchester, Connecticut. Edward Bartlett is a member of the class of 1929 at Yale College.

The parents are members of the Prospect Methodist Episcopal church of Bristol, in which Mr. Barnes is serving on the official board. He has a military record inasmuch as he served as a private in Company F (New Haven Grays) of the Connecticut National Guard at New Haven from 1895 until 1898 and was a member of the State Guard at Bristol, Connecticut, from 1918 until 1919. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and he was elected representative from Bristol in the house of representatives for the sessions of 1925 and 1927. He was made house chairman of the committee on federal relations in both terms and also served as a member of the committee on education through both sessions. He had the lead in the house in 1925 against the child labor amendment, which was defeated in the house by a vote of two hundred and thirty-one to seven. All that has to do with the welfare and beneficial development of city and commonwealth receives his endorsement. He was a director of the Bristol Public Library from 1905 until 1925 and in the latter year accepted a position as a member of the board of education, in which capacity he is now serving. Fraternally he is a member of Franklin Lodge, F. and A. M., and of Bristol Lodge No. 10, B. P. O. E., while in club circles he is well known through his connection with the Graduate Club of New Haven, the Yale Club of New York city and the Bristol Club of Bristol, Connecticut. He has been chairman of the Yale '92 Reunion Committee since 1898. There are few men so thoroughly in touch with the trend of modern thought and activity or who have had more to do with shaping public action and public policy. Through the columns of his papers he has exerted a widely felt influence, as he has also done in political circles, and at all times he is actuated by an earnest and consistent desire to promote that which is worth while and which will prove of permanent value.

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#### JOSEPH F. COOMBS

Joseph F. Coombs, one of Hartford's well known business men, is successfully conducting its oldest floral establishment and ably sustains the high reputation which has ever been borne by the family. He was born in this city, December 3, 1873, and his parents, John and Matilda (Stein) Coombs, were natives of Scotland. They came to the United States in their youth and were early settlers of Hartford, where the father, who was a florist, engaged in that business for fifty years, establishing a high standard which made him a recognized leader in his chosen field of endeavor. Death terminated his labors in September, 1923, and his wife passed away in October, 1920. They were the parents of three children: Kittie, who died in June, 1928; Belle, the wife of Harry C. Sanes, of Hartford; and Joseph F.

The son was educated in his native city, completing his high school course in 1891, and then entered his father's shop. Through close application he mastered the details of the business and was admitted to a partnership. After his father's death he became the owner of the business and has instituted well devised plans for its growth and expansion. His skill in floriculture is supplemented by mature judgment and executive force and his labors have been manifestly resultant. He grows most of his flowers and has many rare and beautiful varieties. The South street green-houses contain three hundred thousand square feet of glass and he also has a fine plant on Benton street. In addition to his activities as a florist he is vice president of the F. B. Skiff Company and a director of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company of Hartford.

Mr. Coombs was married September 2, 1924, in East Hampton, Connecticut, to Miss Ina Weir, and they now have a daughter, Patricia Lee, who was born July 5, 1925. Mr. Coombs has been a member of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard for twenty-six years and was commissioned a captain on the major's staff,



being assigned to duty in the ordnance department. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belongs to Washington Commandery, K. T., and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and Hartford Chapter of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and Washington Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Along social lines he is identified with the Shelter Harbor Country Club, the Hartford Club and the City Club. Mr. Coombs loyally supports all projects destined to prove of benefit to his community, to which he is deeply attached, and his many good qualities have established him high in public esteem.

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#### GEORGE S. BEACH

In financial affairs George S. Beach has found a field well suited to his talents and has long been regarded as one of the foremost bankers of Bristol, also achieving prominence through his civic activities. A native of New York state, he was born January 29, 1870, in Mamaroneck, but during his childhood accompanied his parents, John Wesley and Eliza Merritt (Vail) Beach, on their removal to Middletown, Connecticut. The father was a distinguished educator and served as president of Wesleyan University from 1880 until 1887. He died in 1900, and the mother passed away in 1909.

George S. Beach attended the public schools of Middletown and continued his studies in the Wilson grammar preparatory school. His first position was in the Middletown post office, with which he was connected for ten months. In 1893 he became a member of the clerical force of the First National Bank, of which he was made a teller in 1907, and in the same year severed his relations with the institution. His brother, Francis Beach, who was at that time a teller in the Middletown National Bank, also tendered his resignation. Both came to Hartford county and organized the Bristol Trust Company, of which George S. Beach is now first vice president and treasurer. With a comprehensive understanding of the intricate details of modern finance, he has made his labors effective forces in the upbuilding of the bank. He is also a director of the National Marine Lamp Company of Bristol and president of The New Terryville Trust Company now being organized in Terryville.

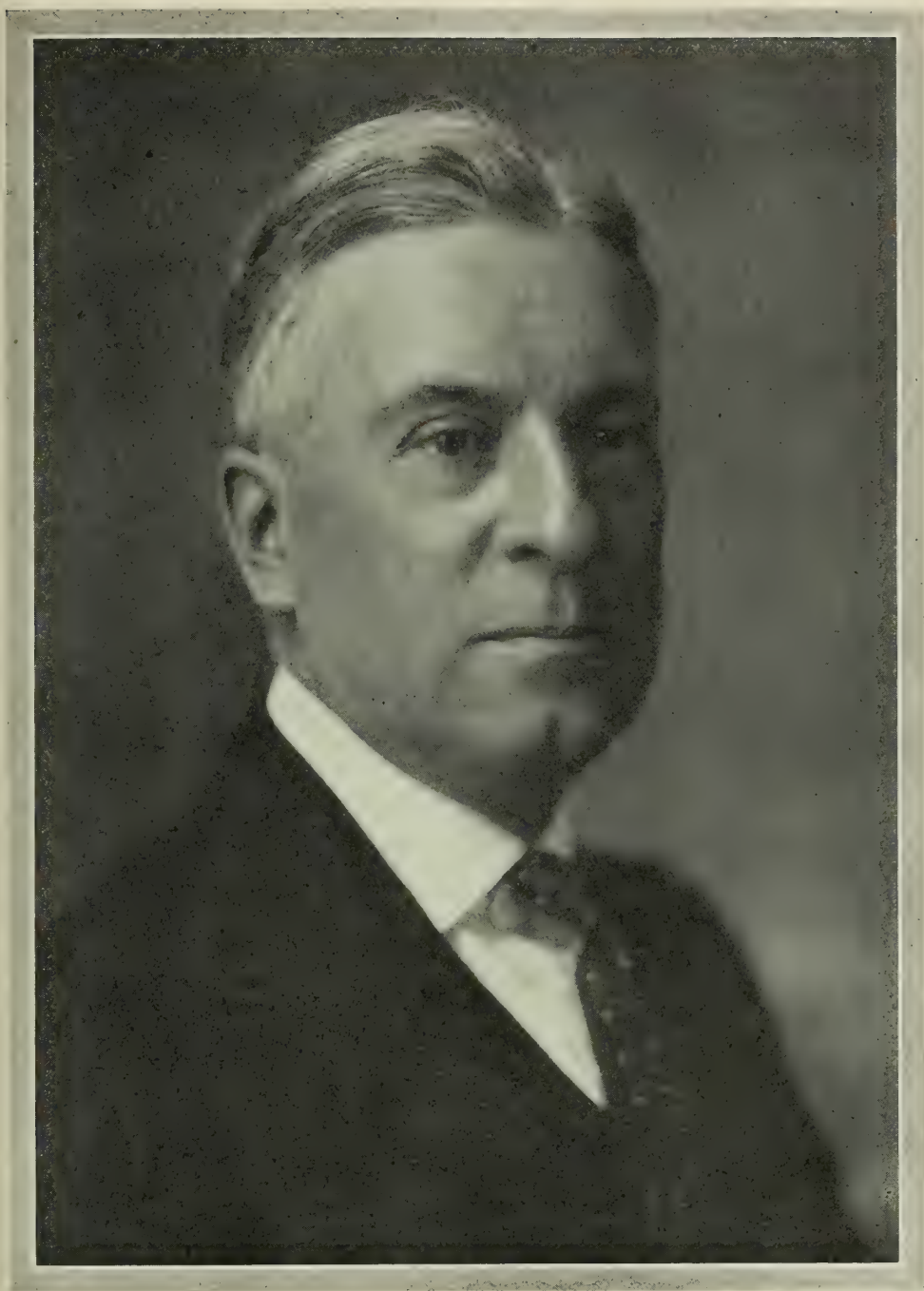
Mr. Beach was married April 9, 1907, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Lovina Edson Goss and their union was terminated by her death on October 21, 1926. She had become the mother of one child, Virginia B., who was born February 13, 1909, in Bristol.

Mr. Beach is affiliated with Trinity Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Since 1913 he has been city treasurer of Bristol, proving a safe and efficient custodian of the public funds, and is now treasurer of the local Red Cross Society. Formerly he was a director of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and at the present time is chairman of the finance committee. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also a Rotarian, being president of that club. Along social lines he is connected with the Chippanee Country, Shuttlemeadow, Bristol and Highland clubs. Mr. Beach has been made the recipient of important trusts, all of which have been faithfully discharged, and an upright, useful life has established him in public esteem.

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#### FREDERICK OMER RACKLIFFE

Various business interests of New Britain profit by the cooperation and the enterprising spirit of Frederick Omer Rackliffe, who is now the secretary of the Rackliffe Brothers Company, Inc., and also has voice in the management of other business interests. He was born in New Britain, July 23, 1896, his parents being Frank and Mary Rackliffe. At the usual age he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he left New Britain to become a student in the Bordentown (New Jersey) Military Institute, where he continued his studies for four years. In 1915 he returned to New Britain and entered the employ of the Rackliffe Brothers Company, of which his father was president. His initial position was that of a salesman and he bent every energy toward making good and in mastering



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GEORGE S. BEACH





the various phases of the business. A recognition of the development of his powers came to him in 1918, when he was made secretary of the company. He continues in this official connection and through all the intervening years has bent his energies toward furthering the business in its trade relations and continuous development. He is not only one of the directors of the Rackliffe Brothers Company but also a director of the Commercial Trust Company and of the Hartford Sash & Door Company. He is recognized as a young man of excellent business judgment and keen discernment and is rapidly making his way to the front among those who are most active in control of the commercial, industrial and manufacturing interests of New Britain.

On the 6th of November, 1917, in his native city, Mr. Rackliffe was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Foster, a daughter of A. E. and Florine Foster, and their children are Janet, Foster, Robert and Donald.

Mr. Rackliffe belongs to Centennial Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to Giddings Chapter, R. A. M., and to the Grotto, and his interest in Masonry is based upon a firm belief in the principles on which the order rests. His activities are broad, varied and of a helpful character. He is a director of the Boys Club and belongs to the New Britain Rotary Club, of which he served as president in 1923. Along more strictly social lines his connection is with the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, the Hartford Club and the New Britain Club. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and on its ticket he was elected to the state legislature, serving in the sessions of 1925 and 1927 and in both acting as clerk of the finance committee. He is interested in the welfare and progress of community, county and state and his aid and influence are ever on the side of advancement and successful achievement.

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#### LEONARD W. FRISBIE

Leonard W. Frisbie was born in Hartford, September 15, 1881, the son of Charles G. and Belle Welles Frisbie, both natives of Hartford. His father was a member of the well known firm of L. T. Frisbie & Company, dealers in hides and manufacturers of soap.

Leonard W. Frisbie attended private and public schools in Hartford, was graduated from the Hotchkiss School of Lakeville in 1899 and from Yale College, with a degree of B. A., in 1903. After leaving college, he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company. His first position was that of office boy for Louis F. Butler, then actuary of the liability department and now president of the Travelers Insurance Company. He resigned in 1910 to enter the employ of Parkinson & Burr, investment bankers of Boston and New York, and has spent the rest of his life in the investment business with various New York, Boston and local firms. On February 26, 1926, he became a partner of the firm of Eddy Brothers & Company, dealers in investment securities, who have recently moved into their own new building at 35 Lewis street.

Mr. Frisbie was married on May 25, 1916 to Elsa Morgan St. John, daughter of the late Dr. S. B. St. John, a famous physician of Hartford. They have three children; Elsa Morgan, Eleanor St. John and Frances Welles. Their residence is at 1240 Asylum avenue and Mr. Frisbie's business address is 35 Lewis street. During the World war he served as a member of the Food and also the Transportation Committee of the State Council of Defense. He is a member of the Hartford Club and the Hartford Golf Club and his principal recreations are golfing and motoring.

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#### HENRY EDWARDS ELLSWORTH

Henry Edwards Ellsworth, vice president of The Ensign-Bickford Company of Simsbury, is also identified with other important financial and commercial interests which establish him as one of the representative business men of Hartford county. He was born at Simsbury, March 27, 1878, a son of Lemuel Stoughton and Anna Jane (Toy) Ellsworth. His ancestry is traced back through several generations to Sergeant Josias Ellsworth, who was the first representative of the family of Connecticut, establishing his home in Windsor, where he passed away August 20, 1689. He was

the father of Lieutenant John Ellsworth, who became one of the early settlers of Ellington and who married Esther White, who was born in Hartford in 1671. He was accidentally killed at his home October 26, 1720, while his widow survived until September 7, 1766. Their eldest son, one of a family of six children, was Captain John Ellsworth, who lived at East Windsor. He was married, November 8, 1734, to Ann Edwards and he died January 4, 1784, while his wife passed away April 11, 1790. They had a family of four children, the second being Lieutenant Solomon Ellsworth, who was born April 30, 1737, and who on the 27th of December, 1758, married Mary Moseley, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, who was born December 8, 1737, and died February 16, 1823, having for only four months survived her husband, who passed away October 19, 1822. To them were born thirteen children, the number including Abner Moseley Ellsworth, who was the great-grandfather of Henry Edwards Ellsworth. He was born January 4, 1771, and was married December 31, 1797, to Elsie Thompson, who was born May 8, 1766. He died December 24, 1853, and his wife passed away November 20, 1840. Of their four children the youngest was Abner Moseley Ellsworth, Jr., who was born July 13, 1804. His wife bore the maiden name of Lucy Wetmore Stoughton and they were married on April 26, 1832. She was born at East Windsor, July 15, 1806, and was a descendant of Elder Brewster. Abner Moseley Ellsworth, Jr., died September 24, 1846, and his wife September 25, 1866. They were parents of seven children, of whom Lemuel S. Ellsworth became the father of Henry E. Ellsworth. He was born in East Windsor, January 9, 1840, attended the district schools and the academy at East Windsor Hill and spent his youth in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy. After his marriage he removed to Brooklyn, California, where he built a plant for Toy-Bickford and Company, there remaining until 1871, when he returned to Hartford, and in 1876 left the capital to become a resident of Simsbury. He followed farming until 1888 and afterward became connected with the firm of Ensign, Bickford & Company. He occupied a prominent social position as well as a foremost place in the business circles of his district. Politically he was a stalwart republican. On the 17th of October, 1866, he married Anna J. Toy, who was born in Simsbury, February 23, 1842, and they had five children.

The fourth in order of birth in this family was Henry Edwards Ellsworth, who not only spent his youthful days but has spent his entire life in Simsbury, succeeding his father in the high position which the latter filled in the public and business life of the community. He attended the public schools and the Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Connecticut, while subsequently he entered Yale College and completed his course by graduation in 1900. Immediately afterward he returned to Simsbury and became connected with The Ensign-Bickford Company, with which he is still identified as one of its executive vice presidents, thus being closely associated with one of the most important commercial and manufacturing interests of this part of the county. He is also president of the Village Water Company, an organization which was established in Simsbury through the efforts of his father. He likewise occupies an enviable place in the financial circles of this part of the state as vice president of the Simsbury Bank and Trust Company and as a director of the First National Bank of Hartford.

Mr. Ellsworth has been married twice. His first wife was Susan Starr of Bridgeport, Connecticut. In 1919 he married Abigail Eno Curtiss of Simsbury, Connecticut. There are four children of his first marriage: John E., Mary Amelia, Jane Osler and Susan Townsend. The Ellsworth home has always been a hospitable one, its good cheer being enjoyed by the many friends of the family. Mr. Ellsworth stands as a high type of the Connecticut citizen of progressive spirit, of sound judgment, of marked capability and of loyalty as a supporter of vital public projects.

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#### NEWTON E. ARNOLD

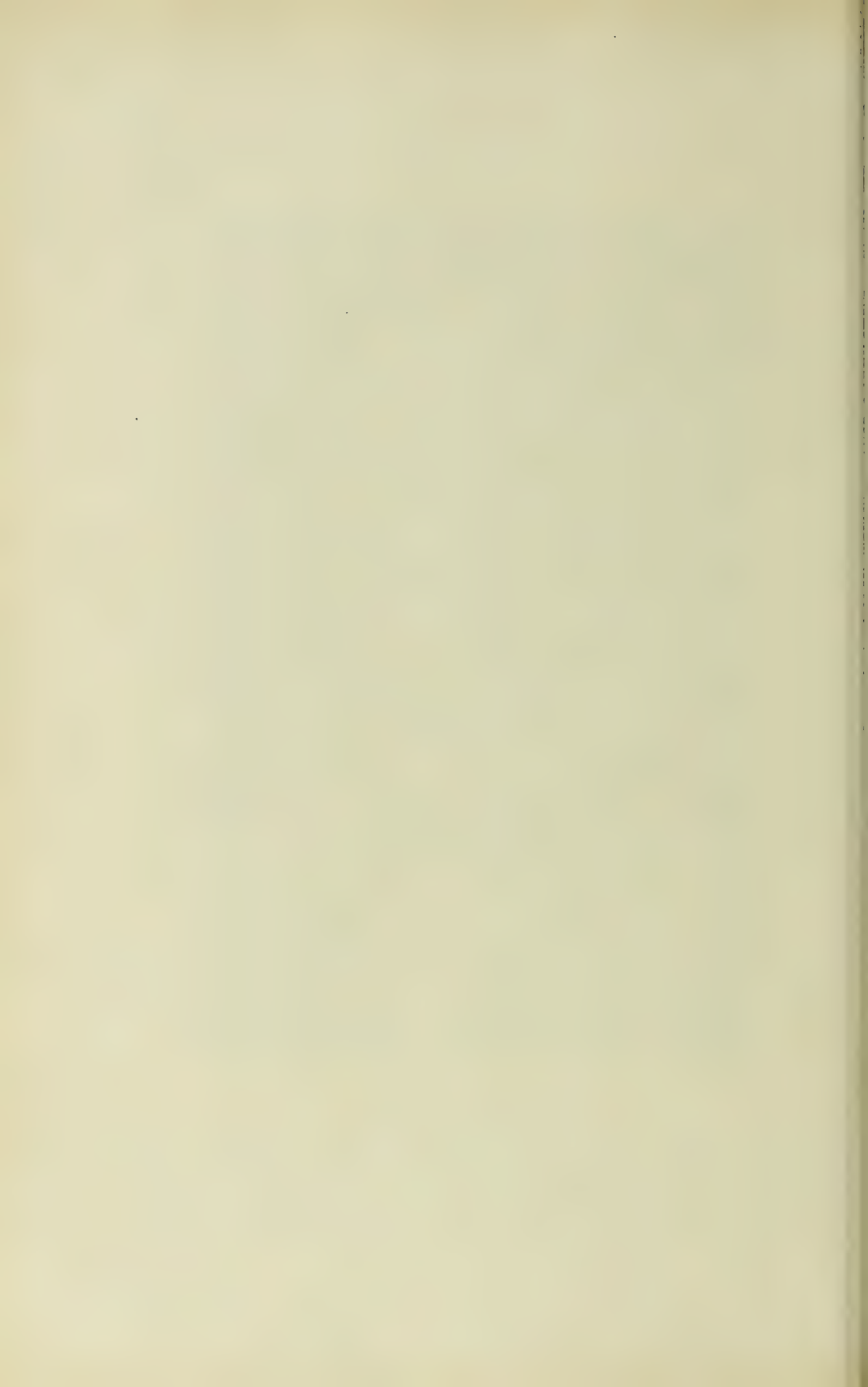
The many insurance interests which center in Hartford have offered wide opportunity for successful achievement to young men of strong purpose and laudable ambition. Into this field Newton E. Arnold directed his efforts and is now meeting with gratifying prosperity, maintaining his office at 125 Trumbull street. Practically his entire life has been passed in this state, he having been born at Somers, Connecticut, July 12, 1878, his parents being Albert E. and Ida K. (Stimson) Arnold, the



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NEWTON E. ARNOLD





father also a native of Somers, while the mother was born in Hampden, Massachusetts. The former engaged in the grain and feed business at Broad Brook, Connecticut, where he owned and operated a mill, and he also served as a selectman and took active and helpful part in public affairs. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

Newton E. Arnold acquired his education in the public schools of Broad Brook and Rockville, Connecticut, and after completing his high school course entered Amherst College. At the death of his father he took over the feed and grain business, which he conducted until it was sold in 1900. He then came to Hartford, where he pursued a course in accounting, and late in 1900 he obtained a position with the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company, with which he remained for about three years. He next went to New York city, where he was employed in the brokerage office of John A. Kelly & Company, but in 1904 he returned to Hartford and took over the management of the insurance agency of Charles Merriman. In 1906 he became associated with Charles E. Parker as manager of the local agency and also had charge of the inland marine department of the Insurance Company of North America for the New England states. In 1926, following Mr. Parker's death, Mr. Arnold purchased the local agency, which he is now conducting, and under his wise guidance the business is steadily developing.

Mr. Arnold was married in early manhood to Miss A. Gertrude Hayes, of East Hartford, who died on the 24th of February, 1916. They had two children, Raymond H. and Dorothy G. On the 15th of August, 1918, Mr. Arnold married Mrs. Elsie W. Winslow, of Hartford, and they have one daughter, Phyllis W. Mr. Arnold belongs to the City Club and he finds his interest largely in fishing, hunting, golf and outdoor sports, to which he devotes his leisure hours. He is genial and companionable and has many friends in this city who respect him as an active factor in business, as a citizen of sterling worth and as a man of admirable social and personal qualities.

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#### CHARLES FREDERICK ERICHSON, D. D. S.

Thorough preliminary training qualified Dr. Charles Frederick Erichson for his initial work in dentistry and he has since made continuous progress, having now had experience covering almost a third of a century. Born in New Britain on the 16th of June, 1873, he is a son of Charles B. and Anna (Staples) Erichson. His grandparents in both the paternal and maternal lines were representatives of old families of this state. His father was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and was a Civil war veteran, taking an active interest in military affairs. He enlisted as a drummer boy when but fifteen years of age and remained at the front until his father's death, at Hampton Roads, Virginia, where he was laid to rest. Charles B. Erichson then returned home and entered upon the practice of dentistry in New Britain, where he had the second oldest established office of the city and where he followed his profession for a number of years, gaining a creditable position in the community. His wife was born in New Britain.

Charles Frederick Erichson acquired his public school education in New Britain and then entered the Boston Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1896, winning the D. D. S. degree. The same year he began practice in his father's office, enjoying the benefit of his father's experience and high professional standing. He applied himself thoroughly to the practical phases of his chosen life work and year by year his skill and efficiency increased until he has long since occupied a prominent place among the dentists of Hartford county, where he has practiced for thirty-two years. His office is well equipped, being supplied with the latest and most modern appliances, while his skill in operative surgery is pronounced.

At New Britain, in 1897, Dr. Erichson was married to Miss Jannet Hooker, who was born in Kensington, Connecticut, in 1872, a daughter of John R. and Marietta (Preston) Hooker. She is a representative of a very old and prominent New England family, being a descendant of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, who became one of the original settlers of Hartford, penetrating into the Connecticut wilderness in 1636. Dr. and Mrs. Erichson have become the parents of two daughters: Mrs. Anna Belle Tardette, now living in Kensington; and Mrs. Emily Stickman, residing in Binghamton, New York. Mrs. Erichson is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Woman's Club. Both the Doctor and his wife have member-

ship in the South church and he belongs to Centennial Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master. His political views are in accord with the teachings and purposes of the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He belongs to the New Britain, the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Dental Associations and through the proceedings of those bodies keeps in touch with what is being accomplished by the foremost representatives of the dental profession. He is quick to adopt new and improved methods and his practice is the expression of modern progress in his chosen field.

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#### JAMES HANSON COBURN

The successful man is he who can transmute necessity into opportunity, and this James Hanson Coburn has done. Starting out in the business world at an early age, he is now secretary of The Travelers Indemnity Company, with which he has been identified for twenty-four years, gradually working his way upward to his present official connection with that corporation. He was born in Hartford, June 21, 1882, and is a son of Charles and Martha (Gale) Coburn, the former a native of Bernardston, Massachusetts, while the latter was born in Heath, that state. Mr. Coburn came to Hartford about the year 1855 and it was a decade later that Martha Gale arrived in this city, where they were married. Charles Coburn was a dealer in masons' and building supplies, remaining an active factor in commercial circles here until he passed away. His wife is also deceased.

At the usual age James H. Coburn entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until he had completed the high school course. He next became a student in Yale College and won his Bachelor of Arts degree by graduation with the class of 1904. Having thus qualified for the practical duties of life, he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company in December of that year and has continued with the corporation without interruption since that date. He was appointed assistant secretary of The Travelers Indemnity Company on the 9th of January, 1911, and on the 10th of February, 1913, was advanced to the position of secretary, in which capacity he has since served. He is thorough, painstaking, systematic and possessed of a great fund of energy, and these qualities have served him well in the performance of the duties which are his.

On the 16th of October, 1907, Mr. Coburn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Sage, of Hartford, and they are now the parents of three children: James Sage, born September 27, 1908; Mary Sage, born January 24, 1914; and Lillian Esther, born January 7, 1920.

Mr. Coburn is a member of the Wadsworth Atheneum and along social and recreative lines he has membership in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Club, the University Club, the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford and in the Yale Club of New York. He is also identified with the Drug and Chemical Club of New York city, with the American Rose Society, and his appreciation of the musical art is manifest in his connection with the Hartford Choral Club. He belongs to the Universalist church of Hartford, serving as a member of its board of trustees, and in its work takes an active and helpful part. His interests are broad and varied and his activities are always of a constructive character that results in the accomplishment of his purposes, whether in the field of business or along those lines which make for the intellectual, moral and cultural uplift of the community.

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#### HARRY S. BOND

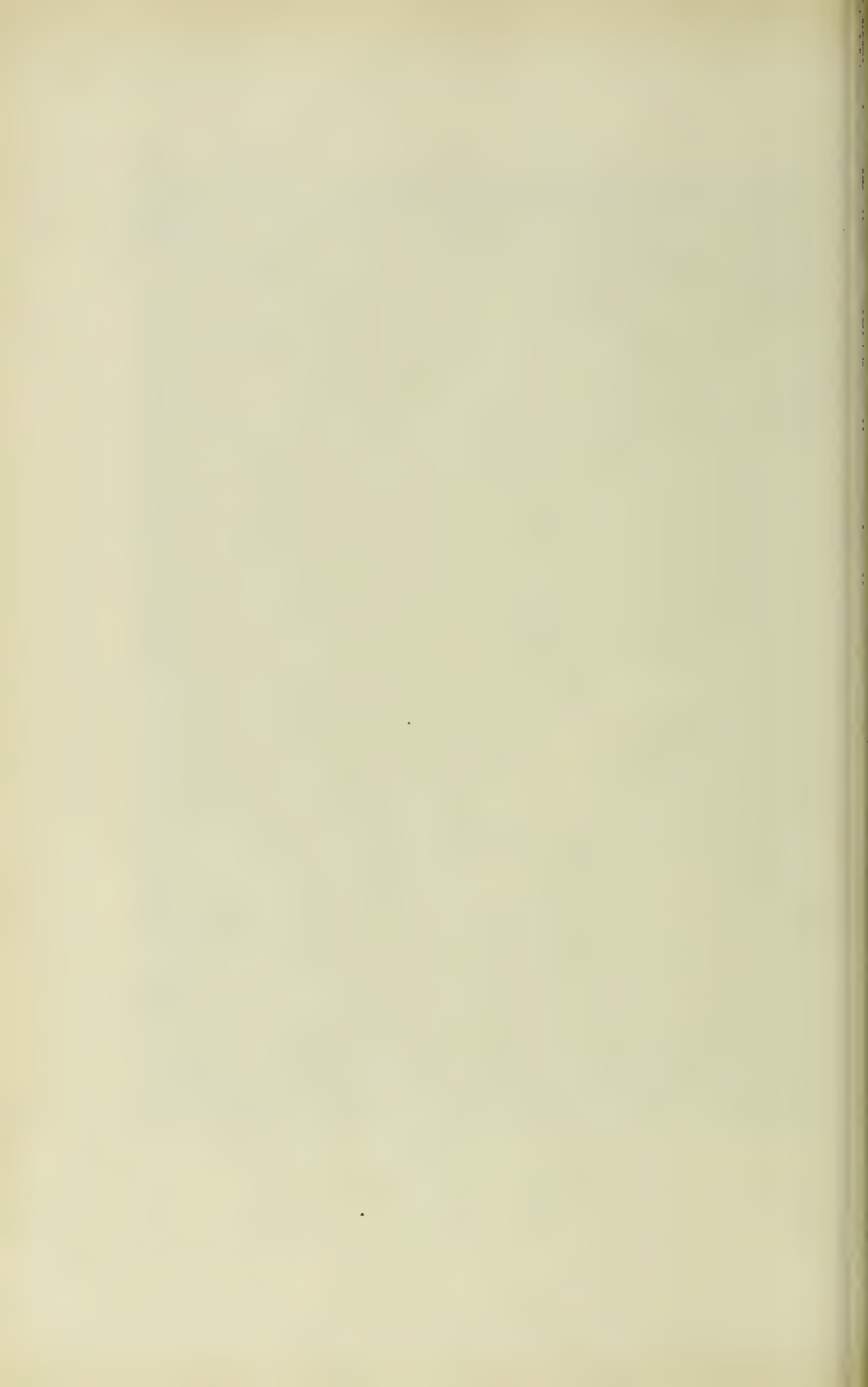
Harry S. Bond, twice voted the most popular hotel man in America in national campaigns conducted by the Hotel Review and in recognition of which he was awarded a Packard touring car in 1916 and a Rolls Royce Imperial in 1924, enjoys the pleasure that comes from having achieved the pinnacle of the industry to which one has dedicated his life work. For not only in this country, but abroad, the name "Bond" is synonymous with Hartford and its leading hotels, three of which are owned by the Hotel Bond Company, of which Mr. Bond is the founder.





(Photograph by John Haley)

JAMES H. COBURN



That Mr. Bond appreciates the importance to any progressive city of having suitable hotel accommodations is shown by the fact that when he built his first Hotel Bond in 1912, he chose as his slogan "A City Is Known By Its Hotels." In observing the crystal anniversary of his hotel venture recently, Mr. Bond said to newspaper men who asked what his main objective in life is—"To see that the Hotel Bond Company keeps apace with the city of Hartford."

Mr. Bond began his career at the age of sixteen at the Mansion House in Greenfield, Mass., where he remained for five years, with the exception of one season which he spent at the Piney Woods Hotel, Thomasville, Georgia, as mail clerk. At the age of twenty-one he came to Hartford to become clerk in the United States Hotel, then owned by James B. Ryan, which position he held for one year. He was then appointed by James B. Ryan, assistant manager at the Elm Tree Inn. Three years later, Mr. Bond and Mr. Ryan formed a partnership under which they conducted a restaurant at 232 Asylum street, Hartford, Connecticut, the firm's name being Bond & Ryan. At the end of the first year, Mr. Bond bought out his partner, subsequently conducting the expanding business for nine years himself. The business grew so rapidly and acquired such a name throughout Hartford and vicinity that during the last year Mr. Bond found his place insufficient to meet the demands of his growing business. He finally leased the largest place available in the city, known as Matt H. Hewen's Billiard Parlors, and a site on which a recent addition of the Travelers Insurance Company was erected. Mr. Bond occupied the main floor but in order to accommodate the increasing number of patrons, it was necessary for him to add another the beginning of the second year, and within two years he took over the third; at that time introducing in New England the remarkable service, cuisine and methods of the great international restaurants of Europe and the Metropolitan City of New York. Mr. Bond built this business around the slogan "Personal attention of the proprietor to every guest," and thousands in and out of Hartford will recall Mr. Bond's graciousness and solicitation for the service rendered to every guest, notwithstanding that upon many occasions several hundred dined there at once. Among those who patronized this restaurant were thousands of the United Commercial Travelers who were registered at the different local hotels. They were so well pleased with the service and hospitality which Mr. Bond extended them that they repeatedly urged him to build a hotel which they could make their headquarters while in Hartford. As a result, the Hotel Bond Company was incorporated in March, 1912, and on August 18, 1913, the original Hotel Bond was opened.

The hotel was so successful that in 1914, Mr. Bond opened the Bond Annex Hotel, now one of the best known commercial houses in New England, and in 1918, the Bondmore Hotel, likewise an extremely popular hotel with commercial men.

In 1920, he was compelled to build a larger addition to the Hotel Bond and the lobby of this later unit is considered one of the most attractive and best appointed of any hotel in New England. Certainly it is a credit to the capcity city of Hartford and is but another indication that Mr. Bond plans to keep pace with the growth of the city and its hotel demands.

Still another expansion was necessary in 1924, when sixty-six attractive rooms were added through the purchase of the Lathrop building adjoining the Hotel Bond and the conversion of the second, third and fourth floors into a modern hotel lay-out.

The latest step of progress with the Hotel Bond Company was the construction of four new banquet halls, completed in November 1928. Three of these rooms represent notable periods of architecture, one typifying ancient, the other medieval and the third, modern. The fourth is a Spanish room. These rooms are halfway between Asylum and Allyn streets and are so isolated from the hotel that luncheons, dinners, and meetings may be held in them with assurance that there will be no interference of any kind.

Another indication of Mr. Bond's foresight, is the fact that the Bond Hotels have greater parking facilities than any hotel in New England. With most hotels, this is a serious problem today, and in many cases, an almost unsurmountable one because of the prohibitive cost of central property, but Mr. Bond, with his characteristic vision, anticipated this situation and so provided that the Bond Hotels boast of parking facilities in their immediate locality for more than fifteen hundred cars.

Plans and specifications are now complete for an addition to the Hotel Bond which will consist of three hundred and twenty rooms each with bath. It is expected



that the construction of this "Greater Hotel Bond" will be commenced about September 1, 1929.

Mr. Bond, despite the great demands made upon his mental and physical energy in the management of his own business, has always been one of the leaders in civic movements which make for a better city in which to work and live. Notable in his achievements, was the direction of the campaign to reorganize the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, as a result of which Hartford now boasts of one of the most virile Chambers of Commerce in the United States.

Mr. Bond is a member of Avon Country Club, Boosters' Club of Hartford, Boston Chamber of Commerce, City Club of Hartford, Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Connecticut Hotel Association, National Restaurant Association, New England Hotel Association, New York State Hotel Association, Connecticut State Fair Association, Greenwich Colony Club, Greeters of America, Hartford Advertising Club, Hartford Chamber of Commerce, Hartford Club, Hartford Lodge, No. 19, B. P. O. Elks, Hartford Saengerbund, Hotel Association of New York City, Hotel Greeters of America, Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association, International Geneva Association, Job Sahara, Lincoln Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Manchester Country Club, Middletown Yacht Club, Old Colony Club, Putnam Phalanx, Republican Club, Rotary Club, Shrine Club, Sphinx Temple, Sequin Golf Club, Shelter Harbor Country Club, Syria Grotto, Tuscan Lodge, United States Chamber of Commerce, Wampanoag Country Club, Washington Commandery, West Hartford Country Club, Westchester Biltmore Country Club, Wethersfield Country Club and Young Men's Christian Association.

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#### HON. RICHARD HENRY DEMING

Hon. Richard Henry Deming, attorney at law and judge of the town court of West Hartford, was born in Hartford, July 20, 1885, is a son of William H. and Emma Louise (Judd) Deming, who were natives of Connecticut's capital. In both the paternal and maternal lines the Judge is of English lineage, their respective families having been among the pioneer residents of Hartford. To the mother's family belonged Col. Edwin D. Judd, who was paymaster-general of the Union forces in the Civil war. His father, William H. Deming, became vice president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, having entered the employ of that corporation when in his youth, his life thereafter being devoted to its service, while his fidelity and capability won him successive promotions that brought him eventually to high executive position. He died in June, 1919, having for a decade survived his wife, who died in August, 1909.

In the acquirement of his education Richard Henry Deming attended the schools of West Hartford, West Middle and the Hartford high school, being graduated from the last named with the class of 1902. He next entered Yale College and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1907, thus in his classical course laying a foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge. He next entered the Harvard Law School and completed his course in 1910, the LL. B. degree being conferred upon him in that year. In 1911 he was admitted to practice at the Connecticut bar and entered upon the active work of his profession, in which he has made steady progress, being regarded today as a careful counselor and as a strong advocate in the courts. Moreover, Judge Deming has done important work in political circles, staunchly advocating the principles in which he believes. He served for ten years on the republican town central committee of West Hartford and in 1914 was elected to the general assembly as representative for the district of West Hartford, serving for one term in the legislature. In 1918 he was elected senator from the fifth district and remained a member of the upper house for two years. In both sessions he was a member of the judiciary committee and not only did important work in that connection but was always found as the loyal supporter of every cause which sought to promote public progress and to uphold civic standards. In 1923, when the town court of West Hartford was created, he was appointed prosecuting attorney and so continued for two years. In 1925 he was appointed by the general assembly as judge of the town court and is now occupying the bench, rendering decisions which are strictly fair and impartial.

On the 30th of January, 1915, Judge Deming was married to Miss Mary Darst Fuller, of Columbus, Ohio, and they have one son, Richard Henry, Jr. The Judge is a member of the American Bar Association and also holds membership in the Hartford



HON. RICHARD H. DEMING





Golf Club, the University Club of Hartford, the Sachem's Head Yacht Club, the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford, the Bachelors Club of Hartford and the Masonic lodge of West Hartford. In these connections he finds expression for his social qualities, which have made for popularity wherever he is known. Aside from the strict path of his profession he has been most active in connection with republican politics and civic affairs and, actuated by high ideals, his labors in this field have been far-reaching and effective, resulting in general good.

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON DUNN, M. D.

Through a period of nearly two decades Dr. George Washington Dunn has engaged in the practice of medicine in New Britain and as practical experience and study have developed his powers he has come more and more to the front until his position is today an enviable one, his practice having reached extensive proportions. He was born in Southington, Connecticut, February 22, 1888, and is a son of Michael and Mary Dunn, who accorded him liberal educational advantages, so that after attending the local schools he was able to enter the University of Maryland, in which he completed an academic course in 1906. This constituted the foundation upon which he built the superstructure of professional knowledge. He had determined upon medical practice as his life work and in the University of Maryland he continued his studies until the M. D. degree was conferred upon him at his graduation with the class of 1909. The same year he opened an office in New Britain, where he has since remained, and through the intervening years his practice has grown in volume and importance. He carries cheer and courage into the sickroom and inspires the confidence of his patients, which is half the battle. Moreover, he has continued an earnest student of scientific works and is always in touch with the trend of modern thought concerning medical and surgical practice. In addition to his private practice he is chief of staff of the New Britain General Hospital. He is also known in financial circles as a director of the Commercial Trust Company and of the City National Bank of New Britain.

Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Isobel Martin and they have become the parents of three children: Mary, Rita and George. Dr. Dunn and his wife are widely and favorably known in New Britain, where he has now made his home for nineteen years. He feels a keen interest in the welfare and upbuilding of the community but has had no time for active participation in public interests outside the strict path of his profession. In large measure he enjoys the high regard of his professional colleagues and contemporaries and he holds membership in the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and the American College of Surgeons.

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#### HON. ERNEST WILSON CHRIST

Ernest Wilson Christ, vice president and secretary of The Stanley Works of New Britain, deserves much credit for what he has accomplished inasmuch as he started out in the business world as office boy with the corporation which he now represents as one of its chief executives. His promotions have been well earned, and merit and ability have carried him to his present relation. New Britain numbers him among her native sons, he having been born here April 12, 1876, his parents being Ernest K. and Jennie Burnett (Wilson) Christ. After attending the public schools and the New Britain high school he made his initial step in the business world in 1894, and though he occupied the minor position of office boy with The Stanley Works, he transformed necessity into opportunity by so faithfully performing each task assigned him that he rapidly gained promotion. He was energetic and determined and at all points in his business career has been actuated by a laudable ambition. Step by step he has advanced and in 1919 he was elected secretary and in 1927 vice president and secretary of the corporation, which controls one of the most important business interests of New Britain. Nor is his activity confined alone to one line, for as the years have passed his cooperation has been sought in other fields and he has

become a director of the Stanley Chemical Company, of the Farmington River Power Company, of the Savings Bank of New Britain, the City National Bank and the William H. Hall Construction Company. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, and obstacles and difficulties in his path seem to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part. He never stops short of the successful achievement of his purpose and the methods which he pursues are such as neither seek nor require disguise.

Mr. Christ has also figured prominently in the political activity of the state. He has always voted with the republican party, became a member of the republican town committee and in 1908 was elected its chairman. He has served as a member of the common council and as alderman and was president pro tem for a number of terms. In 1923 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and was made house chairman of the finance committee. He became the first president of the New Britain Chamber of Commerce and was appointed manufacturing member of the industrial wastes board by Governor Holcomb. During the World war he was chairman of the war relief board and was local coal administrator under State Administrator Russell. He was appointed by Governor Templeton a member of the tax exempt committee, of which he was made chairman, and from Governor Trumbull he received appointment to membership on the state board of healing arts and is so serving at the present time. His official record has always been a commendable one and his service has proven of great value to community and commonwealth, for at all times he is actuated by a progressive spirit that is governed by sound practical experience.

Mr. Christ was married in New Britain to Miss Gertrude E. Hall, a daughter of Henry A. and Lucy J. Hall. Their children are Edward H., Curtis W., Henry A., Margaret E. and Barbara B. Mr. and Mrs. Christ are widely and favorably known in New Britain and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Christ belongs to the New Britain Club and to the Shuttle Meadow Club. He also has membership in the Young Men's Christian Association having had charge for several years of their debating club. His cooperation is always counted upon as a valued factor in the accomplishment of any given project and as a business man and citizen he ranks high.

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#### ROBERT H. WILLIAMS

Having devoted his entire life to the insurance business and received his training as a representative of some of the best known and most reliable insurance men of the country, Robert H. Williams is now vice president of the Travelers Fire Insurance Company, to which office he was called in January, 1925. Born in Nashville, Tennessee, February 10, 1886, he supplemented his high school training by study in the University of Nashville and at the age of eighteen years he turned his attention to insurance by becoming office boy with the firm of Gale & Frizzell in his native city. His mental alertness, his genial disposition and his loyalty to the interests of the firm brought him advancement and after serving as bookkeeper he became chief clerk and gained considerable knowledge concerning the insurance business at a time when the agency did more of the work that is now done by the companies for the agent. He thoroughly familiarized himself with underwriting and organization work and when but twenty-two years of age was appointed special agent for the western department of the Insurance Company of North America, with headquarters at Erie, Pennsylvania. He represented that corporation in Tennessee and Kentucky and later won the attention of J. M. De Camp of the Liverpool & London & Globe, who a year later appointed him to the position of state agent for Tennessee. Through the succeeding five years he bent every energy to the development of the company's business in Tennessee, organizing the business in that state in such a manner that its premium income was greatly increased. In April, 1917, he was transferred to the western New York field, where again he demonstrated his superior qualifications as an organizer. In July, 1919, he was assigned to executive work in the office of the United States manager at New York and in 1920 was advanced to the position of assistant deputy manager, while in 1922 he became deputy manager. He was serving the Liverpool & London & Globe in that connection when offered the vice presidency of the Travelers Fire Insurance Company of Hartford and entered upon the duties of his present position on the 1st of January,



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ROBERT H. WILLIAMS





1925. It was at that time that the Travelers Fire became an operating company and through the intervening period he has developed the business to notable proportions. Again his powers of organization and of executive control have been called into full play and the history of the development of the business now constitutes an important chapter in insurance annals in Connecticut.

In organizations of fire insurance companies and fire insurance men Mr. Williams has been an important factor. He is a member of the Insurance Society of New York, a fellow in the Insurance Institute of America, a member of the National Fire Protective Association and Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose. He is also a member of the Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, Wampanoag Country Club of Hartford, and the Bankers Club and Drug and Chemical Club of New York city.

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#### WILLIAM THOMAS MORRISSEY, M. D.

Dr. William Thomas Morrissey, physician and surgeon of New Britain, was born at Unionville, Connecticut, April 7, 1882, and is a son of William and Mary Morrissey. He supplemented the work of the grades by a high school course and then entered the Holy Cross Academy, from which he was graduated in 1904. Soon afterward he became an instructor of mathematics in the Freehold Military Academy, with which he remained until 1905, when he carried out his plans to prepare for medical practice by entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore. He was graduated winning his M. D. degree and then putting his theoretical knowledge to practical test by serving as interne in the Providence Hospital at Washington, D. C. After leaving the national capital he opened an office in Unionville, where he remained in practice until 1913, when he became associated with the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital of New York city, there remaining for two years. The next two-year period was passed in Unionville, after which he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical arsenal laboratory of the aviation section at Hazelhurst, Long Island. In 1920 he came to New Britain, where he has since maintained his office, and through the intervening period of eight years he has specialized in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear and nose, being particularly skillful in this branch of practice. He is on the surgical staff of the New Britain Hospital and his ability is recognized by his professional colleagues and contemporaries and by the general public.

In New Britain, Dr. Morrissey was married to Miss Agnes Curtin and their children, three in number, are Anne, William and Mary. Dr. Morrissey belongs to various social organizations, including the New Britain, Shuttle Meadow, Chippanee Country and Sequin clubs, and his pleasing personality has gained for him many friends.

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#### WALTER L. GOODWIN

Walter L. Goodwin is associated with various financial and industrial corporations and is managing large estate interests. Born in New York, September 3, 1875, he is a son of James J. and Josephine Sarah (Lippincott) Goodwin, of Hartford, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

His preparatory college course was pursued in St. Mark's School at Southboro, Massachusetts, after which he entered Yale and won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1897. The same year he started out in the business world as a clerk with J. P. Morgan & Company of New York, there continuing until 1901, when he returned to Hartford and has since been associated with the management of the estates of his father and uncle, J. J. and F. Goodwin. Important interests are therefore under his control and in the management thereof he has measured up to the highest standards of executive direction. He is seldom, if ever, at fault in his judgment concerning a business opportunity and in the management of his affairs has ever displayed a most progressive spirit. He is now a director of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, the Society for Savings and many other financial and industrial institutions which figure prominently in the business development and stability of city and state.

On the 7th of January, 1921, Mr. Goodwin married Miss Olga V. Hempstone, a daughter of Flavius Hempstone, of New York. The children of his first marriage are Walter L., Jr., Henry Sage, Grenville and John B. L. Mr. Goodwin has membership connection with the Hartford and Hartford Golf Clubs, the University Club of New York, the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York and the Meadowbrook Club of New York. An early devotee to pony polo, he introduced the sport in Hartford and became one of the leading players of the country, maintaining a remarkable string of mounts at his beautiful Hartford home and other places. He has always voted with the republican party and Hartford made him a representative on the board of aldermen from the fourth ward in 1906, while in 1909 he represented the second senatorial district in the upper house of the general assembly of Connecticut, and upon the problems of the commonwealth he brought to bear the same discrimination and keen intelligence which he has ever displayed in the management of his private business interests and added thereto a spirit of marked devotion to the general good.

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#### WILLIAM JOSEPH HICKMOTT, JR.

An active, energetic business man is William Joseph Hickmott, Jr., the president of the Hartford Oil Service, Inc. He is a native of the city in which he still resides, he having been born here February 6, 1889. His parents, William J. and Hattie A. (Safford) Hickmott, are also natives of Connecticut and the father was prominently known in insurance circles, having been with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for about forty-five years. He is now living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He has figured somewhat prominently in community affairs and at one time represented the fifth ward as city councilman.

Pursuing his education in the public schools, William J. Hickmott, Jr., completed the work of successive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1907. He later entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and spent seventeen years with that corporation, but desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he organized the Hartford Oil Service, Inc., in May, 1926, and has since engaged in business under that name. This company supplies oil for domestic burners and acts as distributor for the New England Oil Refining Company, manufacturers of Mayflower products. Under the present management the business has been very successful and is steadily growing. Mr. Hickmott is the president of the company, with Alfred M. Kohn as vice president, C. R. Boardman as secretary, James A. Coleman as treasurer and A. W. Hyde as attorney.

On the 20th of June, 1917, Mr. Hickmott was married to Miss Pauline Bidwell, a daughter of Daniel Bidwell. He is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut and he belongs also to the City Club and to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank. It is said that all men have a hobby, and with Mr. Hickmott this may be found in his ownership of some of the finest bred dogs in the country, including Belgian sheep dogs which won the cups for the best American-bred dog and puppy in the United States. His kennels include some very fine stock and the Maple Rock Kennels are today well known throughout the country. He is never content save with the best and this is characteristic of all that he undertakes, whether in business or otherwise.

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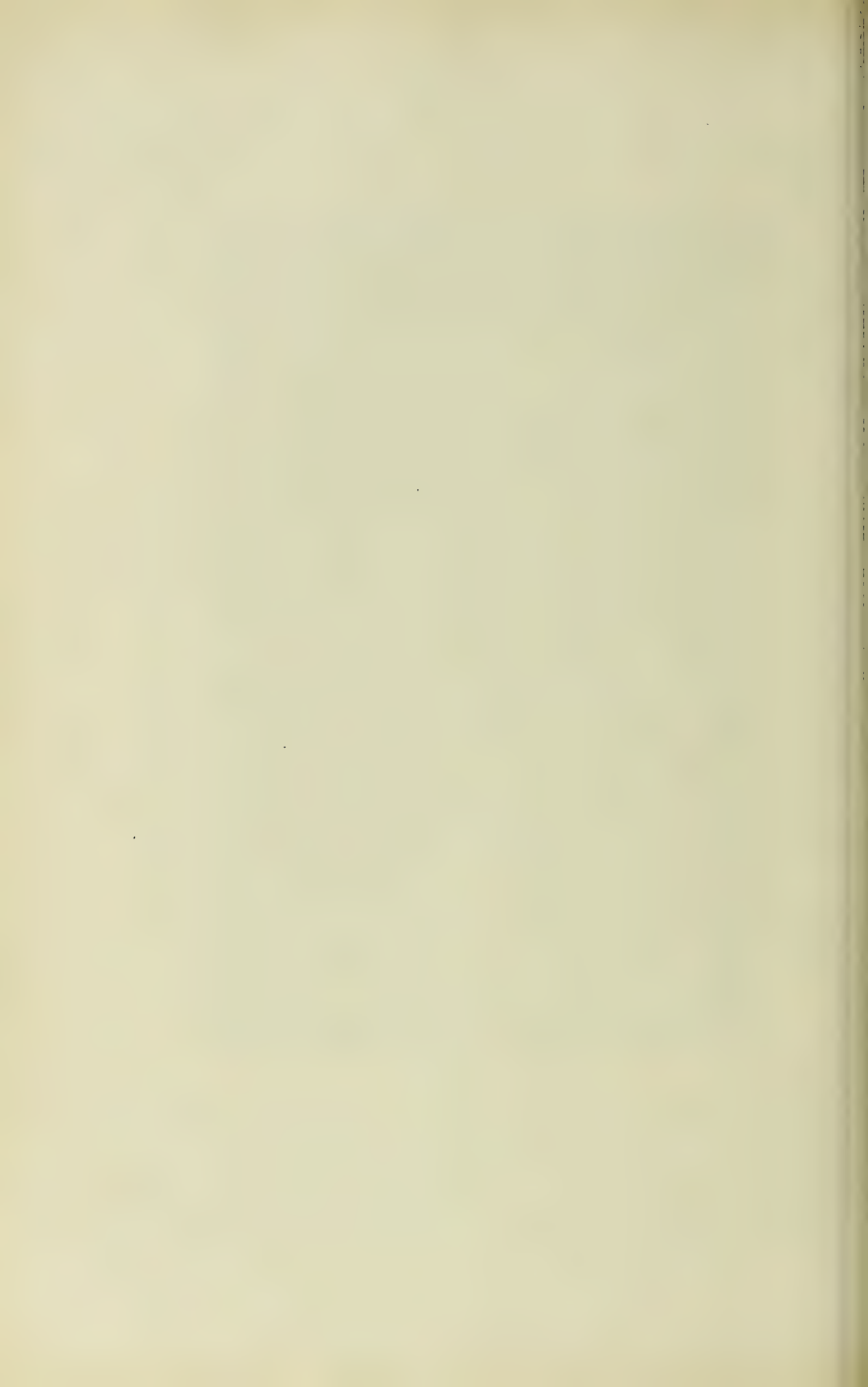
#### JAMES HAZLETON TALLMAN

A notable example of a well spent life is afforded in the career of James Hazleton Tallman, who has been closely identified with business and financial affairs of Hartford for more than forty years and has also performed his share of public service. He was born in Scotland, Connecticut, June 7, 1847, and traces his ancestry to Edward Fuller, who was one of the signers of the Mayflower compact. Mr. Tallman is also a direct descendant of Samuel Gorton, solicitor general of the colony of Newport and plantations. The Hazletons, his forbears in the maternal line, were early settlers of Haddam, Connecticut, and Captain James Hazleton of that town was a member of the general assembly of Connecticut. The parents of James H. Tallman were the Rev.





WILLIAM J. HICKMOTT, JR.



Thomas and Frances Maria (Hazleton) Tallman, natives of Middlesex county, Connecticut. The father was a Congregational minister and was pastor of the church in Scotland, Connecticut, from 1842 until 1860, a period of eighteen years. In 1866 he became a member of the state legislature and served for two terms, espousing the moral side of every issue. He was a true Christian and an earnest follower of the faith he preached.

James H. Tallman obtained his early instruction in his native town and next attended Williston Academy, a preparatory school at Easthampton, Massachusetts. In 1867 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and then took up the study of law. In 1868 he matriculated in the Harvard Law School, which he left a year later, and completed his legal training in the office of Welch & Shipman, Hartford attorneys. On the 29th of October, 1869, Mr. Tallman was admitted to the bar of Connecticut and located in Hartford, where he practiced successfully for twelve years. Since 1881 he has been a member of the firm of George W. Moore & Company, investment brokers, and his well directed labors have constituted a vital force in the development and success of the business. Mr. Tallman was one of the auditors of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Hartford for more than twenty years and has a detailed knowledge of the various phases of financial affairs, acquired by close study and years of practical experience.

On the 30th of October, 1873, Mr. Tallman was married in Boston, Massachusetts, to Miss Alice Elizabeth Graves, of Thompson, Connecticut, and three daughters were born to them: Grace, who is the widow of Edgar B. Burr; Alice, the wife of Dr. C. Brewster Brainard; and Marion, who is Mrs. Leonard A. Ellis, of San Diego, California.

For many years Mr. Tallman has been a member of the Hartford Historical Society and the Educational and University Clubs. He is also identified with the Yale Alumni Association and adheres to the faith in which he was reared, being a devout member of the Congregational church. At one time he was clerk of the probate court for the district of Thompson and served as judge of that court for two years. A strong advocate of the cause of education, he was made chairman of the West Middle school board and acted in that capacity for about fourteen years, rendering valuable service to the district. In April, 1880, he purchased his home at No. 25 Niles street and has lived in the same dwelling and at the same address for forty-eight years. Time has dealt kindly with Mr. Tallman, who is well preserved in mind and body, and although eighty-one years of age, he is on duty at his desk each day, deriving pleasure from the knowledge that he is still able to perform useful work. Wisely conserving the gifts with which nature endowed him, Mr. Tallman has extracted from life the real essence of living and his admirable traits of character have won for him the strong and enduring regard of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### EUGENE C. HEACOX

Eugene C. Heacox is general manager at Unionville for the Bourne-Fuller Company, Inc., manufacturers of bolts and nuts, and is thus closely associated with an enterprise that features largely in the business activity and material development of this city. A native of Connecticut, he was born at Pine Meadow in 1874, being one of the five sons of Charles and Julia M. (Hackney) Heacox. The father was a mechanic and machinist who followed that line of activity throughout his entire business career but is now living retired in Unionville, enjoying a well earned rest. He is a Civil war veteran, is a blue lodge Mason and a member of the Methodist church. His wife passed away in 1920.

At the usual age Eugene C. Heacox became a public school pupil in Unionville, mastering the work of successive grades until he completed his high school course in 1891, when he became a student in the Huntsinger Business College at Hartford. He was thus well trained for life's practical duties and responsibilities and he started out in the business world with the Upson-Hart Company in the capacity of book-keeper about 1892, thus continuing until 1897, when he became identified with the Upson Nut Company, with which he has since remained. Today the business is carried on by the Bourne-Fuller Company, Inc., which was organized in Cleveland, and Mr. Heacox, advancing steadily step by step through an orderly progression, is now plant



manager, having charge of the manufacture of bolts and nuts of all descriptions, while general repair work in their line is also carried on. The products are sold from the Cleveland office, the company being jobbers as well as manufacturers. The Unionville plant employs about one hundred people and for thirty-one years Mr. Heacox has been continuously associated with this business under the ownership of the Upson Nut Company and its successors, the Bourne-Fuller Company, which took over the business in 1917. The Upson Nut Company was one of the oldest in this line in Unionville, having been established in 1854 by Dwight Langdon, who began the manufacture of carriage bolts and nuts, and throughout all the intervening years to the present the business has been carried on and is an important unit of the Bourne-Fuller interests owing to the wise management and successful direction of Mr. Heacox, who is thoroughly familiar with every feature of the trade and thus manifests sound judgment in directing the labors of those who serve under him. He is also president of the Unionville Bank & Trust Company and a director of the Unionville Water Company, of which he is secretary and manager.

In 1895 Mr. Heacox was married to Miss Alice M. Brewer, who was born in Unionville, and they have one daughter, Marjorie Wilmot, who was born in 1906, is a graduate of the Farmington high school and now a senior in Wheaton College at Norton, Massachusetts. The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church and in his political views Mr. Heacox is a republican. He served as a member at the Home Guard Company of Unionville under Captain George Jenkins and he is interested in civic affairs, becoming the second warden after the borough form of government was adopted. He filled that office for one year, has also served on the school board, as a member of the town board of finance and as treasurer of the Union school district. His social activities include connection with the Avon Country Club and the City Club of Hartford.

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#### BERNHARD LYON

Bernhard Lyon, president of the street board of Hartford and at all times regarding a public office as a public trust, was born in this city February 29, 1872, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Guggenheimer) Lyon, the former a native of Alsace, Germany, while the mother was born in Munich, Germany. They came to the United States in 1863 and settled in Hartford, where the father engaged in business. He was a copper-smith and was engaged in the sheet metal business during his life, his son Bernhard succeeding him in this undertaking.

Attending the Brown school, Bernhard Lyon mastered the work of consecutive grades until graduated with the class of 1887, subsequent to which time he attended high school. When his course was completed he learned the plumbing trade with Thomas Oakes and then entered business with his father and his brother Felix. After the father's death in 1918 the brothers took over the business and have continued this enterprise, which has been established here through fifty-five years and is one of the oldest in this line in Hartford. The same spirit of reliability and the same quality of thoroughness in work that was manifest at the beginning has been continued through the intervening years and the owners are regarded as most substantial business men of the capital city.

In 1896 Mr. Lyon was united in marriage to Miss Celia Fischer, of Hartford. They are the parents of a daughter, Delphine, who is the wife of Sol Kohn. Mr. Lyon is very fond of travel and has made frequent trips to Europe, finding much to occupy his time and attention in the places of modern and historic interest. In community affairs of his native city he has taken an active part. For eight years he served on the board of health under Mayor Henney, Mayor Cheney and Mayor Hooker and did effective work in that connection. He is president of the Employers Association, vice president of the Hartford Open Shop and is in touch with all that has to do with the improvement of business conditions here. Matters affecting the youth of the country also receive his earnest attention and he is now a director of the Boy Scouts and a member of the Good Will Club. He belongs to the Lions Club, the City Club and the Tumble Brook Country Club and he is a loyal member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1924 he was elected street commissioner, was made vice president of the board in 1926 and became its president in



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**BERNHARD LYON**





1927. He assisted in the registration at the time of the World war, in which his nephew, Maurice Herman, was killed, making the supreme sacrifice at the battle of Verdun. All that has to do with progressive citizenship awakens his interest and receives his cooperation and he is rendering important service to his fellowmen in the efficient discharge of the official duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him.

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#### GEORGE K. MACAULEY

George K. Macauley, vice president of the New Britain Lumber Company, with which business he has been closely associated since 1905, contributing in a substantial measure to its growing success, was born in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, in 1875, and pursued his education in the schools of his native province. He was a young man of about twenty-three years when he crossed the border, establishing his home in Boston, where he became identified with the lumber trade as a representative of the Leatherbee Lumber Company. He filled the position of lumber surveyor and was with that company until 1905, when he came to New Britain to accept the position of manager with the New Britain Lumber Company. Throughout the intervening period of twenty-three years he has been closely associated with the business and in 1912 was elected vice president, adding the duties of that office to his work as general manager. They are the largest operators in New Britain. Lumber is shipped to them from the south, from the Pacific coast and from Quebec, Canada, and they handle everything in building supplies, their trade having now reached gratifying proportions as the direct outcome of the careful management and well devised plans of Mr. Macauley, who has been the active head of the concern for sixteen years. He is likewise vice president and a director of the Bristol Lumber Company and is thoroughly familiar with the lumber trade in all of its phases from both the production and sales standpoints. He has membership in the Connecticut Retail Dealers Association and also in the Northeastern Lumbermen's Association and keeps in close connection with the trade in every particular.

Mr. Macauley was married to Miss Alice Connerton, a native of New Britain, and by a former marriage had a daughter, Beatrice, who is now attending the Gray Court preparatory school at Stamford, Connecticut. In his political views Mr. Macauley is an earnest republican, taking a very active interest in local affairs. He was chairman of the city planning commission for a number of years and his aid and cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further any project which has to do with the improvement and benefit of the city. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and a loyal member of the Rotary Club, and he also belongs to the Trinity Methodist church. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in the lodge and in the chapter, having been high priest in New Britain. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, is a member of the Mystic Shrine and served on the building committee at the time of the erection of the Masonic Temple in New Britain. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Putnam Phalanx. His connection with organizations strictly social in intent is indicated in the fact that his name is on the membership list of the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, the New Haven Yacht Club and the Shelter Harbor Country Club. A resident of New England for three decades and of New Britain for twenty-three years, he is thoroughly loyal to the interests of community, commonwealth and country and is regarded as a valuable addition to the citizenship of Hartford county.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD CHASE

Charles Edward Chase was born in Dubuque, Iowa, March 29, 1857, his parents being George Lewis and Calista Mendall (Taft) Chase, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work together with the ancestral record of the family, traced back to an early period in the history of Buckinghamshire, England.

Becoming a resident of Chicago, Illinois, in his early youth, Charles E. Chase there entered the Haven grammar school, which he attended between 1863 and 1867. In the latter year he became a pupil in the West Middle grammar school of Hartford,

and afterward pursued the high school course until graduated with the class of 1876, of which he had the honor of being chosen president. The following year he started out upon his business career, then a young man of twenty, by becoming an employe of the local agency of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. His diligence and fidelity won recognition and after three years he entered the home office of the corporation, which he represented in various clerical capacities through the following decade and was then called to official position, being made second assistant secretary in July, 1890. From that time forward he was steadily advanced until he became vice president and in 1908 was elected to the presidency of the company, remaining its chief executive officer until 1913, when he resigned and was elected chairman of the board of directors, which office he still fills, covering a period of fifteen years. He is further known in insurance circles by reason of his service as president of the Hartford Board of Fire Underwriters from 1894 until 1907 and as a director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, of which bank he was president from January 8, 1915, to April 27, 1915, when he resigned to accept the position of chairman of the board of directors of the Hartford-Aetna National Bank, a merger of the Hartford National Bank and the Aetna National Bank, which position he filled until his resignation in February, 1926. He is a director and chairman of the board of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, the Hartford Live Stock Insurance Company, the New York Underwriters Insurance Corporation and the Sanborn Map Company of New York. He is a director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, the Standard Screw Company of New York, the Hartford Machine Screw Company of Hartford, Arrow-Hart & Hegeman, Inc., and the Collins Company of Hartford and is a trustee of the Society for Savings in Hartford as well as The Bankers Trust Company of Hartford. His business interests have therefore been of wide scope and have contributed in notable measure to the upbuilding and material development of Connecticut.

On the 9th of June, 1886, Mr. Chase was married to Miss Helen Smith Bourne, who was born in Hartford, January 10, 1860, her parents being Benjamin Alger and Mary (Stannis) Bourne. Their family numbers one daughter and one son: Genevieve, who was born March 4, 1887, and completed her education at Dana Hall, Wellesley; and Porter Bourne, born May 27, 1896.

Mr. Chase was a young man of twenty-two years when in February, 1879, he enlisted as a charter member of Company K, First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, and held successively the ranks of corporal, sergeant and first sergeant, receiving his honorable discharge in February, 1888. His political opinions have always been in accord with the principles of the republican party and he has rendered effective service in municipal affairs, having been a member of the council from the first ward in 1892 and alderman from 1893 until 1895. He was likewise clerk of the West Middle school district and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. He belongs at the present writing to the Hartford, Hartford Golf Farmington Country, Twentieth Century, Ekwanok Golf Club, Equinox Links Club and Bolton Fish and Game Club. He has membership in the Asylum Hill Congregational church and in its teachings are found the basic principles of his conduct. In every phase of life he has measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship, mindful ever of his responsibilities and obligations in civic life and to his fellowmen. His record has exemplified the truth of the Emersonian philosophy that the way to win a friend is to be one, and the circle of his friendship is now most extensive.

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#### ELMER A. JACKMAN

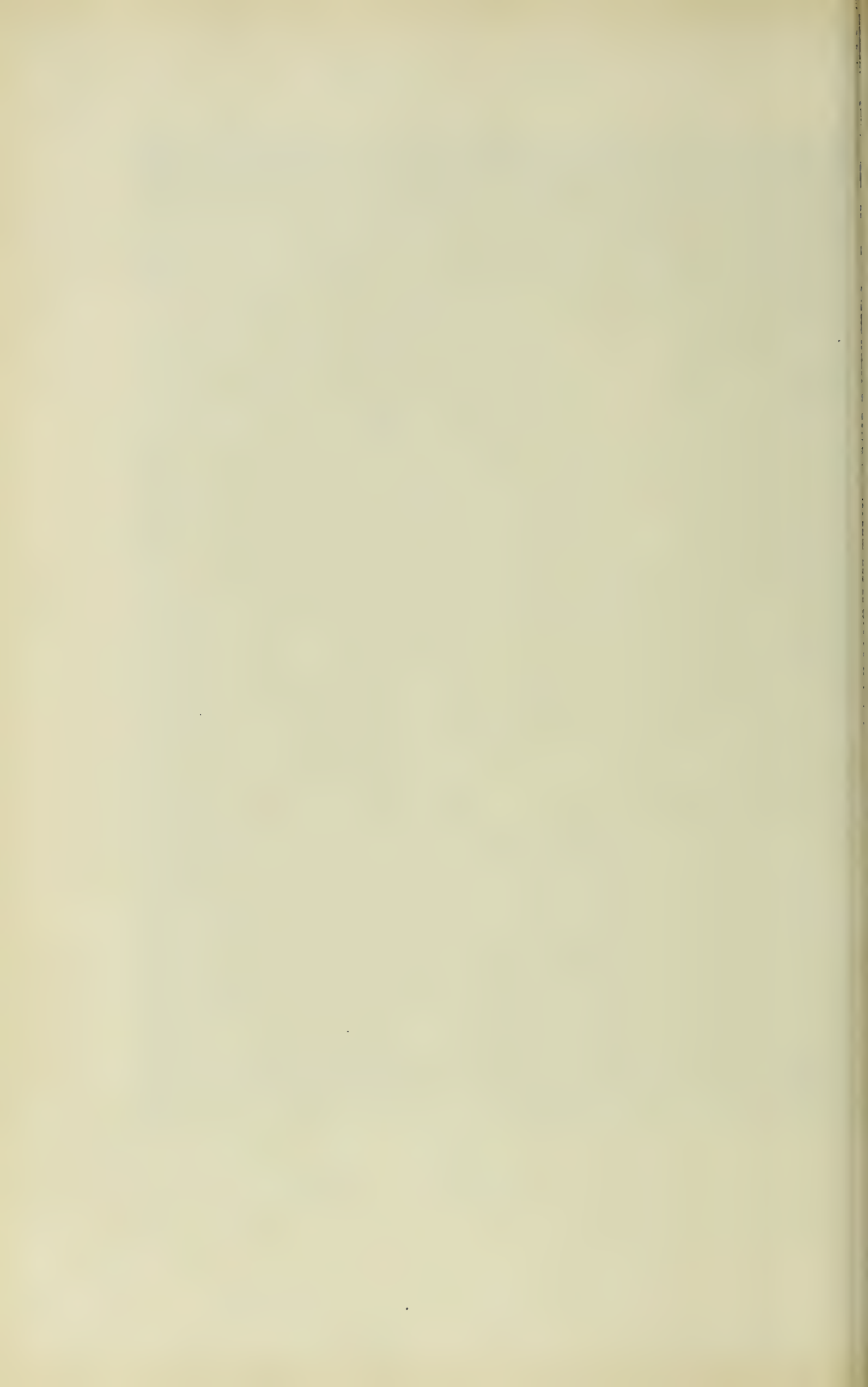
Early in his career Elmer A. Jackman realized that hard work constitutes the basis of all advancement and his earnest, systematic efforts have placed him with Hartford's prominent lumbermen. His connection with local business activities covers a period of thirty-five years and he has also found time for civic affairs, proving his public spirit by word and deed. He was born in Garland, Maine, in 1861, and is of English lineage. His forbears came to America about 1636 and settled in the vicinity of Newbury, Massachusetts. His parents, John L. and Julia (Bates) Jackman, were



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ELMER A. JACKMAN





also natives of the Pine Tree state and spent the latter part of their lives in Massachusetts. They had six children four sons and two daughters.

Elmer A. Jackman was reared on his father's farm and received his education in rural schools. In 1881, when a young man of twenty, he severed home ties and went to Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, where he secured a position with the Richmond & Merriam Lumber Company, doing general mill work. He next went to North Adams, that state, becoming a foreman for Bartlett Brothers, a firm of builders. For five and a half years he remained with them and in 1893 came to Hartford as superintendent of the mill of Andrews & Peck. In 1904 the business was incorporated under the style of the Andrews & Peck Company, of which he was elected vice president, and acted in that capacity until the death of Mr. Andrews in 1906. Mr. Jackman then became president of the company and has since filled that office. Endowed with initiative, mature judgment and executive force, he has instituted well defined plans for the expansion of the business, keeping the firm not only in line but also in the lead of its competitors. He knows every phase of the lumber industry and broad experience enables him to readily solve the difficult problems which are constantly arising in connection with his duties. The firm handles lumber and building material of all kinds and the plant is located at No. 155 Charter Oak ave. In 1893 only six men were required in the factory and the extent of the industry today is indicated by the fact that the company now has one hundred and twenty-five employees.

In 1881 Mr. Jackman was married in Massachusetts to Miss Henrietta Goodnow and they became the parents of three children: Blanche, who died when a young woman of twenty-three; Kenneth, who is a druggist; and Ralph, who died at the age of twenty-five years. The parents are Baptists and closely observe the teachings of the church. Mr. Jackman served for six and a half years in the Second Massachusetts Regiment and was made first sergeant of his company. For eleven years he has been active in the affairs of the blue lodge of Masons and is a past regent of the Royal Arcanum. In 1916 he formed the State of Maine Club, which now has about three hundred members. He is also identified with the Masonic Club, the Hartford County Automobile Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Sons of the Revolution. His wife is connected with the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth and the Pythian Sisters, also taking an active part in church and social affairs. In politics he is a republican and for five years was one of the aldermen of Hartford, working at all times for the best interests of the municipality. Mr. Jackman has conscientiously discharged life's duties and obligations and his career teaches the world the ever valuable lesson that true success comes only through tireless industry, guided and inspired by singleness of purpose. He has a wide acquaintance in Hartford and the years have strengthened his position in public esteem.

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#### FRED E. BELOIN

Fred E. Beloin is now living retired from active business in New Britain. He is essentially a self-made man, for from the age of eleven years he has depended entirely upon his own efforts and resources, and while he started out at a wage of forty cents per day, he is now numbered among the men of affluence in his community. A native of Canada, he was born June 18, 1876, and is a son of Eli and Florence (Gommarsh) Beloin. At the usual age he entered school, but when a lad of only eleven years he had to put aside his textbooks and provide for his own support, securing employment in the old tack shop at New Britain, where he earned but forty cents per day. When a lad of twelve years he became an employe in the Corbin box shop, where he was accorded a wage of two dollars and forty cents per week, of which he paid two dollars per week for board, leaving him only forty cents weekly for clothes and other necessary expenses. When a youth of fourteen he obtained a situation in the plant of the Stanley Rule and Level Company and when he had managed to accumulate a capital of twenty-five dollars he borrowed an equal amount and with that sum opened a recreation room on Main street, where he continued for eight months. His next investment made him the owner of the Half Dime restaurant and later he removed to Bristol, Connecticut, where he established business as a dealer in eggs. Three months later he opened a lunch counter and then subsequently conducted various enterprises before becoming proprietor of the Depot restaurant, which he carefully, systematically and successfully

managed for six years. His well directed industry during that period brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the Beloin Hotel on Church street, adjacent to the railroad depot. This he wisely managed until some years later he sold out to the Delaney brothers. As the years have passed success in substantial measure has rewarded his labors and brought him to a position of affluence. When he retired from the hotel business he became vice president of the Commercial Trust Company and he made further investment of his fortune by erecting a handsome modern four-story brick garage upon the site of the Corbin box factory, in which he had worked as a boy for the meager salary of two dollars and forty cents per week. This garage cost a quarter of a million dollars and is the only garage in New Britain that has no mortgage or fire insurance. The major part of his prosperity has been won since 1900, at which time he purchased the Depot restaurant, conducting it continuously until 1921, when he acquired ownership of the Beloin Hotel, which he sold in 1927.

In New Britain, in 1897, Mr. Beloin was married to Miss Margaret Driscoll, who passed away three years later. They had two children: Margaret, who died at the age of one year; and Mary. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Beloin married Phelenise Theborge. Their children are: Fred, Jr., who is a graduate of the Catholic University at Washington and is now in Beloin Motor Sales business; and Harold, who is a student in Dartmouth College. Such in brief is the life record of Fred E. Beloin, who certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. With but limited educational advantages and with none of the opportunities that usually fall to the lot of the American youth, he has worked his way steadily upward, wisely using his time, talents and opportunities, practicing economy and industry and accomplishing his purposes through sheer force of character and of perseverance. His life story may well serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others showing what can be accomplished through individual effort.

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#### JOHN S. WINIALSKI

Making thorough preparation for his chosen line of work, John S. Winialski has wisely continued therein, steadily progressing toward the goal of success, and is now the owner of one of Hartford's finest bakeries. He is an acknowledged leader of its Polish-American colony and a strong force for civic growth and advancement. He was born in Torin, Poland, November 18, 1879, and his parents, Stanley and Mary (Walenski) Winialski, were also natives of that country. In 1892 they came to the United States, first settling in Collinsville, Connecticut, and in 1901 removed to Hartford. In this city they spent the remainder of their lives, the father devoting his attention to the occupation of gardening.

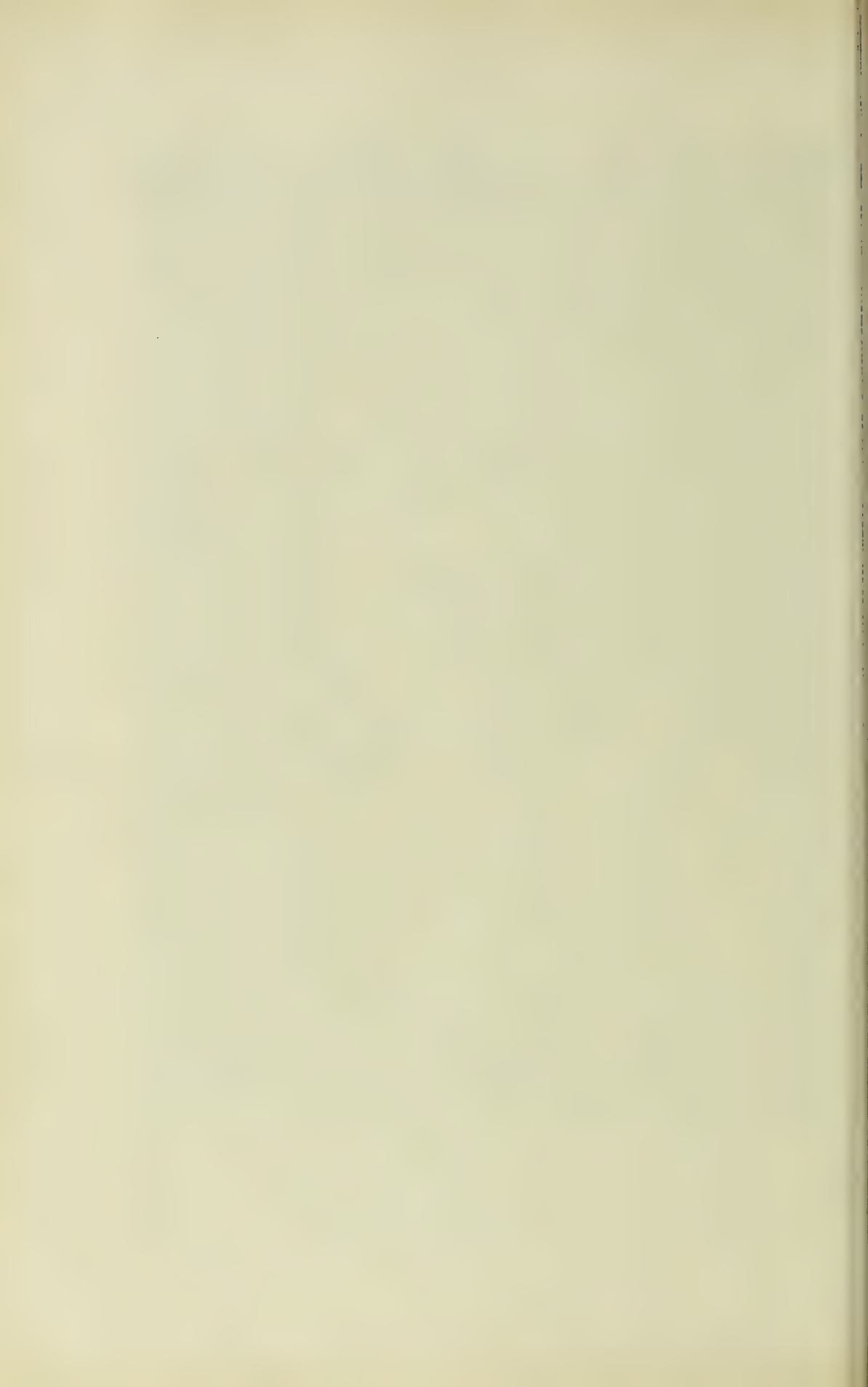
John S. Winialski attended the schools of his native city until he reached the age of thirteen and continued his studies in Hartford. After learning the English language he decided to become a baker and took a course in a school of that character in Boston, Massachusetts. He also received a diploma from the American Institute of Bread Making at Chicago, Illinois, and worked at his trade for several years, acquiring valuable experience. In 1910 he ventured in business for himself, starting a small shop at No. 1851 Park street, Hartford, a district which then contained but two or three houses, and has since remained at this location. The original structure which he erected has been remodeled and he now has an up-to-date establishment which is a model of neatness and efficiency. It is conducted under the style of the Royal Baking Company, of which he is the owner, and reflects his progressive spirit and high standards. Mr. Winialski has made an intensive study of the business and recently introduced a new variety of bread, known as the Soderholm Swedish rye loaf, for which there is a large demand. Scientifically based upon inflexible economic rules, the products of his bakery are unexcelled, and a large and constantly widening patronage is conclusive proof of their popularity. Mr. Winialski enjoys his work and has a highly specialized knowledge of the business, with which he has been identified from the age of eighteen years. At first he performed all of the tasks in connection with the conduct of the bakery and he now has fifteen employes and operates eleven delivery wagons. He also owns the store in which his goods are sold and has materially advanced the standards of the trade in Hartford. He is a director of the Park Street Trust Company and an officer in a number of Polish organizations.





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JOHN S. WINIALSKI



Mr. Winialski was married July 10, 1908, to Miss Helen Bogdanski, who was born in Toledo, Ohio, and passed away March 25, 1927. She had become the mother of seven children: Cornelia, Helen, Kasmier, George, Marion, John and Robert.

Mr. Winialski has always manifested a deep interest in civic affairs and was appointed a member of the aviation commission by Mayor Batterson. For five years he served on the Hartford police force and at the same time continued his business. He is vice president of the New England Bakers Association and also belongs to the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and the local lodge of Elks. For a considerable period he has been a member of the advisory board of the Polish Republican Club and a power in state politics. Mr. Winialski has received many valuable tokens as a mark of appreciation of his untiring efforts in behalf of the Polish societies with which he is affiliated and he has served the city of Hartford with equal fidelity and honor, thus winning the strong and enduring regard of his fellowmen.

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#### CLIFFORD B. MORCOM

Clifford B. Morcom, vice president since 1923 of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company and the Automobile Insurance Company, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th of May, 1885. He was only a year old when his parents, James J. and Mary A. (McKay) Morcom, became residents of Hartford, where his father was connected with the Travelers Insurance Company, occupying the position of chief adjuster for many years. He passed away here February 15, 1907.

Reared in this city, Clifford B. Morcom attended the public schools until he had completed the high school course and in 1902, when a youth of seventeen years, he became associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as an office boy. Advancement came to him from time to time and in 1913 he was appointed assistant secretary, while in May, 1921, he was advanced to the position of secretary and in February, 1923, was made vice president of this company, at the same time becoming vice president of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company and the Automobile Insurance Company. In addition to the offices which he is already filling he is a director of the Dime Savings Bank.

On the 18th of June, 1912, Mr. Morcom was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Moore, a daughter of C. Howard and Sadie (Marvel) Moore, of Hartford. They now have a family of three sons: Clifford B., Jr., born October 29, 1913; Richard James, born December 20, 1918; and William Moore, born June 16, 1921.

In his political views Mr. Morcom is a republican and his social connections are with the Hartford and Hartford Golf clubs.

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#### CLIFTON MATHER COOLEY, M. D.

Taking up his abode in New Britain on the 1st of October, 1911, Dr. Clifton Mather Cooley has since engaged in practice here and is recognized today as one of the strong and able representatives of the profession. He was born at East Norwalk, Connecticut, July 31, 1881, his parents being Henry M. and Eliza (Cooper) Cooley, the former a son of Cotton Mather Cooley, who was a direct descendant of Cotton Mather, the Puritan ancestor and noted New England divine of early colonial days.

Dr. Cooley acquired his early education in the schools of Norwalk, Connecticut, and after leaving high school entered Yale University for a medical course, there pursuing his studies until 1908, when he was graduated with the M. D. degree. He received valuable practical training as an interne in the New Haven General Hospital from June, 1908, until October, 1909, and he likewise spent a year in the Providence Lying-In Hospital and for two years was assistant superintendent of the Worcester General Hospital. With his removal to New Britain he opened an office for the general practice of medicine, in which he has since continued, while at the same time he has rendered valuable service as a member of the surgical staff of the New Britain General Hospital since 1914.

On the 20th of December, 1915, Dr. Cooley was married in New Britain to Mrs.



Ethel (Stone) Woodruff and they have one son, Clifton, Jr. During the World war period Dr. Cooley was active as a member of the draft board of the New Britain district and as vice chairman of the appeal board. He is always interested in any proposed project for the public welfare and gives helpful support to measures that he deems of vital interest to the community. He is associated with the leading professional societies and through broad reading and study keeps abreast of modern thought as related to the practice of medicine and surgery.

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#### ALFRED E. HONCE

Energetic, resourceful and capable, Alfred E. Honce has long been recognized as one of Hartford's leading business men and is equally well known because of his public service, which was prompted by an unselfish devotion to the general good. A native of Monmouth county, New Jersey, he was born in 1864, a son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Stryker) Honce. He received a public school education and traveled westward in 1886, working for about two years on a stock farm in Illinois. In 1888 he went to New York city and for some time was in the employ of a contracting firm. Later he was identified with construction activities in Denver, Colorado, and Chicago, Illinois, also following that line of work in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1895 he started in the livery business here and was thus engaged until 1911, prospering in the undertaking. He then became a trainer, buyer and seller of saddle and commercial horses and for eighteen years has successfully engaged in this business, operating under the style of A. E. Honce & Company, of which he is the executive head. His establishment is located on Jefferson avenue, which was named after "Thomas Jefferson," a famous trotting stallion. Mr. Honce is an expert judge of horses and knows the best methods of training them. His business is managed with system and efficiency and at one time he was a dealer in coal, serving as president of the Charter Oak Coal Company.

In 1894 Mr. Honce married Abbie Anderson, of Hartford, and they became the parents of a son, Gilbert, who died in infancy. Mr. Honce is a director of the Kenney Park Riding Club and for years was secretary of the Driving Club. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a strong republican and was fire and police commissioner and one of the councilmen of West Hartford. As a public official he displayed rare qualities, exerting his best efforts in behalf of his community, and throughout life he has followed the course dictated by conscience and honor, thus winning the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### FRANK LIVINGSTONE GROSVENOR, M. D.

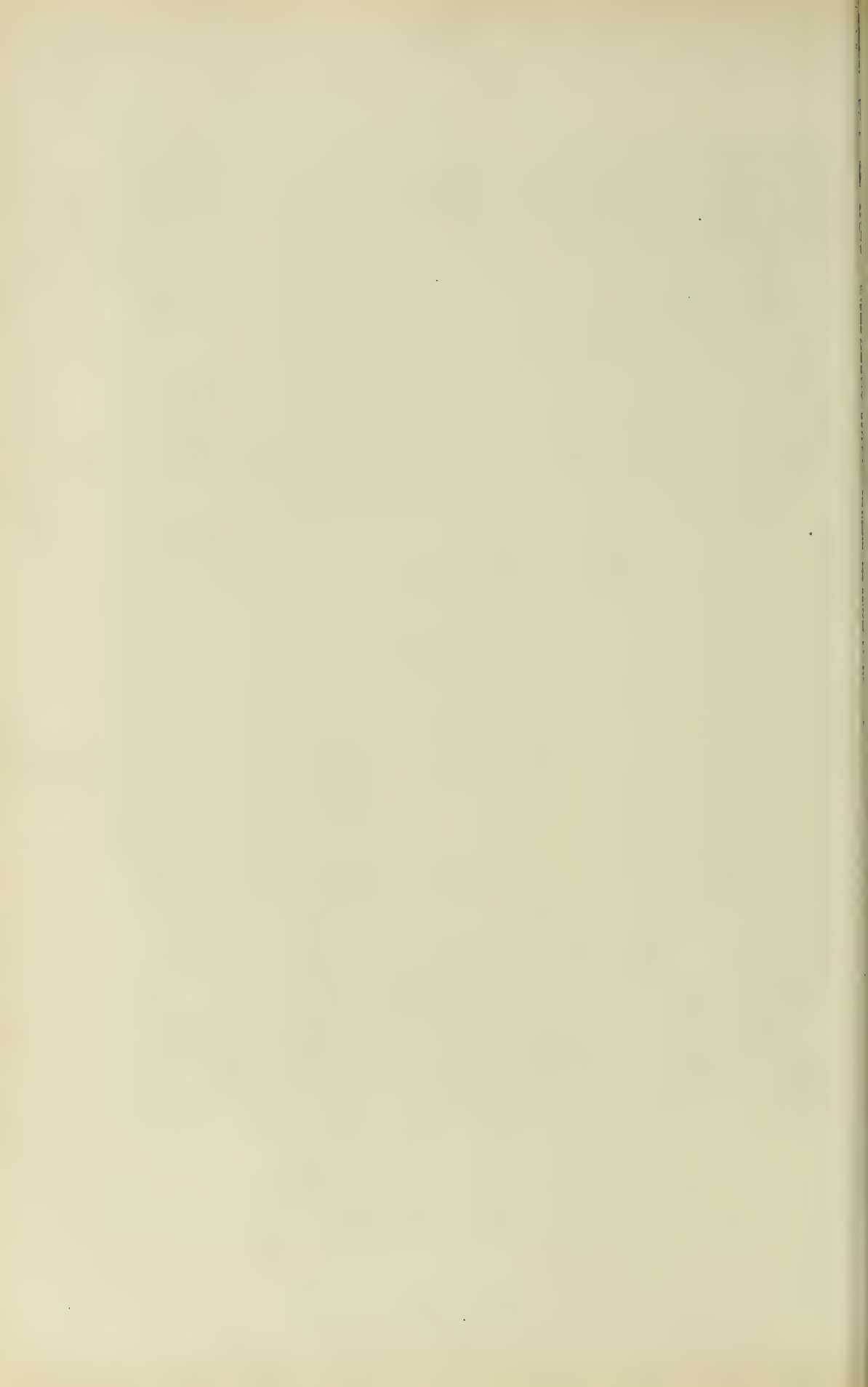
Dr. Frank Livingstone Grosvenor, now occupying a position of large responsibility and importance as medical director of the Travelers Insurance Company and widely and prominently known not only in business circles of Connecticut but throughout the east, comes to this state from Lebanon, New York, where he was born July 15, 1875, his parents being George Griffin and Sarah (Mackin) Grosvenor. He is descended from one of the old New England families, the ancestral line being traced back to John Grosvenor, who with eleven other men founded the town of Pomfret, Windham county, Connecticut.

His parents having removed from Lebanon to Hamilton, New York, Frank L. Grosvenor there pursued his preliminary public and high school education, while later he continued his studies in Colgate Academy of Hamilton, thus acquiring that broad literary training which served as an excellent foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional learning. Having determined upon the practices of medicine as his life work, he next entered the University of Buffalo and won his M. D. degree at graduation with the class of 1900. He served as an interne in the Erie County Hospital of Buffalo, New York, for a year, thereby gaining broad and valuable experience, and in 1901 he became associated with the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island, New York, acting as assistant physician in that institution until 1904. In the latter year he concluded arrangements whereby he became medical



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ALFRED E. HONCE





examiner for the Travelers Insurance Company in New York city but in November of the same year was called to the home office of the company in Hartford, where he has since remained, acting as medical examiner until 1907, when he was advanced to the position of associate medical director, while three years later, in 1910, he was made medical director and has so continued to the present time. He is thus directing a most important branch of the service and his thoroughness and enterprise, as well as his comprehensive knowledge of medical science, are proving of great benefit to the corporation. He belongs to the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations, thus keeping in touch with the trend of professional thought and progress, and also to the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors.

On the 1st of June, 1904, Dr. Grosvenor was married to Miss Helen Allan, a daughter of John and Helen (Rose) Allan, of Toronto, Ontario. Their children are: Allan Livingstone, born July 31, 1908; and Nancy Mackin, born December 8, 1921.

With the attainment of his majority Dr. Grosvenor gave his political allegiance to the republican party and has never swerved from that course to the present time. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he holds membership in the Hartford Golf Club and also in the Hartford Club. He is numbered among the men of prominence in this city by reason of his attractive social qualities, which make for friendship and genial companionship, and by reason of his capability in professional and business circles, his powers having grown through the exercise of effort until he now stands among the forceful factors in the business life of his adopted city.

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#### FREDERICK ALBERT SEARLE

Frederick Albert Searle, actively associated with the firm of Landers, Frary & Clark of New Britain, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1869 and in 1881 was brought to the city of his present residence by his parents, Henry L. and Ellen (Childs) Searle. The father was freight agent for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at New Britain through a period of four years and was with the company altogether for thirty-five years, devoting his entire life to railroad work. He died in August, 1896, his wife, who made her home on Farmington avenue in Hartford, died October 9, 1928.

Frederick A. Searle completed a public school education by graduation from the high school of New Britain with the class of 1885 and in the fall of the same year he entered Yale. He started out in the business world as discount clerk in the employ of the New Britain National Bank, with which he remained until 1889, when he went to the old Hartford National Bank as bookkeeper, so serving until 1900, when he returned to New Britain. Here he became associated with Landers, Frary & Clark as head of the invoice department and subsequently was advanced to the position of assistant treasurer in charge of the sales department. His next promotion made him vice president of the firm, with which he has since been actively identified in his official capacity. His duties have to do with the sales end of the business and his association with the enterprise through a period of twenty-eight years well qualifies him for the important duties and responsibilities devolving upon him. He is also a director of all its subsidiary corporations in New York and Chicago. Moreover, he is a director of the New Britain Trust Company, is likewise president of Charles Forschner & Sons, Inc., of Connecticut, and is the president of Charles Forschner & Sons of New York city. His sound business judgment constitutes a valuable element in the successful control of the various and important business interests with which he is associated. He is also one of the incorporators of the Savings bank of New Britain and is auditor of that institution as well as of the Burritt Mutual Savings Bank of New Britain.

In 1891 Mr. Searle was united in marriage to Lula M. Burt, of Hartford, Connecticut, and they are the parents of two sons. Raymond B., who resides in West Hartford, is a teacher of science in the Junior high school of New Britain. He married Dorothy Cowles, of Hartford, and has a daughter, Luella. His brother, Kenneth M., is a successful automobile dealer of New Britain, handling the Reo cars. The latter married Eleanor White, of New Britain, and has a son, Kenneth M., Jr. Both

Raymond and Kenneth Searle enlisted for service in the navy when the United States entered the World war and were honorably discharged in 1919. The mother, Mrs. Lula Searle, is a member of the South Congregational Society of New Britain and is rendering effective service on its woman's board. She is also active as a member of the woman's board of the New Britain Hospital, D. A. R. and figures prominently in social affairs.

The activities of Mr. Searle have been far-reaching in extent and have been thoroughly resultant. He votes with the republican party and has done effective work in public affairs as a member of the board of finance and taxation. He holds membership in the South church and is chairman of its music committee. He belongs to the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, the New Britain Club, the Farmington Country Club and the Country Club of Madison, Connecticut. He also has membership in the Hardware Club of New York city, the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford and in the Royal Arcanum. His activities are largely immeasurable by any known standard yet there is no phase of community life which has not elicited his attention and gained his cooperation on the side of advancement and improvement. His work has been of direct benefit to New Britain in many ways and as a business man he has proven strong and forceful, his life work constituting an example well worthy of emulation.

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#### JOHN C. COOK

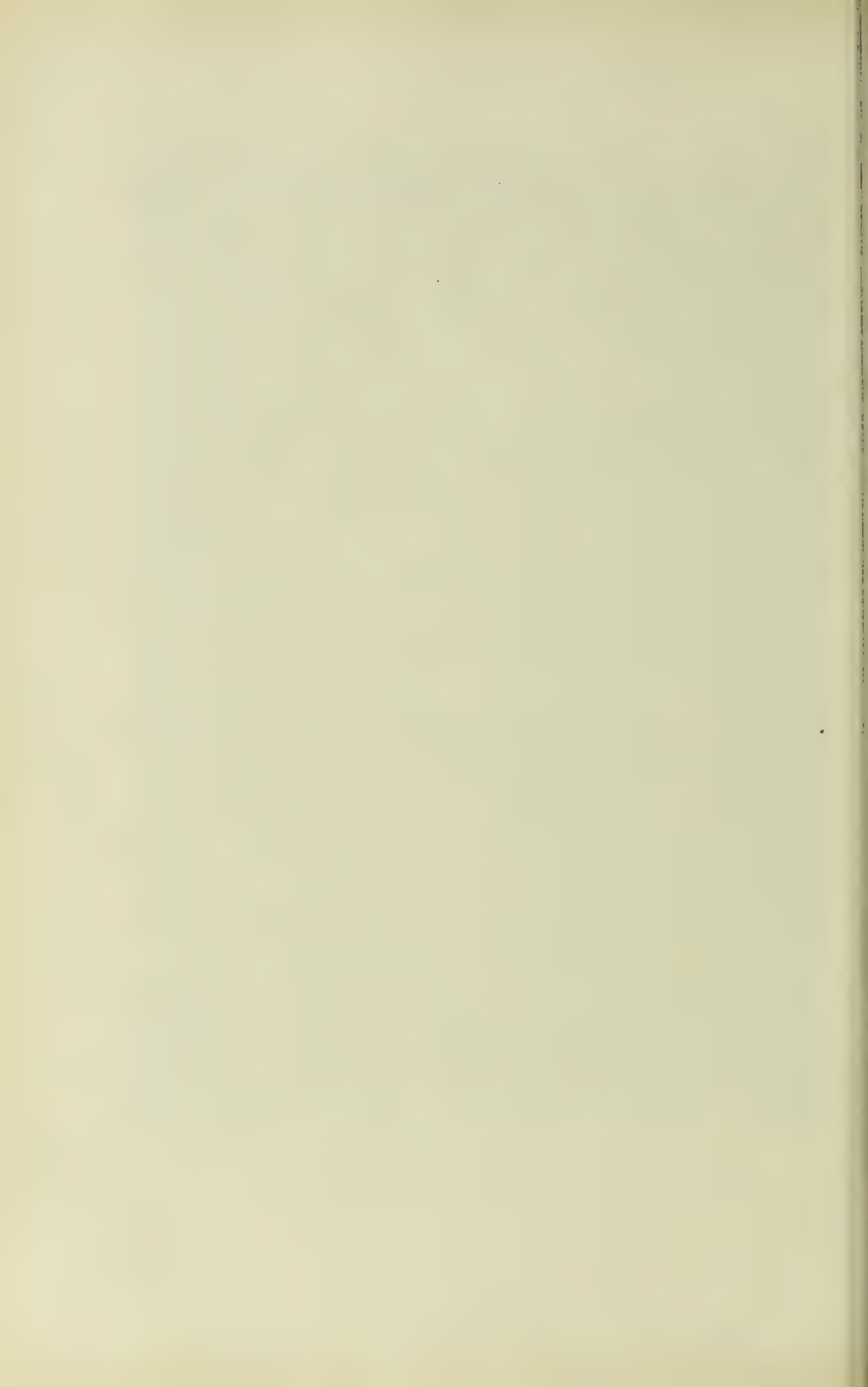
John C. Cook is the president of the Asa S. Cook Company, manufacturers of wood screw machinery, a Hartford business that has been in existence since 1869. He has thus come to a place of prominence in commercial circles and he also deserves mention as a veteran of the World war. He was born in the capital city on August 6, 1893, his parents being John F. and Josephine (Garrison) Cook, who were also natives of Hartford. The son obtained a public school education, passing through consecutive grades until the completion of his high school course, after which he attended Suffield Academy. He then entered the factory of the Asa S. Cook Company, a business which bears the name of its founder, who came from New Hampshire and established the enterprise, which has since steadily grown and which year by year has developed along progressive lines, much of the success of the undertaking being due to the improvement of the machinery made by the company. Asa S. Cook, who founded the business in 1869, came to Hartford in 1850 and for eight years was employed in the Colt pistol factory, in which he became foreman. In 1858 he began contracting on his own account, making machinery for the Colt and other companies, and the same year undertook the manufacture of wood screw machinery, the business being conducted almost continuously until 1915 in the West armory of the Colt Company. A new factory was then built on Franklin avenue with an extremely attractive exterior as well as a splendidly equipped interior. The main building, seventy by two hundred and fifty-one feet, is one and two stories in height and the ell of the two-story portion, twenty-five by forty feet, is occupied by the offices, a display room and the drafting room. The building is of steel and brick of modern construction and the equipment of the plant is unsurpassed. The shop has four main drive sections, run by a fifty-horse-power motor, and these are so equipped with clutches that only a small section of the shop need be shut down at any time by reason of accident or by any machine shifting. There are unusual features in this plant not commonly found in other factories of similar character but contributing in large measure to the efficiency of operation and to the success of the undertaking. The business was incorporated as the Asa S. Cook Company in 1896 and the founder remained active in the enterprise until his death. The company has always engaged in the manufacture of special machinery, having built machinery and machine tools of the most diverse types, this special work forming a considerable part of its output. When John C. Cook entered the plant he first worked as a machinist and by sheer ability and force of character gained promotion through the several departments, thereby acquiring a full knowledge of the business in every detail. Eventually he was made assistant treasurer and in July, 1926, he became president following the death of John F. Cook. There are about fifty employes and the business has long been upon a substantial basis, with a large trade, and fully meets the requirements of its patrons. The officers of the company



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JOHN C. COOK





are as follows: John C. Cook, president; Frank E. Newton, treasurer; Alvin W. Hyde, secretary; and Reuben S. Crosby, general manager. Mr. Cook is also the president of Harry A. Cross, Inc., conducting a mercantile credit service.

His business activity, however, was interrupted by his enlistment for service as a member of Troop B of the Connecticut National Guard Cavalry, which was on duty on the Mexican border. He was afterward with the Three Hundred and Second Field Hospital unit in the World war, went overseas and served in France and Germany as a sergeant, being mustered out at Camp Devens in Massachusetts in August, 1919. He has membership with the Sons of Veterans and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Exchange Club No. 19 and to the West Hartford Country Club.

On the 15th of June, 1921, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Frances Reid, of Hartford, and they are the parents of two children: Jane Cole, born September 1, 1922; and Mary Frances, who was born July 15, 1927. The family resides at 73 Bainbridge road.

Such in brief is the life history of John C. Cook, who since starting out in the business world has devoted his time and attention to the interests of the Asa S. Cook Company, and the thoroughness with which he has mastered every phase of the work has led to the substantial growth of the trade. Thoroughness and reliability have characterized his record and he has the entire confidence and good will of those with whom he has been brought in contact. In social life, too, his personal qualities have endeared him to those who know him and in the city in which he has always lived he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### JAMES H. BREWSTER

Among the men who were most active in the years that covered the close of the nineteenth and the opening of the twentieth centuries—men who laid broad and deep the foundation upon which rests the present prosperity and stability of Hartford—was numbered James H. Brewster, who for more than a half century was an outstanding figure in insurance circles. His plans were always well defined, promptly executed and measured up to the highest ethics of business life. It is therefore meet that his record should find a place in the history of the city in the financial development of which he played so important a part. Connecticut proudly numbered him among her native sons, for he was born at Coventry, Tolland county, December 24, 1845. He was a representative in the ninth generation of the descendants of Elder William Brewster, who came to America on the Mayflower and aided in planting the seeds of civilization on New England soil. The line comes down through Jonathan, Benjamin, William, Peter, Jacob and Shuabel to Henry Augustus Brewster, who was born in Coventry, Connecticut, July 23, 1817, and was married December 10, 1844, to Fannie S. Badger, a daughter of James Badger, of Mansfield, Connecticut, born March 20, 1821.

Their son, James H. Brewster, spent his entire life in the state of his nativity, attending the schools of Coventry and of Hartford and starting out to provide for his own support as a clerk in the store of Pease & Foster of the capital city. After two years he severed that connection and from 1867 was continuously associated with insurance interests. He first entered the employ of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company in a clerical capacity and with characteristic determination and laudable ambition began acquainting himself with every phase of the business. His close study, his unflinching purpose and his unabating energy enabled him to make rapid advance and after six years' association with the company he had become assistant secretary, filling that office for seven years. On the 1st of November, 1880, when his friend, Martin Bennett, was appointed manager of the United States branch of the Scottish Union and National Fire Insurance Company, he offered Mr. Brewster the position of assistant manager and from 1880 until 1900 the two were associated in carrying on and developing the interests of that business in the relative positions of manager and assistant. They built up a splendid organization and so directed their activities that the business grew to one of mammoth proportions, and following the demise of his friend and business associate Mr. Brewster became manager in January, 1900. He was a constant student of insurance and its possibilities and he

planned wisely and well in furthering the interests of the corporation which he represented, his services being most satisfactory and highly appreciated by the corporation. He was further known in financial circles of Hartford as a director of the First National Bank.

On the 9th of December, 1879, Mr. Brewster was married in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss Mary E. Folts, a daughter of George W. Folts, and their only child, James H. Brewster, Jr., is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Brewster was widely known in Masonic circles, having membership in St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of Hartford. He ever exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit and high purposes of the craft, loyally following its teachings. He passed away August 2, 1920, and the news of his demise brought a sense of deep personal regret to all who were associated with him in business, both fellow officials and employes of the company, to those with whom he was associated in fraternal relations, to the many friends whom he had made during his long, active and useful life in Hartford, but most of all to his own family, for he was a devoted husband and father who found his greatest happiness in ministering to those at his own fireside.

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#### WILLIAM LAWRENCE HUMASON

William Lawrence Humason was born in New Britain June 17, 1853, and died there August 2, 1925. He was the son of William and Ennetia (Eno) Humason and a member of one of the pioneer families of Hartford county. In 1870 Mr. Humason completed a course in the New Britain high school and in 1872 was graduated from Williston Academy at Easthampton, Massachusetts. In 1877 he received from Harvard University the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He began his business career by actively engaging in industrial affairs. From 1889 until 1912 he was executive head of the Humason & Beckley Manufacturing Company. In 1914 he became president of the Peck & Young Manufacturing Company of Forestville, a firm specializing in springs and screw machine products. This concern was later known as the Humason Manufacturing Company. Throughout his business life, he was esteemed not only for his marked executive ability but also for his personal integrity.

At Kensington, Connecticut, October 13, 1884, he married Miss Florence Cole, who passed away in 1903. On October 14, 1915, he married Mrs. Grace Sturgis. By the former marriage there were three children, Marjorie Florence, Melicent Eno and Lawrence Cole.

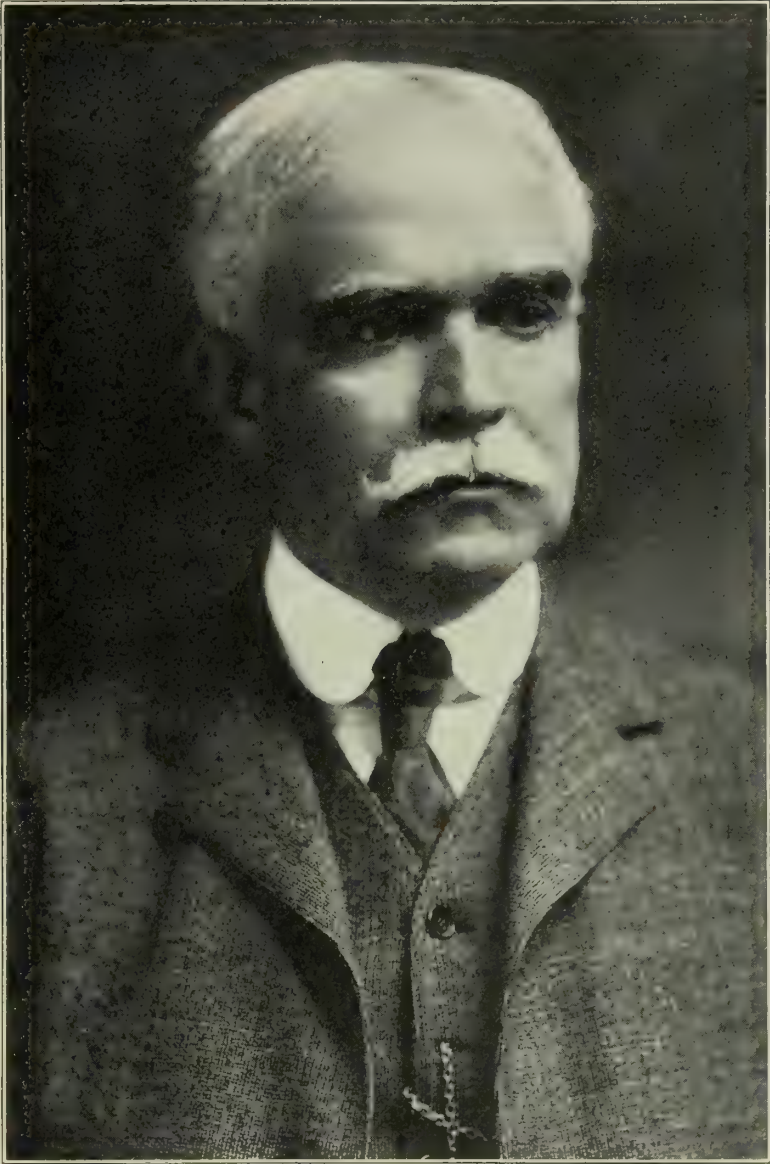
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#### SIMSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

In September, 1903, the Simsbury High School was opened on the third floor of the old McLean Seminary building. There were about forty-five pupils, most of whom were in the eighth grade or the first year of the high school course. The faculty consisted of a principal and two teachers, both of whom are still in the service of the school. It was a time of small beginnings and hard work, helped by earnest enthusiasm. An often expressed opinion was "We will wait and see whether it is a success or not."

When the probability of permanency was established, the principal, Harold Lawton, began the agitation for a high school building. The interest of generous people in the town was aroused and a large sum was pledged. A very desirable site consisting of about twenty-three acres fronting on Hop Meadow street was purchased from the heirs of Dr. Lucius I. Barber. The first plans drawn were for a two-story brick structure of the ordinary type, but the largest donor to the building fund wished a building of the type of architecture used in the great English public schools. In accordance with his wish a stone building of the collegiate Gothic style was planned by Edward Hapgood of Hartford. The construction was in the hands of the firm of Andrew Ketchin & Son of Tariffville, the material used being sandstone quarried in Simsbury. The dedication was held on December 27, 1907. Both building and land were a gift from citizens of the town.





WILLIAM L. HUMASON



Meanwhile the growth of the school under the principalship of Anson W. Belding and the demand for a commercial course led to the employment of a fourth teacher in 1906. The commercial course proved popular at once. On account of the opportunities which it offers large numbers of the pupils go into business, particularly in the Hartford insurance offices. Our first class graduated in 1907, in the old building. Under the third principal, Albert J. Chidisher, now professor of education at Berea College, Kentucky, who took a deep interest in the pupils, the athletic side of high school life was developed.

The year 1915 was particularly important in the history of the school, as it marked the beginning of the long and successful administration of Irving Wright Smith. New courses in agriculture and domestic science, planned by his predecessor, Mr. Childs, were offered by Mr. Smith. Three large rooms in the upper story were done off to meet the demands of the enlarged curriculum. Two of these rooms were used for the science department, the former science rooms being used for the classes in agriculture.

Of these two new courses the one in domestic science has proved the more popular and successful. In addition to the work in cooking and sewing, for several years the school lunch department has been in charge of the domestic science teacher.

The course in agriculture and woodworking started out well in charge of an excellent teacher from Cornell, but during the World war it was necessary to drop it temporarily, as it was practically impossible to obtain an instructor. As the number electing the course was small, it was finally abandoned in 1924.

During the World war, in common with other high schools, we suffered from decreased attendance, as so many of the older boys left to take the places of men who had gone into the service. Others were absent for a part of the spring term, having enlisted for farm work.

Our Roll of Honor for the World war contains between eighty and ninety names of teachers and pupils. We have four Gold Star boys: Joseph Tomalonis, killed at Seicheprey; Philip Shannon, killed at Chateau-Thierry; George Hall, killed in the Argonne Forest; and Robert Packard, who died in a southern camp. For a small school we furnished a large number in the time of our country's need.

From the beginning a large proportion of the pupils have come from the surrounding towns—Granby, East Granby and Avon. In the earlier years many of these pupils boarded in Simsbury or came on trains. More recently the bus system has made transportation easier, and at the present time three regular school buses transport the Granby and Avon pupils, those from a part of East Granby coming on the Westfield-Hartford bus. At the present time the tuition fees paid for out-of-town pupils amount to nearly ten thousand dollars for about eighty pupils.

Since the war our attendance has increased rapidly every year, until in the fall of 1927 the registration was about two hundred and twenty-five. The increase in the faculty has kept pace with that of the school. In 1903 we had a principal and two assistant teachers. Now we have a principal and ten assistants.

The athletic side of school life is particularly strong. Several of the principals have worked hard to build up this department, particularly Mr. Buck, our present principal, who was a prominent athlete in college and subsequently a coach in private schools. We have also had several excellent coaches who have inspired great enthusiasm. Several of our graduates have done excellent work on college teams at Yale and Storrs. The basket-ball teams have won nine cups in the Farmington Valley League.

In 1925, through the generosity of Horace Belden, two large rooms for recitation and sewing, also a sitting room and a dining room for teachers, were done off in the upper story. On account of the growth of the school large additions were constructed in 1927. The plans were carried through largely by the enterprise and energy of our present superintendent, Mr. Russell. Part of the money, as before, was a gift from citizens, and the rest was appropriated by the town. The architects were the Frank Irving Cooper Corporation of Boston, and the work was done by the Lawrence & Coe Company of Hartford. The addition to the main building contains a much larger principal's office and four classrooms, two of which are used by the commercial department in addition to the commercial room in the older part of the building. At right angles to the main building runs the new auditorium-gymnasium of which the school is very proud. Besides the large hall with its commodious stage, it contains teachers' rooms, coat rooms, shower baths for both boys and girls, and a large room



which can in future be used for manual training. It is a great addition to the social side of school life.

It has been a pleasant custom, inaugurated by our first class, for each graduating class to leave a gift for the school. Most of our best pictures and all of our casts of famous statues have been class gifts.

It is impossible to write of the intangible things which have made the real life of the school,—the beginnings of a love of learning, the friendships, the faithful service of superintendents, principals and teachers.

The school has reason to be proud of the record of its pupils out in the world. Simsbury High School has been represented at Yale, Williams, Wesleyan, Brown, Clark, Leland Stanford, Trinity, Holy Cross, St. Bonaventure, Bates, Colby, Boston University, University of Illinois, Storrs, New Hampshire State College, Smith, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley and Connecticut College, the New Britain and Willimantic Normal Schools. Some have been successful in the professions, many more in business life. A number of our recent pupils are the children of those with whom we began school years ago. If we think of Simsbury without the high school we can have some idea of what it means to the town. The principals from the beginning have been as follows: Harold Lawton (Harvard); Anson Wood Belding (Harvard); Albert J. Chidisher (Syracuse); Earle A. Childs (Bates); Irving W. Smith (Trinity and Yale M. A.); Fay E. Kutscher (Harvard); Raymond G. Flynn (Harvard); E. Newton Smith (Tufts); and George S. Buck (Trinity and Columbia). The superintendents have been: John B. McLean (Connecticut State Normal School); Fay E. Kutscher (Harvard); and Earle S. Russell (Harvard and Columbia).

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#### SIDNEY E. STOCKWELL

Throughout his entire life Sidney E. Stockwell has been a tireless, conscientious and efficient worker and his record is the story of an orderly progression that has brought him from a lowly position to that of division manager of the New Departure Manufacturing Company. He maintains his headquarters in Hartford and for many years has been identified with this company, to which he renders the services of an expert. A native of Massachusetts, he was born on a farm near Northampton, June 30, 1877, and is a son of John A. and Belle J. (Bosworth) Stockwell, both members of old families of America.

Mr. Stockwell was educated in Northampton and soon after his graduation from high school went to Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, becoming a clerk in the office of the Overman Wheel Company, manufacturers of the Victor bicycle. Afterward he worked in the plant, becoming a proficient mechanic, and his next position was with the J. Stevens Arms & Tool Company of Chicopee Falls. While with that concern he had charge of the department in which the small tools were assembled and on severing his connection with the firm he went to Springfield, Massachusetts. There he served an apprenticeship with the Waltham Watch Tool Company and also took a course in the mechanical arts high school of Springfield, specializing in mechanical engineering. His work in Hartford was in the small tool department of the plant of the Pratt & Whitney Company and in 1904 he entered the Bristol factory of the New Departure Manufacturing Company. At first he was assigned the task of making models of the coaster brake and hubs and later he had charge of the dye department, which was combined with the tool section. He was placed at the head of both and while acting in that capacity supervised the making of the dies on the first New Departure ball bearing that was produced by that company. In 1910 he was made superintendent of the Hartford plant of the Jacob Chuck Company and later served the Abbott Ball Company in the same capacity. In 1913, while in Hartford, he re-entered the employ of the New Departure Manufacturing Company and in 1918 assumed the duties of superintendent. A year later he was made division manager of the Hartford business, an office which he has filled with marked ability for nine years, and is also a director of the company. In the operation of the plant he has secured maximum efficiency with a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material and under his expert management the production has increased from three thousand small sized bearings per day to thirty-five thousand a day. No detail of the work escapes the keen observation of Mr. Stockwell, who has a special talent for managing



(Photograph by Dunne)

SIDNEY E. STOCKWELL





men. Just, tactful and considerate, he has won the confidence and respect of the company's employes, as well as their friendship, and participates in their councils and enterprises, maintaining a deep and helpful interest in all institutional activities.

In Lewiston, Maine, Mr. Stockwell married Miss Alice Sands, a direct descendant of William Bradford, the first governor of Massachusetts, and they have become the parents of two daughters, Elizabeth Bradford and Eleanor Sands. In addition to their Hartford residence, Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell have an attractive summer home at Atlantic Beach, Rhode Island.

Mr. Stockwell is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to Franklin Lodge of Bristol and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Hartford. He is a member of the Connecticut and West Hartford Chambers of Commerce, the Exchange Club of Hartford, the West Hartford Country Club, the Engineers Club of Hartford, the Endee Club of Bristol, and is an ex-president of the West Hartford Manufacturers Association.

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#### PETER WILLIAM FOX, M. D.

Among those who have chosen medical and surgical practice as a life work and are capably and successfully following the profession in New Britain is numbered Dr. Peter William Fox, a native son of this city, born February 11, 1886, his parents being Peter and Mary E. (Callahan) Fox. At the usual age he became a public school pupil and when he had completed the high school course he entered the University of Vermont as a medical student, winning his professional degree in 1911. From that time until 1912 he was interne in the Fannie Allen Hospital at Wenooski, Vermont, and gained valuable experience in hospital practice. In the latter year he removed to New Britain, where he opened an office, and through the intervening period of sixteen years he has continued here, his practice steadily growing in volume and importance as he has given proof of his ability to cope with the intricate problems of health and to stay the ravages of disease. In addition to his private practice he is an assistant on the surgical staff of the New Britain General Hospital.

Dr. Fox is a past grand of the Knights of Columbus organization at New Britain. During the World war he served on the draft board and he has always manifest his interest in the public welfare by his endorsement of plans and projects for the general good, measuring up to high standards of manhood and citizenship as well as to the requisite demands of professional activity. He belongs to the various medical societies, including the city, county, state and American medical associations, and thus he is thoroughly conversant with all that modern practice and research have brought to light concerning the laws of health.

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#### NICOLA PALLOTTI

Connecticut acknowledges her indebtedness to many of her citizens of Italian birth, but to none does Hartford more fully accord honor and respect than to Nicola Pallotti, who for many years was a valued resident here. He made for himself an honored name and place in business circles and his life illustrated what could be accomplished through industry, perseverance and individual ability. With the passing years he won notable success through his operations in real estate until his fortune ranked him with the foremost men of affluence in his adopted city. He was born in Corleto, Peticara, Italy, April 28, 1839, his parents being Francesco and Anna (Antonio) Pallotti, the family having for many generations been residents of that section of Italy. In early manhood Nicola Pallotti left his native land to become a resident of the United States, arriving in Hartford in 1866, when twenty-seven years of age. Obstacles and difficulties confronted him, for he was unacquainted with the language and customs of the people among whom he cast his lot and, moreover, he had no capital to enable him to gain a start in the new world. Industry and thrift, however, were numbered among his characteristics and in course of time his labor and his economy brought him sufficient capital to enable him to make a small investment in real estate. This he successfully handled and he constantly broadened

his activities in that field until success in large measure rewarded him and he ranked as the wealthiest citizen of Hartford of Italian birth.

Outside of business his interest centered in his family and he never sought to figure in public life. He married Marie Antonia, a daughter of Giambattisto Demma, and they became parents of the following named who reached maturity: Felicia, the wife of Antonio Andretta; Brighetta, wife of Nicola de Pietro, of Hartford; and Francis A., who is mentioned at length on another page of this publication. The father passed away November 1, 1914. Nicola Pallotti always found his greatest happiness in ministering to those at his own fireside. His leisure hours were spent in the companionship of his family and his delight in his success was the fact that it enabled him to provide generously for his wife and children. His record should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort combined with a recognition of opportunity and the intelligence to wisely use the chances offered.

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#### JAMES B. MADIGAN

James B. Madigan, operating successfully in the field of real estate and insurance, with offices at 223 Main street, Wethersfield, was born in Hartford, March 4, 1877, and is a son of Michael and Bridget (Smith) Madigan, who were natives of Ireland but in early life crossed the Atlantic and settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Both have now passed away.

Reared in his native city, James B. Madigan pursued his education in St. Patrick's parochial school and in Huntsinger's Business College. After his textbooks were put aside he was employed in various ways, devoting some time to mercantile pursuits and going upon the road as traveling representative for business houses. At the time of the World war he enlisted with the Knights of Columbus overseas organization as a secretary and was located in the Argonne section for a part of the time and was also at Men-il-la-Tour. He was connected with the Twenty-eighth Division of the Connecticut National Guard.

With his return to the United States, Mr. Madigan was mustered out in New York and again came to Wethersfield, where he has since devoted his attention to the real estate and insurance business. He now has a good clientele and is making steady advancement in his chosen field. He has thoroughly studied the real estate situation, knows the property that is upon the market and is able to place a correct valuation upon realty placed in his hands for exchange. His high standing as a business man is shown in the fact that he was elected to the presidency of the Wethersfield Business Men's and Civic Association.

In community affairs Mr. Madigan has taken an active and helpful interest and he is now serving as chairman of the town plan commission of Wethersfield, seeking to develop a system whereby the city's growth shall be along the most practical and worthwhile lines and will at the same time promote its beauty. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He likewise belongs to the City Club and makes his home in Wethersfield.

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#### FREDERICK WILSON MACOMBER

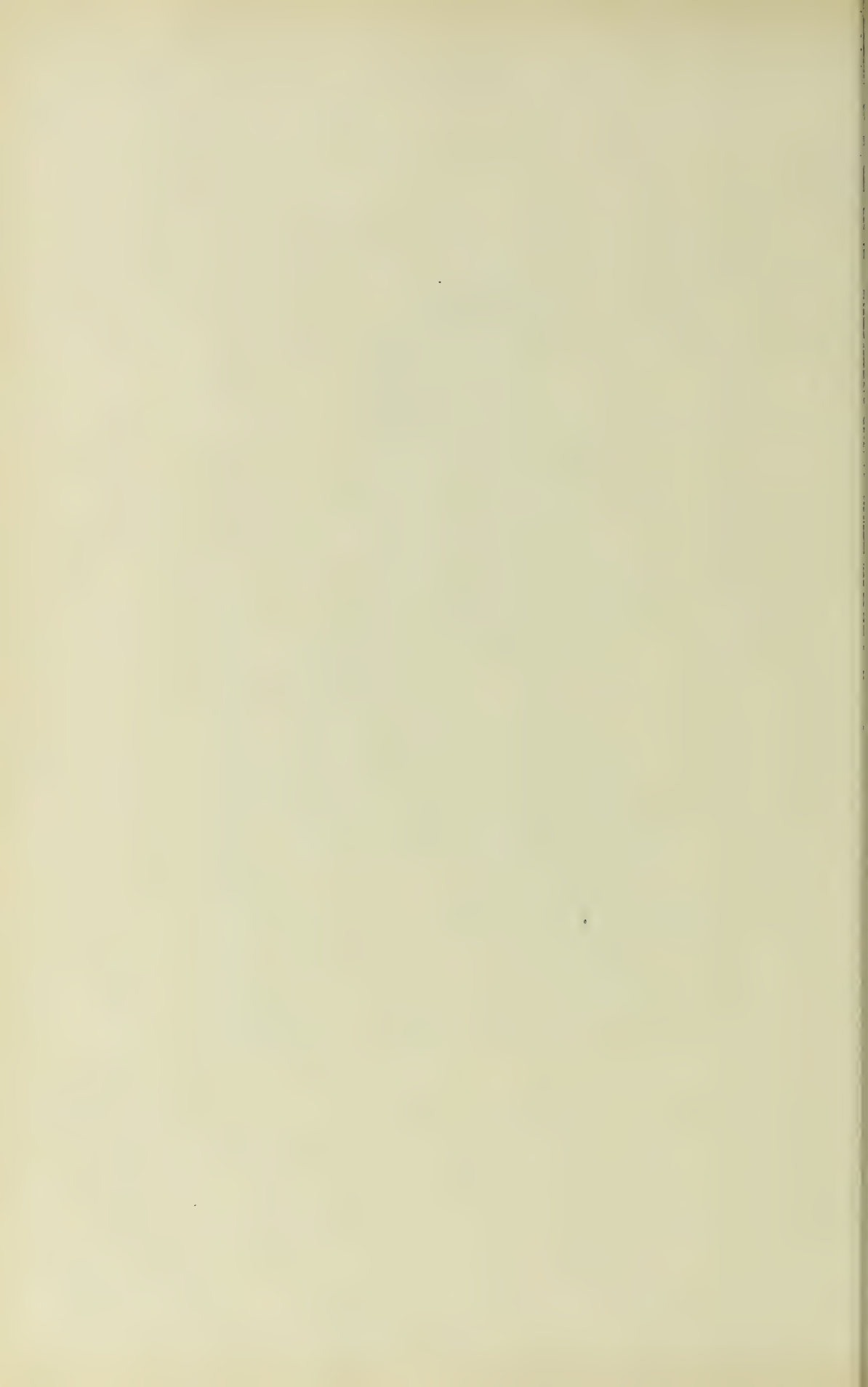
On the roll of resourceful and successful bankers in Hartford county appears the name of Frederick Wilson Macomber, who has occupied the position of treasurer of the New Britain Trust Company since 1920. From his boyhood days he has been identified with financial interests and is today an outstanding figure in banking circles. He was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1882, his parents being Frederick Alton and Lillie Melissa (Wilson) Macomber, who spent their entire lives in Northampton, where the father passed away in March, 1922, while the mother passed away in the fall of the same year. He was well known as president of the Hampshire County Trust Company of Northampton and remained very active in financial circles until his death. He also took a keen interest and helpful part in politics as a supporter of the republican party and he held several elective offices,



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**JAMES B. MADIGAN**





including that of member of the city council. He was a loyal representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Masonic fraternity and in the latter attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he crossed the sands of the desert. He belonged to the Edwards church and his life was ever actuated by high and honorable principles which made him a man whom to know was at all times to esteem and respect. The daughter of the family, Bertha May Macomber, is now living in New York.

Frederick W. Macomber has displayed in his life many of the sterling qualities of his Scotch ancestry. He obtained a public school education and then resolutely faced life with its problems and its opportunities, turning his attention to the field of finance, in which he has since continued his labors, advancing step by step to prominence. He began as a runner with the Hampshire County Trust Company when a boy of but eighteen years and on leaving that corporation obtained a position in the Home National Bank at Holyoke, the predecessor of the Hadley Falls Trust Company, in which he served as bookkeeper from 1902 until 1906. In the latter year he entered the Mechanics National Bank as bookkeeper and remained with the institution after it merged with the City Hardware Trust Company in 1907. He has acted successively as bookkeeper, receiving teller, paying teller and assistant treasurer. In 1920 he was made treasurer of the New Britain Trust Company and has continuously served in that official connection to the present time. From his boyhood days he has been identified with banking interests and there is no phase of the business with which he is not thoroughly familiar, for he has applied himself closely to the tasks at hand and his ready adaptability has enabled him to find successful solution for intricate financial problems. He is a director as well as treasurer of the New Britain Trust Company and he enjoys in unqualified measure the respect and confidence of his brethren of the banking fraternity.

In 1907 Mr. Macomber was married to Miss Elsie Kohler, of Easthampton, Massachusetts. They are members of the South church of New Britain and Mrs. Macomber belongs to the Woman's Club and is interested in all that makes for intellectual and cultural progress in the community. Mr. Macomber has membership in the Lions Club, of which he is treasurer, in the Shuttle Meadow Golf Club and in the Chamber of Commerce, while in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and in public affairs he is actively and helpfully interested. He served as chairman of the fire board of New Britain in 1922 and also as a member of the finance board. He never withholds his support from any measure which he deems of vital worth to the community and his cooperation has been an important element in general progress and improvement here as well as in the conduct of the important banking interests with which he is now associated as treasurer.

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#### GEORGE J. LA COURSE

For a quarter of a century George J. La Course has been intimately associated with building operations in Bristol, his native city, and as one of its self-made men he stands deservedly high in public esteem. A son of Leon and Euphemia La Course, he was born December 10, 1880, and received a limited education. When a boy of twelve he began to provide for his own livelihood, entering the employ of the New Departure Company of Bristol, and at the age of fifteen was apprenticed to a carpenter. He mastered the trade and in 1900 entered the field of contracting, organizing the G. L. La Course Company, of which he has since been the executive head. Choosing only skilled craftsmen, he closely supervises their labors and no detail of the work is ever slighted. A well merited reputation for reliability and efficiency has brought Mr. La Course many important contracts and his contribution to Bristol's growth and improvement includes a large number of churches, schools, business blocks, residences and other substantial buildings. He is a director of the Bristol National Bank and also of the American Trust Company.

On October 16, 1907, Mr. La Course was married in this city to Miss Mary C. Murray and they now have three children—George John, Jeanne Marie and Ellaine Murray. Mr. La Course is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and his

fraternal connections are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Stable in purpose and energetic and decisive in action, he has transformed his dreams into realities and in the development of his business he has rendered service of direct value to the city in which his life has been spent.

#### THOMAS HOLT

Thomas Holt, dairy and food commissioner of Connecticut, with offices in Hartford, was born in Littleboro, Lancashire, England, January 21, 1863, and his parents, John and Alice (Fletcher) Holt, were also natives of Littleboro, where the father conducted business as a dairyman. Both he and his wife passed away in England.

After pursuing a public school education in his native place Thomas Holt worked on the home farm, engaging in the dairy business with his father, and at the same time he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his brother William. Thinking to have better business opportunities in America, he started alone for this country in 1882, when a youth of nineteen years, and landed at Boston on the 4th of July of that year. From there he proceeded to Fall River, Massachusetts, where he worked at his trade for six months, and later he went to what is now the state of South Dakota, where he took up a claim of three hundred and twenty acres of government land on which he engaged in raising cattle and wheat. For four years he remained in the west and then, tiring of the climate, he disposed of his business and property there and went to the south but in 1895 disposed of his business there and retraced his steps northward as far as New York. For a year he leased a farm at Worcester and in 1895 he located at Southington in Hartford county, Connecticut, where he purchased land and conducted a dairy farm, having one hundred and forty head of cows, the milk being retailed at Bristol. He remained there for twenty-three years, concentrating his efforts and attention upon the development of his business. For almost a quarter of a century he continued at Southington, when seeing the opportunity for an advantageous change, he sold this farm in 1918 and purchased his present farm in Newington, where he carries on an extensive dairy business. He also owns a farm at Canton, Connecticut, of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he raises heifers to replenish his cows. He has advanced far beyond the ordinary dairy farmer in the extent of his interests and in the methods which he employs, his activities being conducted along the most modern and progressive lines.

In public affairs Mr. Holt has always taken a deep and helpful interest. He served for one term as assessor of the town of Southington and for five years filled the office of first selectman. In 1914 he was appointed deputy dairy commissioner and on the death of F. H. Stadtmueller in January, 1918, he was appointed commissioner by Governor Holcombe to fill out the unexpired term, while on the 1st of May, 1918, he was reappointed for the regular four years' term, again was named for the office by Governor Lake on the 1st of May, 1922, and once more by Governor Trumbull on the 1st of May, 1926, so that he is the present incumbent in this position and is proving a very efficient officer. He is certainly well qualified for the position by reason of his own broad and practical experience and is thus wisely able to direct operations along that line and advise concerning methods which make for steady advancement in connection with the dairy industry. Aside from his present position Mr. Holt is a member of the finance commission of the town of Newington and likewise is a member of the town plan commission, having served on both commissions since their creation, doing very effective work in behalf of public welfare. In 1926 he was elected president of the Association of Dairy, Food and Drug Officials of the United States and he is a director of the Connecticut Dairy and Food Council.

On the 10th of October, 1884, at Bristol, South Dakota, Mr. Holt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen Hurst, daughter of James and Ellen Hurst, of Littleboro, England. They became the parents of three children, namely: Mary Alice, the wife of James C. Gilbert of Newington, where the latter is serving as first selectman; John William, who was born at Worcester, New York, in 1895 and is now engaged in the dairy business at Newington; and George, who is managing his father's dairy farm. Mrs. Holt passed away October 29, 1927.

Mr. Holt is a member of the Newington Grange and is well known in fraternal connections, having membership in Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., of Southington, and in Harmony Chapter, O. E. S., of that place. He likewise belongs to





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THOMAS HOLT



William Berry Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and to Stephen Terry Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bristol. He has always been a stalwart republican and is a member of the Hartford Republican Club and of the Hartford Automobile Club.

#### JAMES JUNIUS GOODWIN

Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. Such was the record of James Junius Goodwin, whose forebears rendered distinguished service to New England and who in his own career contributed in notable measure to the material development and the moral progress of Hartford and the state. The first of the name in the new world was Ozias Goodwin, who came from England probably on the ship "Lion," which reached Boston, September 12, 1632. He married Mary Woodward, daughter of Robert Woodward, of Braintree, England, and as early as 1639 became a resident of Hartford, where he died in April, 1683, leaving two sons, William and Nathaniel, and a daughter, Hannah. The son Nathaniel was born about 1637, was admitted a freeman by the general court of Connecticut in October, 1662, and was one of the "townsmen" of Hartford in 1669, 1678 and 1682. His wife, Sarah Coles, a daughter of John and Hannah Coles of Hatfield, Massachusetts, and formerly of Farmington, Connecticut, died May 8, 1676, and Nathaniel Goodwin afterward married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Pratt, of Hartford. He had three children—Nathaniel, Sarah and John—by his first marriage and four—Samuel, Hannah, Ozias and Elizabeth—by the second marriage. Of these Ozias Goodwin, who was born in Hartford, June 26, 1689, inherited from his father the homestead on Village street which he owned until 1764. He held various local offices, as found in the records of those early days, and he was a deacon of the First church from January 1, 1756, until his death January 26, 1776. He was married June 6, 1723, to Martha Williamson, who was born February 13, 1700, a daughter of Captain Caleb and Mary (Cobb) Williamson, who removed from Barnstable, Massachusetts, to Hartford. Martha (Williamson) Goodwin died February 8, 1777. The youngest of her five children was Jonathan Goodwin, born in Hartford and baptized March 17, 1733-34. He was married November 26, 1761, to Eunice Olcott, born October 3, 1736, a daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Collier) Olcott, of Hartford, and a descendant of Thomas Olcott, one of the original settlers of Hartford. Jonathan Goodwin was a corporal of the Hartford train-band, which performed escort duty to the governor, and he owned land on the north side of Albany road that for many generations has been in possession of the family. He died September 2, 1811, and his wife on March 23, 1807. Their children were Eunice, Jerusha and James, of whom James was born December 27, 1777, in Hartford. He inherited the property on Albany road, living thereon from 1783 until his death September 13, 1844. He was first lieutenant of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, in 1807, and became captain in 1809. His wife, Eunice Roberts, was born in Wintonbury, August 22, 1774, a daughter of Captain Lemuel and Ruth (Woodford) Roberts and a descendant of John Roberts, who became a resident of Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1688. Eunice Goodwin died August 13, 1825. They were married in Wintonbury, now Bloomfield, Connecticut, March 3, 1799, and their children were Jonathan, James and Mary J.

The second Major James Goodwin was born in the old family home long known as Goodwin's Tavern, March 2, 1803, and thence went to Morgan's Tavern on State street, the proprietor of that hotel being Joseph Morgan, father of Junius S. Morgan, the famous London banker. The tavern was the stopping place of the New York and Boston stages and was much frequented by business men. Mr. Goodwin was soon made stage agent and eventually became the owner of the stage line. He was chosen to carry President Jackson's first message through to Boston from New York, which he did in what was then an incredibly short time. He had various mail contracts and did an extensive stage business, but foresaw the coming of railroads and abandoned his stage interests between 1835 and 1840, thereafter devoting himself to insurance and other interests. He was president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and a director of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Connecticut Trust Company, Hartford Carpet Company,



Gatling Gun Company, Collins Company, Connecticut River Company, Hartford & Wethersfield Horse Railroad Company and Holyoke Water Power Company. He acted as vice president of the Hartford Hospital and assisted many charitable organizations. He became a large real estate owner and at one time his tax assessment exceeded that of any other Hartford man. He earned his title as major by several years' service as commandant of the Governor's Horse Guard. He was a member and vestryman of Christ church and it is said that his life was an exposition of patience, kindness, tact, justice and even balance as well as of business ability. He was married July 30, 1832, to Lucy Morgan, born at West Springfield, Massachusetts, February 4, 1811, and daughter of Joseph and Sally (Spencer) Morgan. Her life, which was the exemplification of Christian virtues and true womanliness, ended September 19, 1890.

James Junius Goodwin, eldest son and second child of Major and Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin, was born September 16, 1835, in Hartford, and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the grade and high schools started out in the business world, being employed in Hartford from 1851 until 1857, after which he spent eighteen months in travel and study abroad. In 1859 he entered the employ of William A. Sale & Company, East India and China shipping merchants of New York, with whom he remained until 1861, when in September of that year he became a partner of his cousin, J. Pierpont Morgan, who a few months before had established a foreign banking business as New York agent of his father, Junius S. Morgan, of London. This partnership continued when the firm became Dabney, Morgan & Company and through its merger into Drexel, Morgan & Company, July 1, 1871. Mr. Goodwin then withdrew and after 1878 largely gave his time in connection with his brother to the management of their father's estate. He was a director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and other important business concerns of Hartford and was a director of the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad from its reorganization in 1878 until his demise. He also had important business connections in New York, where he also maintained a residence.

It was in Philadelphia, on June 19, 1873, that James J. Goodwin married Josephine Sarah Lippincott, who was born in that city December 31, 1850, she being the only daughter of Joshua Ballanger and Josephine (Craige) Lippincott. Her ancestral line is traced back to Richard Lippincott, who was a resident of Massachusetts as early as 1640, and was one of the patentees of the first English settlement of New Jersey in 1665. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin had a family of four children: Walter L., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Harold, who died in infancy; James L., born October 10, 1881; and Philip L., March 14, 1885.

In all of the relations of life James J. Goodwin was actuated by his religious belief and on four different occasions he was elected a vestryman of Calvary church in New York city and in 1889 became warden, filling the office for many years. He had almost completed four score years when death called him June 23, 1915. His life was one of great activity and usefulness that won him recognition as an eminent financier and as a leading figure in various other connections. He at all times commanded the respect and honor of those with whom he was associated and his entire course proved that the attainment of notable success can be in harmony with the strictest principles of integrity and uprightness.

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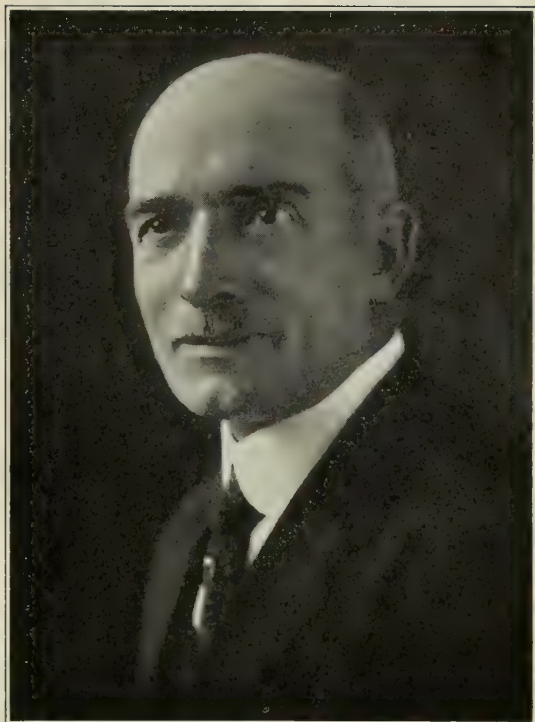
#### JOHN P. NIELSEN

John P. Nielsen, real estate dealer and builder of Hartford, was born in Kolding, Denmark, January 1, 1871, and is a son of Henry and Kristine (Enevalsen) Nielsen. The father conducted business as a dealer in flowers and funeral wreaths in Denmark, and though he never permanently left his native country, he paid three visits to his son in America.

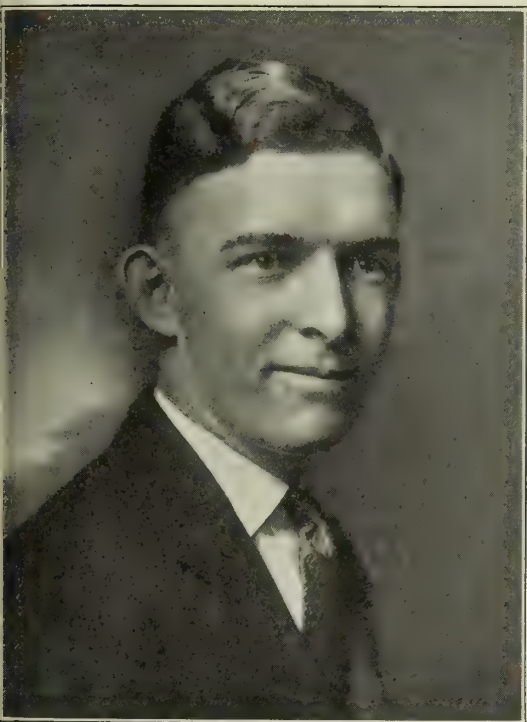
John P. Nielsen attended the public schools of his native city and there learned the cooper's trade, serving a four years' apprenticeship. He was a youth of nineteen years when he determined to try his fortune in the new world, thinking that better business opportunities might be secured on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly he took up his abode in Hartford in 1890 and sought work at his trade but did not find it. His financial condition made it imperative that he obtain immediate employment, how-



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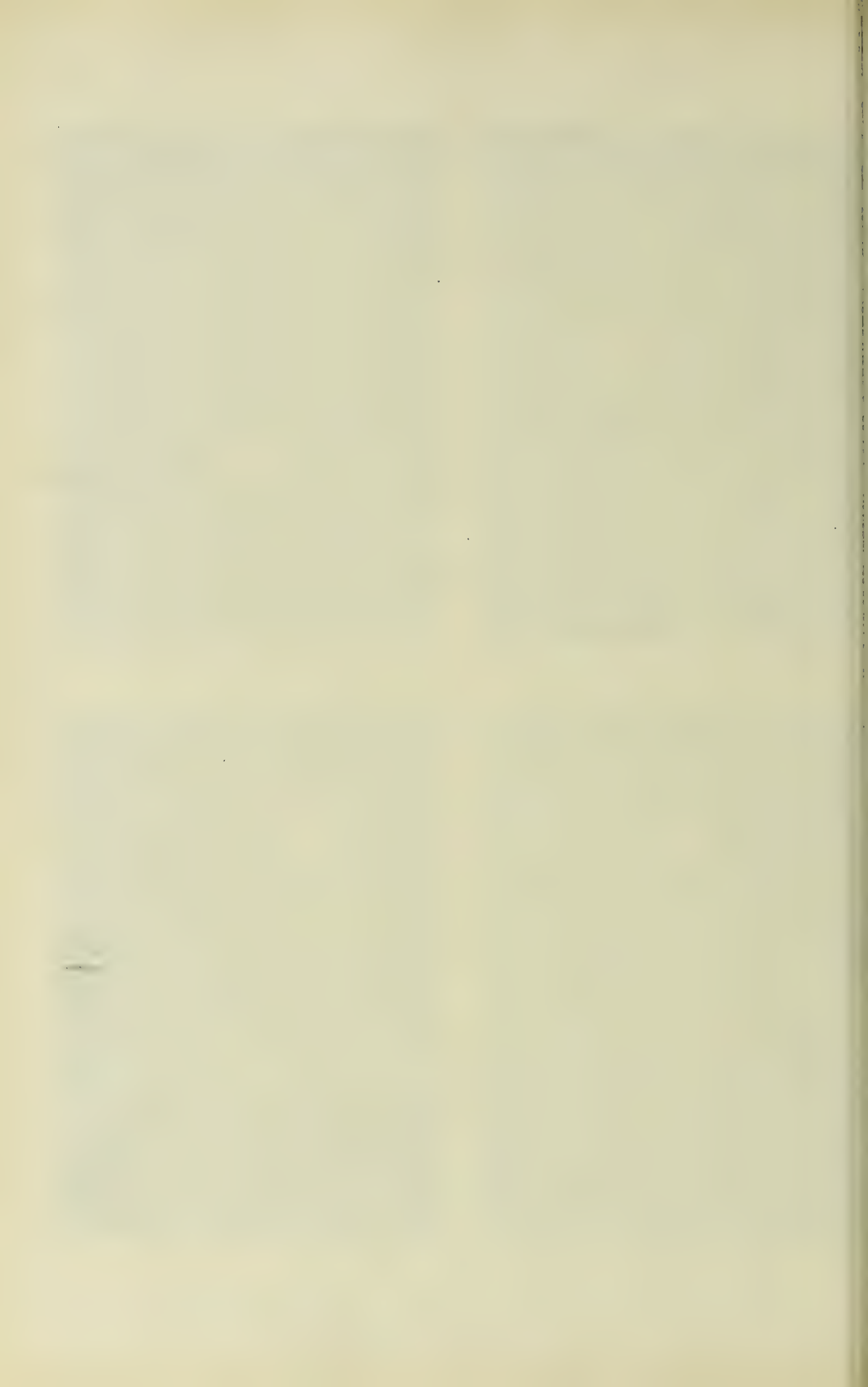


ALLEN R. NIELSEN



ARTHUR A. NIELSEN

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ever, and he accepted a position in the factory of the Caligraph Typewriter Company at a salary of a dollar and a half per day. He remained with that concern until its removal to Bridgeport, at which time Mr. Nielsen became an employe in the Pope factory, where he continued for five years. Gradually his business vision was broadening as his ambition grew and deepened and as his experience widened, and in 1896 he entered upon an independent venture by turning his attention to the real estate business. This included the remodeling of old buildings, in which he has been extremely successful, and as the years have passed he has gained a liberal patronage and acquired a substantial competence. Moreover, he is the chairman of the board of the John P. Nielson & Sons Company, dealers in Chrysler cars, in which connection a business of large and gratifying proportions has been built up.

On the 12th of October, 1892, Mr. Nielsen was united in marriage to Miss Marie Mortensen, a native of Denmark, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom six are yet living: Arthur A., Helen M., R. Henry, Allen R., Madeline M. and Frank T.

Mr. Nielsen is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Grotto and of both the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is manifest in his connection with the Danish Lutheran church. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Coming to the United States a young man of nineteen years, without capital and with little knowledge of the English language, he has steadily worked his way upward, accomplishing desired results through his indefatigable industry and perseverance.

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#### JOHN P. NIELSEN & SONS COMPANY

John P. Nielsen & Sons Company is the name of a corporation whose record is one of notably successful achievement. It is the development of an idea whereby a father made possible the initial step of his sons into the automobile business. Today the father is chairman of the board of directors of the company and the business is being actively carried on by the three sons: Arthur A., R. Henry and Allen R. Nielsen. R. Henry is the president and general manager, with Allen R. as vice president and treasurer and Arthur A. as vice president in charge of sales. The annual business now exceeds a million dollars, but it was not always so. The start was made in 1921. The three brothers had talked of the automobile trade with the result that their father put them to the test in building them a garage, to which he took them, on its completion, with the words "Go to it!" It was a great empty structure, housing not a single car. The combined capital of the three brothers was only about five hundred dollars and they must study out ways and means of financing a business. After considerable thought and careful planning they were visited by a Maxwell representative who offered them the agency for the manufacturer, proposing to leave with them six cars but not willing to do so without their check in payment. At length they summoned courage to approach a banking official with the request for a loan—and they secured it. Four months later their original half dozen cars were sold and already they were putting at nought the prediction of not a few Hartford merchants that "the Nielsen boys would be looking for work in six months." They undertook not only to sell but also to repair and wash cars. They did all the work unaided by employes and had been in business for only a brief time when financial conditions throughout the country caused a decided slump in the automobile trade. Then it was that they had to dispense with the services of their night man, and one of the brothers would go on what they termed the "dog-watch" in order to meet their statement that they would give "night service." In the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties, however, they continued the business and the year 1921 saw a turn in the tide of their affairs by the introduction of an improved model of the Maxwell car, known as the "Good Maxwell." The car indeed proved its name and the sales of the Nielsen brothers at once increased. Within a comparatively short time the garage built to take care of any expansion during the first six or eight years of their business operations proved too small. They doubled its size and a little later found it necessary to rent a warehouse. Then came the announcement of the new Chrysler car, which the firm began handling, the Chryslers ranging in price from fifteen to twenty-three hundred dollars, while the Maxwells sold for a thousand. With the introduction of the Chrysler to the trade the business of the Nielsen brothers grew almost by leaps and bounds and within

four years the brothers were doing a business of eight hundred thousand dollars. The marvelous expansion of their business found its tangible expression in the erection of five-hundred-thousand dollar structures, which is one of the most magnificent automobile houses in the east. This was opened for inspection and for business in December, 1927. It is a beautiful structure, thoroughly modern in every particular. In its erection the architect studied not only the practical side but recognized the modern trend in commercial art and advertising and provided a proper background for the display of cars as well as adequate floor space. The idea of beauty and of harmony everywhere prevails. The great showroom, with a floor space of forty-five hundred square feet, is a reproduction of an Italian court yard, with an illuminated fountain in the center, with a blue dome above. Graceful window balconies carry out the illusion of Italian atmosphere, and twenty-two cars can be exhibited in this room at one time without crowding. Every feature of a modern automobile establishment of the highest class can here be found, and it is not now the difficulty of the John P. Nielsen & Sons Company to secure the capital with which to finance the business but to secure a sufficient number of cars to meet their sales. Those who viewed their initial venture in pessimistic mood now acknowledge theirs to be an outstanding success, with a business that in 1927 o'ertopped a million dollars and which it is planned to bring up to the two-million-dollar mark in 1928.

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JAMES LAMBERT DEGNAN.

On the roster of public officials in Hartford county appears the name of James Lambert Degnan, who is acceptably filling the office of police judge of Southington. He was here born September 23, 1893, and is a son of James H. and Lucy (Lambert) Degnan. After acquiring his public school education he spent two years as a student at Villanova College, Villanova, Pennsylvania. Later he matriculated in Georgetown University, where he completed a course in law as a member of the class of 1919. Following his graduation he returned to Connecticut and was admitted to practice at the bar of this state in June, 1921. He then entered the office of Judge Denis T. O'Brien, Jr., at Meriden, Connecticut, with whom he remained until 1924, gaining valuable experience and practical knowledge of legal procedure. He next came to Southington as prosecuting attorney of the borough and in 1925 was made judge of the police court, having been appointed for a second term, so that he is now the incumbent in the office. His course during the seven years of his active association with the Connecticut bar has been one of steady progress, as his powers have been developed through study and experience. At the outset of his career he recognized the fact that industry is just as necessary in law practice as in any other field of business and he ever prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care, while upon the bench his decisions have been strictly fair and impartial and he has seldom, if ever, been at fault in the application of legal principles.

Judge Degnan married Margaret Marion Miller, daughter of Alonzo Fyler Miller and Susan Dayton Miller, of Southington, September 1, 1928. He is well known in social circles as a valued member of the Southington Country Club and of the City Club of Southington. During the World war he went to the heavy artillery training camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he was awaiting an appointment as second lieutenant when the war ended. In matters of citizenship he has always stood for reform, progress and improvement and his cooperation can ever be counted upon to further any project for the general good.

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GEORGE LEWIS CHASE

Among the men of a previous generation who have conferred honor and dignity upon the state of Connecticut and have furthered its upbuilding along substantial lines and in definitely tangible manner was numbered George Lewis Chase, who passed away in Hartford, January 7, 1908. He was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, January 13, 1828, and his ancestry is traced back through fourteen generations to Thomas Chase, who occupied the ancestral family seat in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, Eng-



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JAMES LAMBERT DEGNAN





land. The name probably comes from the French word *Chasser*—to hunt—and the family is entitled to bear a coat-of-arms: Gules four crosses patence argent (two and two), on a canton azure a lion rampant or. Thomas Chase, of Buckinghamshire, was the father of John Chase, also a resident of Chesham, where he spent his entire life. His son, Matthew Chase, likewise a lifelong resident of Chesham, married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Bould, and their family of eight children included Thomas Chase (II), who was the fifth son and who married and became the father of five children, all born at Hundrich, Chesham, where the family home was maintained. His second son was Richard Chase, who was baptized August 3, 1542, and who was married April 16, 1564, to Joan Bishop. Of their family of nine children the fourth son was Aquila Chase, who was born at Hundrich and baptized there August 14, 1580. He married and had two children.

The younger, Aquila Chase, became the founder of the family in the new world. He was born in England in 1618 and died in Newbury, Massachusetts, December 27, 1670. He was a resident of Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1640 and in 1646 removed to Newbury, Massachusetts, where he was granted four acres for a house lot and six acres of marsh on condition that he go to sea and do service in the town with a boat for four years. He married Anne Wheeler and their family of nine children included Moses Chase, their youngest son, who was born in Newbury, Massachusetts, December 24, 1663. He was married November 10, 1684, to Ann Follansbee and on the 13th of December, 1713, married Sarah Jacobs. His children were all born of the first marriage and the two eldest were twins, Moses and Daniel, whose natal day was September 20, 1685. Moses died in childhood, while Daniel Chase lived until May 28, 1769. He removed from Newbury to Sutton, Massachusetts, and built the first corn mill at Pleasant Falls. His wife, Sarah March, died in December, 1771, at the age of eighty-eight years. They reared a large family, of whom the second in order of birth was Daniel Chase, named for his father. He was born September 18, 1709, in Newbury, Massachusetts, and he died in Sutton in May, 1799, when in his ninetieth year. His first wife was Hannah Tuttle, of Littleton, Massachusetts, and on January 24, 1782, he married Martha Fletcher, of Grafton.

Paul Chase, the eldest son of Daniel and Hannah (Tuttle) Chase, was the great-grandfather of George Lewis Chase of this review. He was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, March 13, 1735, and spent his entire life at his birthplace, passing away in 1789. On the 17th of April, 1758, he married Lucy Richardson, also a native of Sutton, and they were parents of two sons and a daughter, the eldest being Joshua Chase, who was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, November 26, 1760. He was married there August 23, 1787, to Lydia Prentice and they became parents of four children. The father passed away at Sutton, January 6, 1842. Paul Cushing Chase, the only son of Joshua and Lydia (Prentice) Chase, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, March 6, 1790, and died at Millbury, formerly a part of Sutton. He served as highway surveyor, as assessor and selectman and was frequently chairman of the board of selectman. On the 9th of December, 1819, at Millbury, he married Sally Pierce, daughter of Aaron and Hannah Pierce, and their children were: Leonard Pierce, born September 5, 1820; George Cushing, who was born September 18, 1824, and died August 3, 1827; Lewis Stow, born August 6, 1826; George Lewis; and Daniel Moody, who was born July 25, 1832.

Of this family George Lewis Chase was the fourth in order of birth. He attended the Millbury Academy and after his textbooks were put aside became agent for the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Georgetown, Massachusetts, thus starting out in a field of labor in which he was destined to rise to prominence. After some years' connection with the company he was chosen a member of its board of directors. At first his labors were confined to southern Massachusetts and eastern Connecticut but his agency was extended to include four companies, one of which was the Holyoke Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Salem. In 1848 Mr. Chase became traveling agent for the Peoples Insurance Company of Worcester and so continued until 1852, when he removed to Ohio to become assistant superintendent of the Central Ohio Railway Company, and ready recognition of his superior business ability soon came to him and he was made general superintendent of the road, occupying that office until 1860. He was instrumental in organizing the first association of railroad superintendents in the United States at a meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1853. He returned to the insurance field, however, in 1860 by becoming the western general agent for the New England Fire Insurance Company of Hartford and in 1863

he entered into active association with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company by becoming assistant general agent. In 1867 he was honored with election to the presidency of the company, which is one of the oldest in America and which had the notable record of having had but six presidents up to and including the service of Mr. Chase, who was the honored head of the corporation for forty-one years. He instituted many progressive measures, did away with time-worn customs, inculcated enterprising methods and contributed in notable measure to the continued growth, development and expansion of the business. As a matter of history, he was the first to employ stenographic and typewriter service in the insurance business and the first to suggest telephone communication between the Hartford, Aetna and Phoenix offices. When he had served the company for a quarter of a century his associates in the Hartford presented him with a beautiful silver loving cup and the general and special agents serving the company in various parts of the United States presented him with a Jurgensen watch. He ever commanded the highest respect, confidence and good will of his colleagues and contemporaries in the insurance field. In 1876 he was elected president of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and for many years was chairman of its legislation and taxation committee. He was also a trustee and vice president of the Society for Savings of Hartford, a trustee of the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Company and a director of the American National Bank.

On the 8th of January, 1851, Mr. Chase was united in marriage to Miss Calista Mendall Taft, who was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, May 10, 1826, a daughter of Judson and Sarah B. (Keyes) Taft. She passed away December 9, 1897, and on the 14th of February, 1899, Mr. Chase married Mrs. Louise J. R. Chapman, who died February 2, 1904. He married, on June 21, 1905, Susan DeWitt Fairbairn, who passed away May 27, 1916. The children of the first marriage were: Sarah Isabel, who was born June 10, 1852, and died December 23, 1893; Charles Edward, mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Nellie Taft, who was born November 27, 1859, and died April 16, 1866.

For many years Mr. Chase held membership in the Asylum Hill Congregational church and five times was chosen for the presidency of the Connecticut Congregational Club. His entire life was guided by his Christian faith and he ever attempted to exemplify its teachings concerning his relations to his fellowmen and to the community at large. The high place which he held in public regard was due to his consideration for his employees, his loyalty to his fellow officials in business and the high standards to which he always adhered. He was devoted to the members of his own household and to those who survived him he left the priceless record of an untarnished name.

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#### JOHN M. BRADY

Operating in the field of real estate, John M. Brady has wisely and carefully directed his labors, so that substantial results have accrued, and he today occupies a prominent and enviable position as a realtor of Hartford. He has also left the impress of his individuality upon the political history of Connecticut, standing as one of the stalwart champions of republican principles in the capital city. He comes to Connecticut from New York, having been born at Brockport, in the Empire state, August 18, 1864. His parents, Michael and Ann (Conlon) Brady, were natives of Ireland and in early life came to America, settling in Rochester, New York, while subsequently they removed to Brockport, where the father was engaged in the shoe business for many years. He saw the first train that ran over the New York Central in the western part of that state and was a well known figure in his section because of his business activity and substantial support of all that made for the good of his community. Both he and his wife passed away in Brockport.

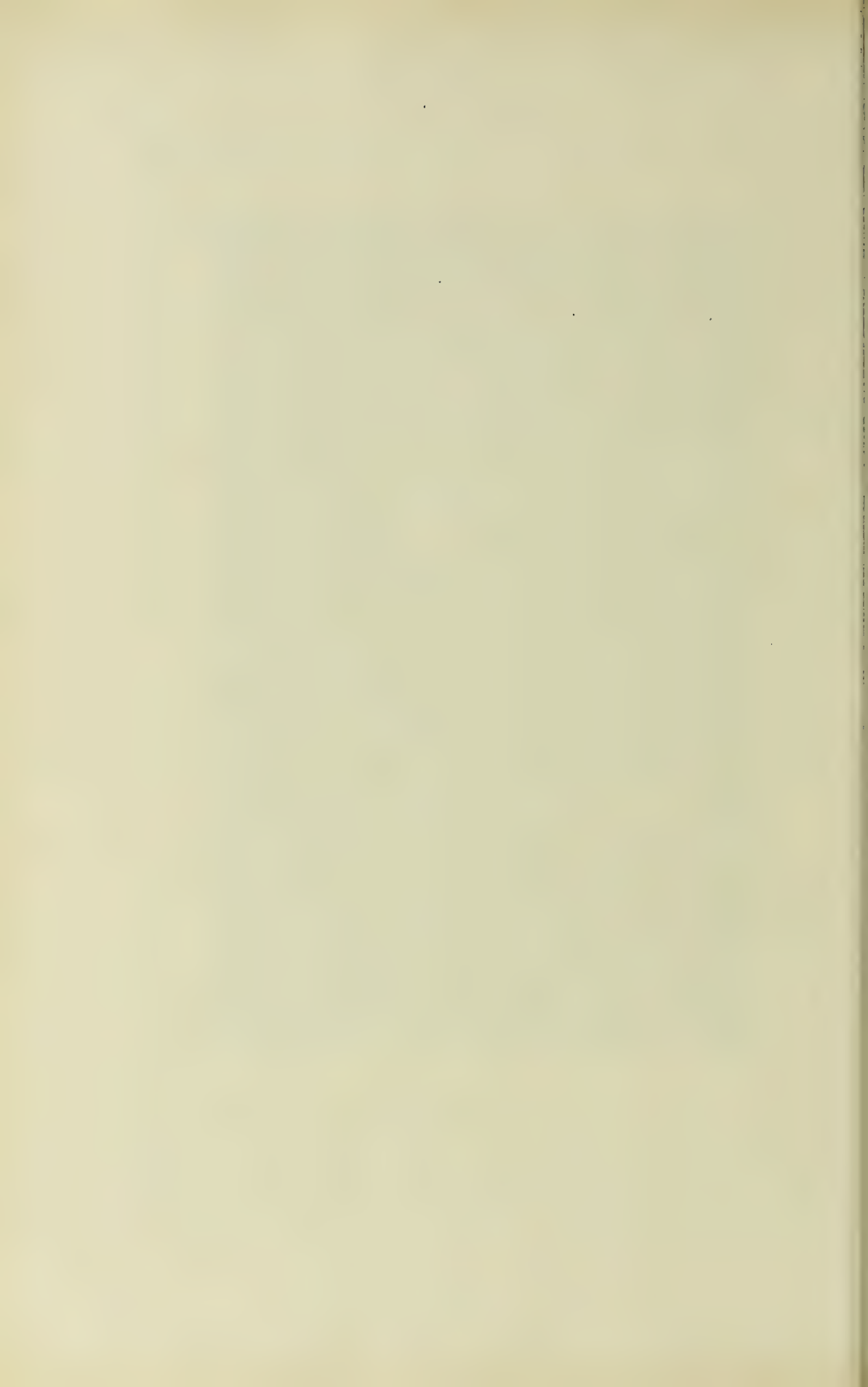
John M. Brady attended the public schools there to the age of sixteen years, when he went to New Britain, Connecticut, in 1881 and entered the employ of the Russell & Irwin Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for about five years. He next turned his attention to the business of handling meats and groceries, in which he continued for one year, and later he entered the real estate and insurance field, in which he has since operated. As the years have passed he has built up a business of gratifying proportions, having won many clients who have given him their business through an





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JOHN M. BRADY



extended period. In 1903 he opened an office in Hartford for handling real estate and insurance and gradually his business has grown and developed until it is today very remunerative.

In the political field, too, Mr. Brady has figured prominently. While living in New Britain he was elected as alderman from the sixth ward in the spring of 1906, receiving the endorsement of both parties. In the fall of 1906 he was made the democratic candidate for state senator against George W. Corbin and was elected, serving as a member of the upper house for one term. He also became a candidate for mayor of New Britain but was defeated by a small majority, and three times he ran on the state ticket for comptroller. For seven years he filled the office of chairman of the state democratic central committee. In 1917 he removed to Hartford, where he has since resided, and in 1918 he left the ranks of the democratic party and joined the republican forces, with which he has since been active. This was characteristic of Mr. Brady. If he believes that a cause is right he does not hesitate to espouse it, and he has ever been loyal to his honest convictions. Identified with the interests of Hartford county for many years, he is widely known throughout this section of the state and is held in the highest regard.

On the 7th of September, 1887, Mr. Brady was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Moffitt, of New Britain, a daughter of Bernard Moffitt, a merchant of that place. They have become parents of seven children, of whom six are living: Irene, the wife to George F. Hennessey; Ethel, the wife of Otto B. Herlth; Joseph, who married May Costello; Earl, who married Catherine Farrell; Harold, who is associated with his father in business; and Howard, who is now a chiropractic doctor in Hartford.

Mr. Brady's religious faith is indicated in his connection with the Knights of Columbus. For forty-five years he has been a member of the Elks Club and he also has membership with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, having served as president of the local society for two terms. He is also a member of the City Club and Get Together Club and is helpfully interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community, keeping at all times well informed on the questions and issues of the day and at all times standing for progress and improvement.

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#### REGINALD E. TOWERS

Various business interests have felt the stimulus and profited by the progressive spirit of Reginald E. Towers, who is closely associated with the brick industry and has other important business connections. He was born in New Britain, October 24, 1893, and is a son of James and Margaret Towers. The father, who died in 1917, was a very prominent figure in Hartford county. He was a recognized leader in republican circles and he served as a member of the city council, while for two terms he represented his district in the state legislature, giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to all vital questions which came up for settlement. At the time of his death he was filling the position of county commissioner and in this, as in other offices, he measured up to every standard of good citizenship and of faithful service. In business circles, too, he was widely and prominently known, being long associated with the brickmaking industry, and was the president of the Connecticut Brick Manufacturers Association.

The youthful days of Reginald E. Towers were largely devoted to the acquirement of a knowledge of those branches of learning which constitute the public and high schools' curriculum. He then entered the employ of his father at the brick yard and thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the business, so that he was well qualified to take over the management and executive control at the time of his father's demise in 1917. He has since successfully conducted the plant, the business developing with the growth of the city, and he is also the vice president and treasurer of the Central Brick Company, a New Britain organization which he helped to found. He was likewise one of the organizers of the R. E. Towers Filling Stations, which business he conducts in conjunction with his other activities. He is resourceful and progressive and through the passing years his labors have brought highly gratifying results.

In August, 1916, Mr. Towers was married in New Britain to Miss Bessie M. Mills, a daughter of J. W. and Bessie Mills, and they have become parents of two



children: J. Stuart, born July 4, 1918; and Margery, born February 4, 1922. The parents are well known in New Britain, where their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Like his father, Mr. Towers has figured actively in connection with political interests, supporting the republican party and serving on the common council in 1919 and again in 1921. In 1926 he was once more elected to the office, which he has since filled, and he is now chairman of public works for New Britain. He has membership in Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and in the various Masonic bodies, which have brought him up to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He likewise belongs to the New Britain Elks lodge and is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of these fraternal organizations.

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#### C. FREDERIC BEACH

C. Frederic Beach was born in 1896 and is a son of C. Edward and Catherine (Coffin) Beach. In the acquirement of an education C. Frederic Beach attended the St. Paul school at Concord, New Hampshire, and completed his studies in Yale University, which awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In March, 1917, he entered the service of his country, becoming a naval aviation pilot, and won the commission of first lieutenant. He was sent overseas in September, 1917, and flew bombing planes for the British and pursuit planes for the French. In December, 1918, he returned to the United States and after receiving his honorable discharge entered the employ of the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company of Hartford. For one and a half years he worked in their factory and was then promoted to a position in the office, becoming connected with the engineering department. In the summer of 1920 he began working for Beach & Company, one of the oldest firms of Hartford, of which he is now secretary and treasurer. He is a director of Beach & Company, Inc., and also of the West Hartford Trust Company.

In 1924 Mr. Beach was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Caldwell, a daughter of General Frank M. Caldwell, one of the distinguished officers of the United States Army. Mr. Beach is a member of the Farmington Country Club, the Yale Club, the Racquet & Tennis Club and his wife is connected with the Junior League. Both are prominent in the social life of the city and esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

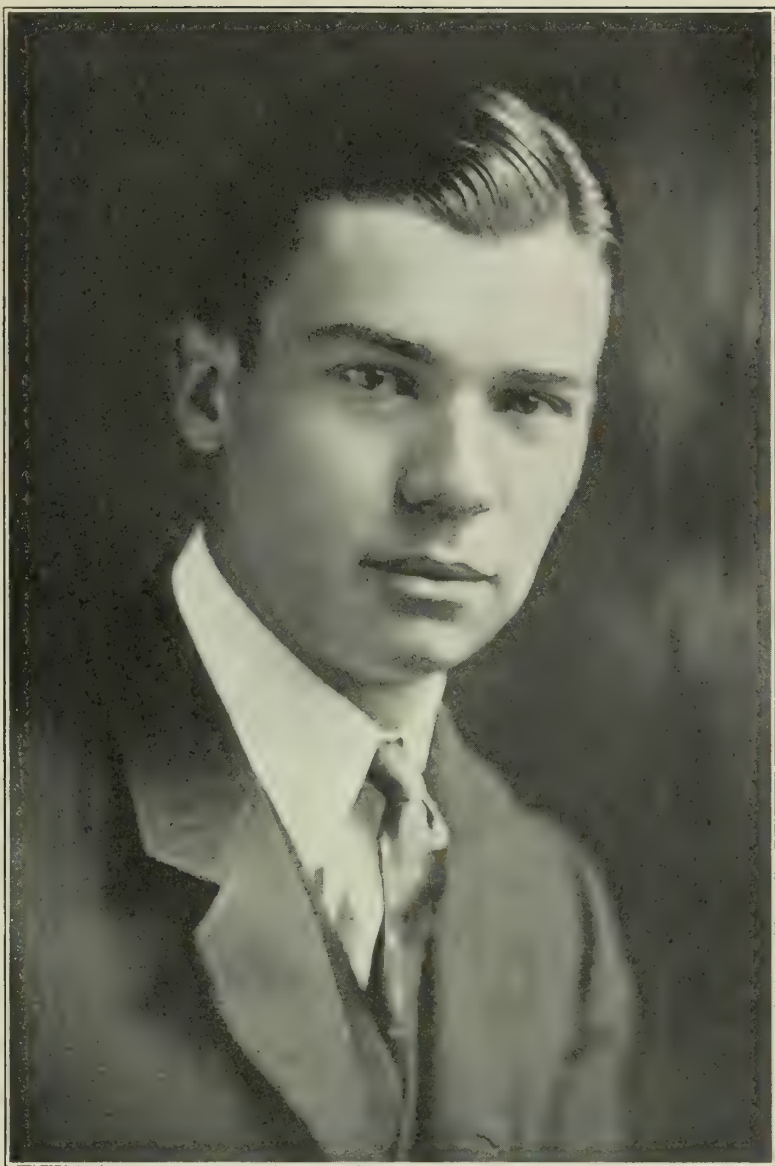
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#### LOUIE S. JONES

Louie S. Jones, active in the business circles of New Britain, where he handles real estate and insurance, was born in Pocomoke City, Maryland, in 1892, a son of Alfred L. and Laura A. Jones. The father came to New Britain in 1902 and here engaged in business until his death.

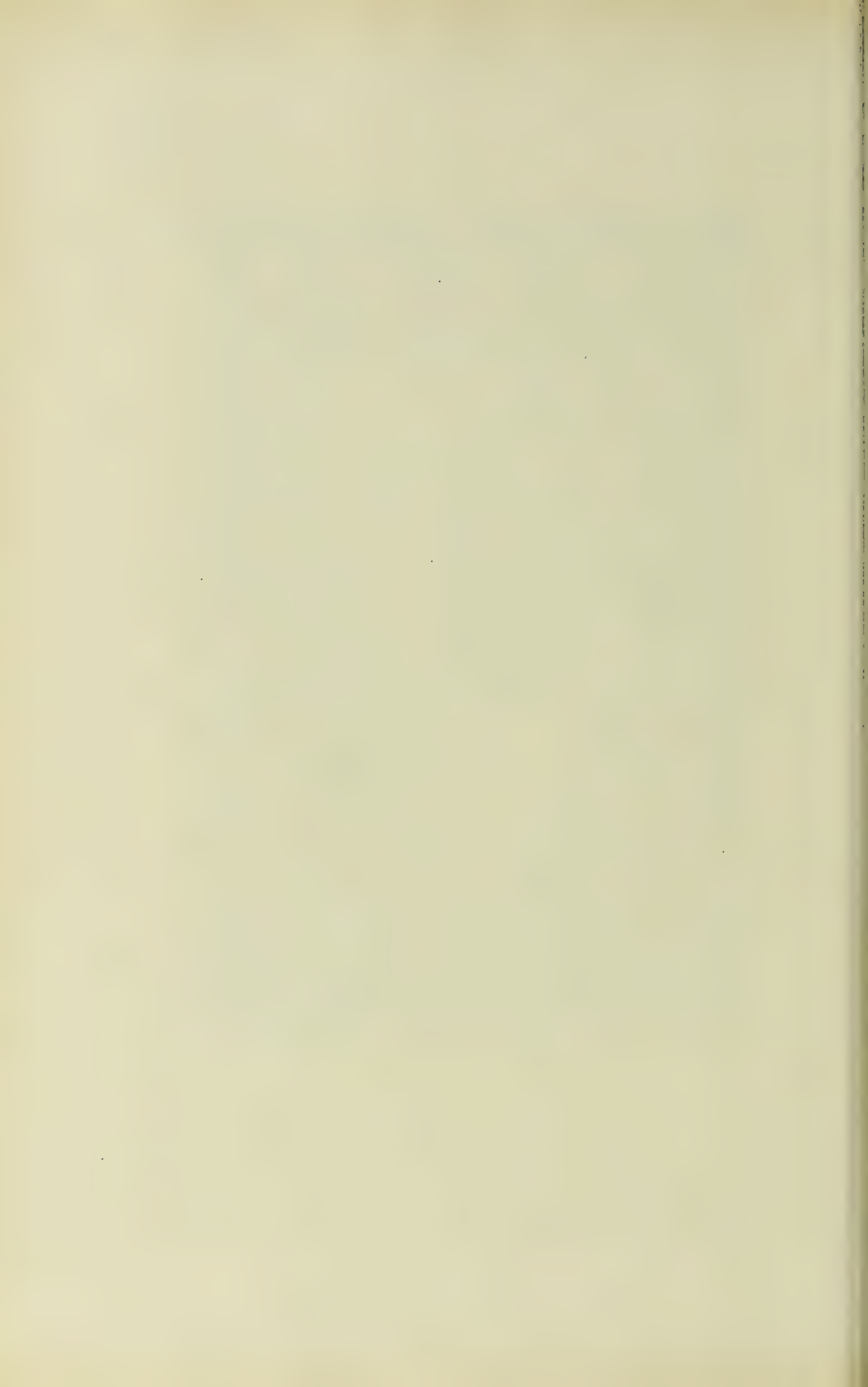
His son, Louie S. Jones, acquired a public school education, being graduated from high school with the class of 1912. He was a lad of but ten summers when brought to Connecticut, where he has since made his home, and when his school days were over he secured employment with the Connecticut Light & Power Company, with which he remained from 1912 until 1915. In the latter year he became associated with the firm of Beach & Austin, brokers of Hartford, as manager of their New Britain office, and so continued until 1917. The United States having then entered the World war, he enlisted in the Quartermaster's Corps, of which he was made a sergeant, and later he was commissioned a second lieutenant in that branch of the service, having charge of the warehouse at Governors Island, New York, until he received his discharge on the 5th of January, 1919.

Mr. Jones then returned to New Britain, where he engaged in the real estate business as a representative of the Home Bank & Realty Company, gaining his initial experience in that field. He afterward formed a partnership with J. J. Watson under the firm style of Watson & Jones, with whom he was associated from 1922 until 1924. He then purchased the business of H. D. Humphrey and in 1926 bought out the business of J. J. Watson. In April, 1926, he opened new offices at 147 Main street, where he has since been owner of a real estate and insurance business. He handles important subdivision property and in the insurance field represents the Hartford Accident



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C. FREDERIC BEACH





Company, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company and the Aetna Insurance Company, having gained many clients for these corporations, so that the business is one of gratifying proportions. He has also operated extensively and successfully as a real estate dealer and has opened three subdivisions in and near New Britain. He builds homes of attractive design, which he sells, and he has placed upon the market much property that has added to the growth and improvement of New Britain.

In 1917 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Wightman, who was born in New Britain, and they are now parents of four children: Elbridge, Virginia, Doris and Louie S., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Jones hold membership in the Baptist church and they are well known socially, the hospitality of many of the best homes of this section of the state being freely accorded them. Mr. Jones votes with the republican party and staunchly endorses its principles. He takes an active interest in club life, holding membership in the Rotary, New Britain, Shuttle Meadow and Country clubs, where his popularity has gained him warm friendships. He belongs to the New Britain Real Estate Board and to the Fire Underwriters of New Britain and he is also a member of Eddie Glover Post of the American Legion. He never allows business to so monopolize his time as to exclude his active participation in affairs of vital importance to the community, nor does he ever neglect his business interests, his close application, intense energy, honesty of purpose and progressive spirit having gained for him a gratifying measure of success in the real estate and insurance field.

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#### FREDERIC T. MURLLESS, Jr., D. D. S.

Dr. Frederic T. Murlless, Jr., has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry since early manhood and has gained an enviable and well merited reputation as a specialist in orthodontia. He is a native of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and comes of English and colonial ancestry. In the acquirement of an education he attended private schools and the Suffield school, while his professional training was received in New York University, which conferred upon him the degree of D. D. S. in 1892. He is an active representative of the dental fraternity, having been a member and officer of local, state and national dental and orthodontic societies throughout the intervening years. Since 1920 he has been a member of the Connecticut Dental Commission.

In 1891, in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Murlless was united in marriage to Miss Leonora Maia-Ferreira, daughter of Jose De Silva Maia-Ferreira and Margaret Butler, of New York. Dr. and Mrs. Murlless have a daughter, Barbara Arden, who is the wife of Rev. Frank Lambert of Ithaca, New York.

Fraternally Dr. Murlless is a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is governor of the Connecticut Society, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, and president of Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch, Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Dr. Murlless is a member of the Rotary Club, the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Farmington Country Club, and other kindred organizations.

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#### KENNETH R. TUTTLE

In the real estate, investments and insurance business Kenneth R. Tuttle of New Britain is steadily forging to the front and is well known as a representative of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, winning many patrons for the corporation through his enterprising business methods. His entire life has here been passed. He was born in New Britain in 1899, his parents being Arthur R. and Bertha (Sheldon) Tuttle, the latter a native of Ashford, Connecticut. The father, who was born in 1876, is associated with the firm of Pratt & Whitney of Hartford, Connecticut, is a member of the People's church and of the Order of United American Mechanics. He was a son of L. L. Tuttle, a Civil war veteran, who was prominent in the political activity and public life of Hartford county. For a number of years he was at the head of the public works of New Britain and in the field of independent business activity he was well known as a road contractor. The maternal grandfather

of Kenneth R. Tuttle also aided in the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war.

In the acquirement of his education Kenneth R. Tuttle attended the public schools of his native city until graduated from the high school with the class of 1917. In August of that year he enlisted for service in the World war as a member of the merchant marine and was on a number of boats plying between Maine and Norfolk, becoming a chief in the steward service, with which he was connected until he received his honorable discharge in 1918. After being mustered out he obtained a clerkship with the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company, with which he continued for six months, and later he was assistant advertising man for the Stanley Works for about a year and a half. In 1921 he became associated with the printing house of Finlay Brothers, Inc., whom he represented as an advertising salesman until July, 1926, when he established business on his own account, handling real estate, investments and insurance. He has made steady progress in this field, representing the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and also handling a growing mortgage business which is making him a well known factor in the financial circles of his native city.

On the 22d of September, 1923, in New Britain, Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Helen Clancy, who was born in Unionville, Connecticut, in 1901, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Barbara Jane, born October 24, 1925. Mrs. Tuttle is a member of the South Congregational church and is active in the social life of the city. Mr. Tuttle belongs to the People's church. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with Centennial Lodge, No. 118, F. & A. M., of New Britain. His deep interest in community welfare is shown in the fact that he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Kiwanis Club. He is alert to opportunities for promoting the public good and is a wide-awake and progressive citizen as well as one of the substantial young business men of New Britain.

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#### COLONEL EDWIN E. LAMB

Colonel Edwin E. Lamb has been city controller of Hartford since 1922 and has an admirable military as well as official record, being a veteran of two foreign wars. He was born in Hartford, September 6, 1870, and is a son of Edwin John and Julia (Culver) Lamb, the former a native of Hartford and the latter of Norwich, Connecticut. The Lamb family was established in this section of the state at an early period, John Lamb, the grandfather, having settled in New London. He married Sarah Hope House, who was born in Glastonbury, Hartford county, and he devoted his attention to the occupation of farming. His son, Edwin John Lamb, conducted a bakery on Trumbull street in Hartford for many years which had been started by his mother and had attained a country wide reputation for "Home Baking," and was a well known business man of this city.

Colonel Lamb pursued his education in the public and high schools of Hartford to the age of seventeen years, when he put aside his textbooks in order to enter the factory of the Pratt & Whitney Manufacturing Company, there learning the machinist's trade. He spent four years in that employ, after which he followed his trade in other connections for several years and also assisted in the conduct of his father's bakery. From 1902 until March 26, 1917, he was with the Underwood Typewriter Company in charge of a department. On the 22d of April, 1922, he was elected city controller, was reelected in 1924 and again in 1926. The fact that his fellow townsmen have three times called him to this office indicate most clearly that his record as an official is a most commendable one.

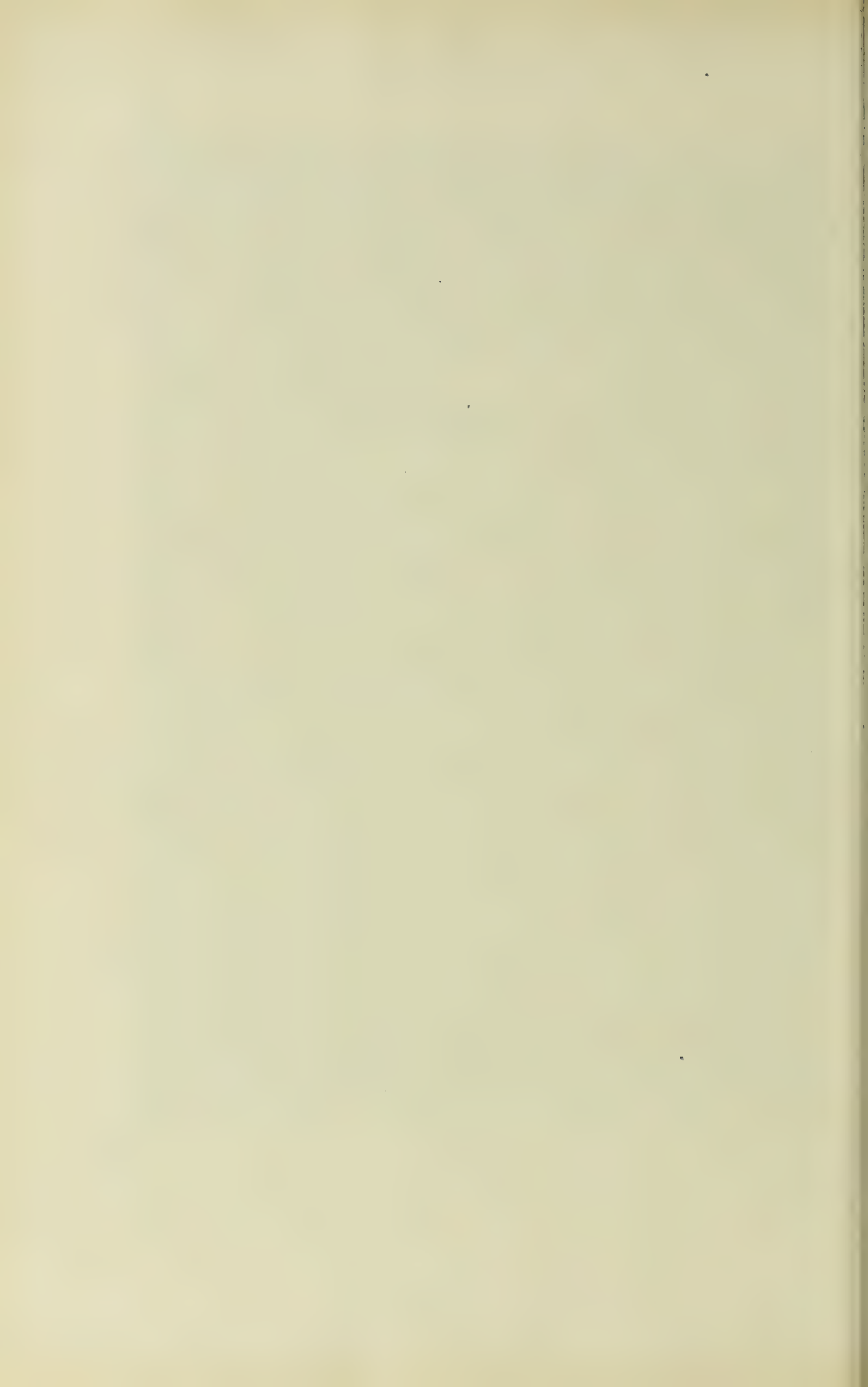
The military chapter in the life of Colonel Lamb started when he was a youth of nineteen years. On the 1st of August, 1889, he enlisted as a musician of Company A, First Infantry, Connecticut National Guard. On the 14th of July, 1892, he was advanced to the rank of second lieutenant and a year later became first lieutenant. In the war with Spain he was mustered into the United States service as first lieutenant of Company A, First Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, on the 17th of May, 1898, and on the 31st of October following was mustered out. He was advanced to a captaincy on the 1st of June, 1905, became major of the First Infantry on the 13th



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COLONEL EDWIN E. LAMB





of September, 1907, and lieutenant colonel August 7, 1914. On the 20th of June, 1916, he was called into the federal service for duty on the Mexican border at Nogales, Arizona, and was mustered out at Hartford on the 30th of October of the same year. His World war record dates from March 26, 1917, when he was called into the United States service. He was on detached service at the School of Musketry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from May 27 to August 1, 1917, was drafted into the federal service as lieutenant colonel of the One Hundred and Second Infantry, Fifty-first Brigade, Twenty-sixth Division, August 5, 1917, and sailed for France on the 19th of September following. On the 1st of January, 1918, he was appointed provost marshal on the staff of General William R. Sample, commanding the Advance Section, S. O. S., A. E. F., and became colonel of infantry on the 29th of May, 1919. On the 20th of July of the same year he arrived in the United States and received his discharge August 4th. On the 23d of May, 1920, he was appointed a colonel of infantry of the Officers Reserve Corps, was appointed recruiting officer for organizing the First Infantry units of the new Connecticut National Guard, August 27, 1920, was appointed colonel of the Connecticut Regiment of Infantry, later designated as the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment of Infantry, Connecticut National Guard, May 23, 1921, and on the 31st of December of that year resigned from the National Guard. While a member of the army in France, in the spring of 1919, he was a delegate to the convention in which the American Legion was organized in Paris, and on his return home he took part in the organization of the Rau-Locke Post of the American Legion, of which he became provisional commander and later commander. He is in addition a member of Charles L. Burdette Camp, U. S. W. V., of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, the Yankee Division Veteran Association, the Veteran Association of the First Regiment Connecticut National Guard, the First Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Veteran Association, the Hartford Germania Guard Veteran Association, the Naval and Military Order of Foreign Wars and the Reserve Officers Association of the Seventy-sixth Division. He spent thirty years and four days in continuous military service up to the date of his discharge on August 4, 1919, at the end of the World war and then organized the first unit of the New National Guard which extended his actual time in service another two years and contributed in notable measure to the efficiency of the National Guard and rendered valuable service to his country when engaged in combat on foreign soil.

On the 6th of September, 1892, Colonel Lamb was married to Miss Anna L. Dietrich, of Hartford, and their three children are Estella Julia, the wife of George W. Greenbaum, of Hartford; Edwin John Lamb, who volunteered for service in the navy during the World war; and Charles Dietrich Lamb.

In his fraternal relations Colonel Lamb is an Odd Fellow and is also connected with the Foresters. His activities have brought him many interesting experiences, have broadened his life's horizon and have made him a man of cosmopolitan interests. In civic affairs, too, he has made a creditable name and place for himself and is enrolled among Hartford's competent officials.

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#### GEORGE FRANCIS HALE

George Francis Hale is numbered among the representative business men of Unionville, where he is accorded a liberal patronage as an undertaker. Close application and unremitting diligence have been the basic elements in the attainment of the success which is now his. Mr. Hale was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1878, a son of George Titus and Mary A. (Brown) Hale, the former a native of Hartford, while the latter was born in Middletown, Connecticut, the ancestral line being traced back to an early period in the settlement of New England. The father entered the employ of the American Bank Note Company in New York city and was engaged in that line of business throughout practically his entire life.

George F. Hale pursued his education in the public schools of his native city and in the Hartford high school, attending the old South school. He then began preparation for a business career by taking up the study of undertaking with William R. Morgan, predecessor of James T. Pratt, and in 1905 became a licensed embalmer. He was among the first to receive a license and he continued in the employ of Mr. Pratt until 1901, when he withdrew from that connection and took charge of the business of the Ansonia Furniture & Undertaking Company at Ansonia, Connecticut,

there remaining for five years. In 1906 he removed to Unionville and purchased the funeral house of the late C. M. Driggs from the estate. Here he has since remained, having a show room in the Hackney block and carrying an excellent line of undertakers' supplies. He uses motor vehicles, having a combination hearse and ambulance, and his business covers a radius of twenty miles. He employs an assistant embalmer, is accorded a liberal patronage because of the efficiency which he displays in this exacting profession and has shown a progressive spirit which actuates him in all that he attempts.

On the 16th of November, 1904, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Austin, of Suffield, Connecticut, and they have one daughter, Doris Lucile, who was born February 3, 1912, and is now attending the Junior high school. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are members of the Congregational church and he is also a loyal follower of Masonic teachings, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, while his membership also extends to the Eastern Star and the Mystic Shrine and he is now president of the Masonic Building Association of Unionville. He likewise has membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Veterans, while in club circles he is well known, belonging to the City Club of Hartford, the Hartford Automobile Club and the Avon Country Club, of which he is a charter member. Social and genial in nature and kindly in spirit, his personal qualities have gained him many friends, while his business enterprise and reliability have won for him the substantial competence which is the merited reward of persistent and intelligently directed effort.

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#### FREDERICK SCARBOROUGH

In the business world of today competition is exceedingly keen and only those possessed of more than ordinary ability and acumen have won the full measure of success. In this classification belongs Frederick Scarborough, widely known as a manufacturer of silk hosiery, who has created an industry which means much to Hartford. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1891 and is one of the three sons of Hatfield and Elizabeth Ann Scarborough, natives of England. On coming to this country they settled in Providence, Rhode Island, and later removed to Philadelphia, where they still reside. The father exercises his right of franchise in support of the candidates of the republican party. He is active in civic affairs and his life is governed by the teachings of the Episcopal church.

Frederick Scarborough was educated in the public schools of the Quaker city and began to provide for his own livelihood at the age of fifteen, working for six and a half years in the hosiery mill of William Brown, a Philadelphia manufacturer. In 1913 he went to Northampton, Massachusetts, and entered the employ of the McCallum Hosiery Company, with which he remained until November, 1920, gaining valuable experience. At that time he was made assistant superintendent of the Holyoke Silk Hosiery Mills and met every requirement of that responsible position, which he filled until June, 1923, when he made his first independent venture, forming the Hartford Silk Hosiery Company, in association with Arthur O. Lamb. Soon afterward the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Scarborough organized the Laurel Silk Hosiery Company, a Hartford corporation, of which he has since been president and general manager. The other officers are Morris Bezer, vice president; and Norman Gross, secretary and treasurer. At first they manufactured two hundred dozen pairs of silk hose per week and they now produce eight hundred and fifty dozen pairs, while next year they hope to double this amount. They sell direct to retail stores and also through the Buyers Association. The plant is located on New Park avenue and enjoys the distinction of being the only full fashioned silk hosiery mill in the state of Connecticut. Being tailor made, the stockings produced by the Laurel Silk Hosiery are comfortable and always satisfactory because they fit perfectly and combine beauty with durability. They are made by intelligent and skilled operators and purchased by persons of discrimination who have found that the Laurel label indicates the superlative in quality. The output of the plant is shipped to many parts of the country and the demand is rapidly increasing. Years of practical experience and intensive study have given Mr. Scarborough a detailed knowledge of the business and in a remarkably short time he has built up an industry which is a decided asset to Hartford and an imposing monument to his powers of organization and administration.





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FREDERICK SCARBOROUGH



In 1915 Mr. Scarborough was married in Northampton, Massachusetts, to Miss Mary Ann Kyle and they now have two children: Frederick, Jr., who was born in 1916; and Muriel May, born in 1922. Mr. Scarborough belongs to the Holyoke Lodge of Masons and is a member of the Hosiery & Underwear Manufacturers Association. In politics he is a republican and his religious belief is indicated by his affiliation with St. John's Episcopal church. He loyally supports all projects for the betterment of his community but has never aspired to public office, as his business requires his undivided attention. His ability and even-paced energy have carried him steadily onward to the goal fixed by his ambition, and the firmness, frankness and strength of his character have won for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### CHARLES HENRY VINCENT

Energetic, efficient and capable, Charles Henry Vincent has long been regarded as one of the leading business men of Simsbury and enjoys the distinction of being its pioneer funeral director. He was born here on the 29th of June, 1879, and is a son of Charles M. and Elizabeth N. Vincent, the former a native of Malone, New York, and the latter of Simsbury. As a young man the father followed the occupation of farming and later entered the employ of Judge Phelps, for whom he worked for a number of years, filling the position of foreman. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent had a family of eleven children and nine are now living.

Charles H. Vincent was a pupil in New York Academy and later enrolled as a student in the Renard School of Embalming, from which he was graduated in 1902. For a time he held a responsible position in the Pratt undertaking parlors in Hartford and then returned to Simsbury, opening the funeral home of which he has since been the owner. It is thoroughly modern and distinctive in its appointments. In the rear of the establishment there is a large display room and the property comprises sixteen acres of ground. Mr. Vincent has motor equipment and has perfected a service which is adapted to every need. The business is thoroughly systematized and its steady growth is proof of the prestige enjoyed by the firm.

In 1901 Mr. Vincent married Miss Elizabeth Cusick, also a native of Simsbury, and they now have eight children: Charles H. Jr., Mary, Kathryn, Anna, Margaret, Florence, Henry and Elmer. The oldest son assists his father in the conduct of the business and all of the children are at home. The members of the family adhere to the Roman Catholic faith and are devout communicants of St. Mary's church. Mr. Vincent is identified with the Simsbury Country Club and the Connecticut Association of Funeral Directors & Embalmers. His fraternal affiliations are with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a business man of high standing and a good citizen, whose support can always be relied upon in the furtherance of measures of reform, progress and improvement.

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#### JUDGE SAMUEL ROSENTHAL

Judge Samuel Rosenthal, attorney at law practicing continuously since January, 1911, save for the period of his service on the bench and of his service in the World war, was born in Warsaw, Russia, May 12, 1888, and is a son of Nathan and Annie (Green) Rosenthal, who are also natives of that country, whence they came to America in 1889, settling in Norwich, Connecticut, and removing to Hartford in 1900. The father is a jewelry merchant and is also engaged in the stock brokerage business in this city.

Samuel Rosenthal was only about a year when brought to the United States by his parents and his early education was acquired in the West Middle school of Hartford, while later he attended the public high school. In preparation for his professional career he entered Yale University and won his LL. B. degree in 1910, while in the following January he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the active practice of his profession. He devoted his attention untiringly to the interests of his clients until September 4, 1917, when he became one of the first nine to leave Hart-



ford as members of the National Army for service in the World war. He went to Camp Devens as a private and was promoted to regimental sergeant major, receiving his discharge March 11, 1919, after which he resumed the practice of law. At the present writing he is acting as counsel for the defense in the Guilfoyle murder case. He has tried many notable cases and the court records bear testimony to his ability in the number of favorable verdicts which he has won.

On the 29th of November, 1925, Mr. Rosenthal was united in marriage to Miss Betty Christine Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon, of New Britain. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal reside at 408 Farmington avenue. Since the time age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been actively engaged in politics, studying closely the vital questions, interests and situations of the day and giving his stanch support to the republican party. He belongs to the Republican Club and also to the Probus Club. Fraternally he has membership in Hartford Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M.; Capitol City Lodge, No. 119, I. O. B. A.; Ararat Lodge, No. 13, I. O. B. B.; and Jonathan Lodge, No. 113, I. O. O. F. He is also identified with the Community Chest and maintains a helpful attitude toward many public projects and measures which are looking to the alleviation of hard conditions of life for the unfortunate and are seeking to advance civic standards and promote civic progress.

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#### JOHN WYNKOOP HALEY

John Wynkoop Haley, of Hartford, has established an enviable reputation as a photographer and represents a family distinguished by artistic ability of a high order. He was born in Meriden, Connecticut, August 24, 1897, a son of John Poole and Elizabeth (Akers) Haley. His ancestors lived in Belfast, Ireland, and the American progenitors of the family were four brothers, Edward, Thomas, Robert and Patrick, who came to this country in 1820. Edward and Thomas located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Robert allied his interests with those of Paterson, New Jersey, becoming connected with the Roger Locomotive Works, one of the foremost industries of the kind at that time. Patrick, of whom John W. Haley is a direct descendant, turned his attention to the iron industry, in which he won the full measure of success, and was the owner of the Sterling Furnace at Sterlington, New York. It was in this plant that the chain was forged that was stretched across the Hudson river at Newburgh to prevent the British ships from sailing up the stream.

In 1839 Patrick Haley married Julia O'Neal, of Paterson, New Jersey, and they had two sons, Robert and John, who enlisted in the Union army. Robert lost his life in the battle of Gettysburg. John served with Company M of the Fifth New York Cavalry, and after the war settled in Ringwood, New Jersey, becoming an engineer in the employ of Peter Cooper and Abram S. Hewitt, who owned valuable mines in that district before the discovery of iron ore in the Lake Superior region. The mines at Sterling and Ringwood were abandoned many years ago and have been replaced by giant crushers for road building. John Haley, of Ringwood, was married in 1866 at Port Jervis, New York, to Elizabeth Salisbury and passed away in 1876, leaving a family of four children: Robert H., who married Mozelle Parish, of Jackson, Tennessee, in 1888, and is living in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Franklin, who married Elizabeth Acker in New York city in 1896 and has remained in that metropolis; John Poole; and Catharine Barr, of Paterson, New Jersey.

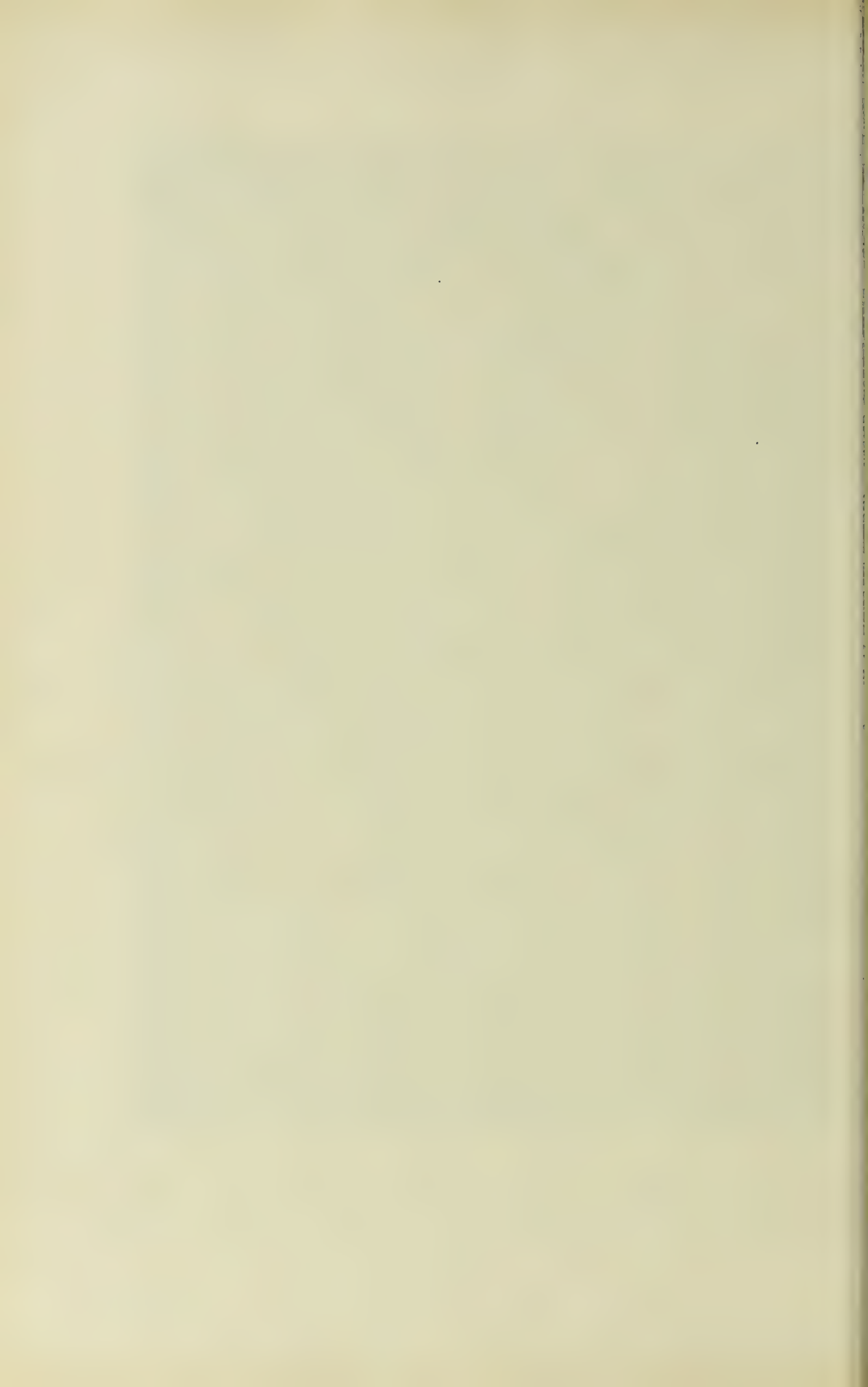
John Poole Haley was born January 24, 1870, in Sterlington, New York, and has been identified with the profession of photography since the early '80s. In 1900 he opened a studio in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he is still engaged in business, and is regarded as one of the foremost portrait photographers in this country. In 1915 he was elected president of the New England Photographers Association and it was at this convention that Mr. Haley made known his discovery of the means of producing artistic pictures by projection, a development which is considered the greatest advancement in portrait photography in recent years.

In 1890 Mr. Haley was married in Lambertville, New Jersey, to Miss Elizabeth Akers, who was born March 29, 1872, in that town, and is a member of a family of Quakers, who emigrated from Hertford, England, to the United States early in the nineteenth century. Her grandfather, William Akers, and his sons, William and Joseph, were dealers in china and queensware and prominent business men of Phila-



(Photograph by John Haley)

JOHN W. HALEY





delphia. After his retirement from the firm of William Akers & Sons, Joseph Akers went to New Jersey and became a resident of Lambertville in 1871. His wife was Mary Goodfellow, whose mother was Sarah Fulton, a daughter of John Fulton, a first cousin of Robert Fulton. Joseph and Mary (Goodfellow) Akers were the parents of Elizabeth Akers. To Mr. and Mrs. John P. Haley were born eleven children, of whom Margaret and Janet died in infancy. The others are Robert Duane, John Wynkoop, Mary Elizabeth, Theodore Gibson, Josephine Akers, Sally Fulton, William Arthur, Betty Salisbury, and Patterson Day, all of whom are a credit to the family. The eldest son was an outstanding pupil at the Art Institute League at the outbreak of the World war and afterward went to Boston, where he produced a number of notable canvases. He now has a studio in Greenwich, Connecticut, and is widely and favorably known as a portrait painter. Sally Fulton is a brilliant student at the Yale Art School.

John W. Haley attended the public schools of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and took a course in the Art Students League of New York. In 1918 he was graduated from Pratt Institute of New York and also received thorough training under his distinguished father, proving an apt pupil. He remained in Bridgeport until 1924, when he located in Hartford, and it was not long before the residents of the city were aware of the fact that a photographer of unusual ability had joined their community. His expert knowledge of the mechanical phases of the business is supplemented by the true artist's appreciation of beauty of form, color and grouping, and his work is unexcelled.

On July 26, 1919, Mr. Haley was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Lund, of Bridgeport, and both are prominent in social circles of Hartford. Mr. Haley is a Mason, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., of Bridgeport, and shapes his conduct by the beneficent teachings of the order. His professional standing is indicated by the fact that he has been honored with the vice presidency of the New England Association of Photographers, appointed a member of the advisory board of the National Association, and the presidency of the local association, which offices he is now filling. Mr. Haley is a young man of winning personality, exceptionally well equipped for the vocation of his choice, and his life, much as it holds of accomplishment, is still rich in promise.

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#### ALFRED LE WITT

Alfred Le Witt was a lifelong resident of New Britain, where from 1921 until his death May 15, 1928, he engaged in law practice, making a specialty of bank and title work. He was here born in 1898, a son of Michael C. and Betty (Seader) Le Witt. The father became a resident of New York when quite a young man and afterward of New Britain, where he has been engaged in the jewelry business for a number of years. Fraternally he is a Mason and politically a republican and he has long been active in the work of the Jewish synagogue. To him and his wife were born three sons: Alfred; Sidney, a chemical engineer who is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York; and Bernard, who is a student in Cornell University. There are also two daughters in the family, Nellie and Bella, both at home.

In his youthful days Alfred Le Witt attended the public schools of New Britain and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1917. It was his desire to become a member of the bar and with that end in view he matriculated in the New York Law School, of which he was a graduate of 1920. The following year he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in New Britain, where he has since remained, giving his attention to his professional duties, which are increasingly important and which now focus largely upon special bank and title work. He was thorough and painstaking, being seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle, and his professional labors were highly satisfactory to those whom he represented.

In New Britain, in June, 1924, Mr. Le Witt was married to Miss Sophie Meshken, who was here born, and in the social circles of this city they were well known. They have membership in the congregation of Sons of Israel and Mr. Le Witt was a member of Kappa college fraternity and of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. He voted with the republican party, was identified with the Chamber of Commerce and manifested a helpful spirit toward all projects which have to do with the sub-

stantial development and progress of the city. He was a Mason, having membership in Centennial Lodge, No. 763, of New York city, and along strictly professional lines his connection was with the New Britain, Hartford County and American Bar Associations.

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#### RALPH B. IVES

The Aetna Insurance Company has reached its place in the foremost ranks of the insurance corporations of the country because of the pronounced ability of the men who have controlled its affairs and the progressive policy which they have ever instituted and followed. With the years the company has ever progressed, altering its policy to meet changing conditions, until today the spirit of modern achievement finds expression in the executive control of Ralph B. Ives, now president of the company. He has remained at its head since 1923, and while his rise may seem to have something of the nature of the spectacular, a careful analysis of his record will show that he has employed the qualities of industry, perseverance, determination and laudable ambition which anyone may cultivate, but perhaps to a more intense degree than others do. His life story is of interest by reason of his notable achievements and reflects credit upon Hartford, the city of his nativity as well as of his present residence. He was born January 27, 1873, of the marriage of John S. and Annie (Chapin) Ives. There was nothing unusual in his youth. Like most boys, he entered the public schools and mastered the work of successive grades until he left the high school and turned his attention to the building business and to interior decorating in Hartford. He developed skill and efficiency along those lines and followed the business until 1904, when, thinking to find better and broader opportunities in the field of insurance, he became a clerk with the Aetna Insurance Company, so continuing until 1907. In the latter year he was made special agent in Hartford and after five years devoted to duty of that character became assistant secretary. In 1915 he was transferred to Chicago as assistant secretary of the Aetna office in that city and in 1919 he became vice president of the western department in Chicago, where he remained until 1923, when he returned to Hartford as president of the company. Not only does he control the destinies of the corporation as its executive head but also of two of its subsidiaries, being president of the World Fire & Marine Insurance Company and president of the Century Indemnity Company. He is likewise a director of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, and of the Bankers Trust Company and a trustee of the Society for Savings, and where complex problems are involved few ever question the wisdom of his decisions, for long since his opinions were found to be sound, being based upon broad practical experience, keen insight and high ideals of service in the field of insurance.

On the 3d of November, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Ralph B. Ives and Miss Edith King, a daughter of William H. and Janette (Hawley) King, of Hartford. Their children are: Louis King, born March 1, 1899; and Nettie, born December 13, 1904. The social position of the family is an enviable one and in club circles Mr. Ives is well known, having membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Wampanoag Country Clubs. In politics he has always been a staunch republican but not an active party worker, for his growing business affairs have made steady demand upon his time and energies, his activities constantly increasing in scope, volume and importance. He is yet a comparatively young man who has probably not reached the zenith of his powers, but already he is in a position of leadership, so that his name stands out among the foremost insurance men of the country.

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#### ROBERT D. OLMSTED

Robert D. Olmsted, vice president and treasurer of the East Hartford Trust Company, has been associated with the financial interests of the city since 1918, and thoroughly familiarizing himself with business conditions, he is fully measuring up to the requirements of his present office. Born in Bristol, Connecticut, November 18, 1885, he is a son of G. Howell and Helen (Washburn) Olmsted, the former a native



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carried on by representatives of the name. Today the plant is operated in the manufacture of paper for special uses, including electrical insulation, water-proof papers and papers for mechanical use by other manufacturers. These papers are manufactured from cotton rags, Manila rope and similar fibers, which are obtained in a raw state and here converted into the finished product. The company conducts the most extensive manufactory of the kind in this section of the country. Mr. Case had a mill at Burnside operated under the style of Case & Marshall, Inc., of which company he was president. He also manufactured paper twine under the name of the National Patent Reed Company, and the output of this factory alone is ten thousand pounds daily. This is an entirely separate industry from the paper manufacturing and was handled by Mr. Case as president of the company which owns and controls the plant. The raw stock utilized is practically all imported and the business constitutes one of the largest and most important enterprises in this section. Into various fields Mr. Case extended his efforts and each profited by his cooperation. He was vice president of The Case Manufacturing Company, of Unionville, and president of Case & Marshall, Inc., at Burnside, and the National Patent Reed Company of Unionville. The products are sold direct to consumers, the sales being handled from the Unionville office, and the output reaches approximately four thousand tons in Unionville, while the paper twine is produced at the rate of five tons per day. The Case & Marshall concern turns out four thousand tons per year, and thus the business interests of which he was the active head have been a great source of income to the community. Mr. Case became identified with paper manufacturing when a boy, starting in a little mill in Chaplin, Windham, Connecticut, in 1894, and there remaining about three years. He was active in this line and there is no phase of paper making with which he was not thoroughly acquainted, while his initiative was evidenced in many improved methods which he introduced into his own factories. In addition to his other interests he was president of the A. Willard Case Company of Manchester, assistant treasurer of Case Brothers, Inc., of Highland Park, Connecticut, a director in the Unionville Bank & Trust Company and a director in the Gardner Fibre Company of Gardner, Massachusetts.

In 1898 Mr. Case was married to Miss Ethel Leonard, of Somerset, Massachusetts, and they have a daughter, Eleanor, born in 1907 a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1928. Mrs. Case is well known socially and her activities extend into church and philanthropic circles. She is identified with the Episcopal faith. Mr. Case was connected with the Farmington, Avon and Wampanoag Country clubs, the City Club of Hartford, the Transportation Club of New York and the Elks lodge of Hartford. In politics he was an earnest republican and manifests a keen interest in all those forces which make for civic virtue and civic pride. He was an outstanding figure in business life, prominent and honored by reason of what he accomplished and the straightforward methods he ever followed in working out his purposes.

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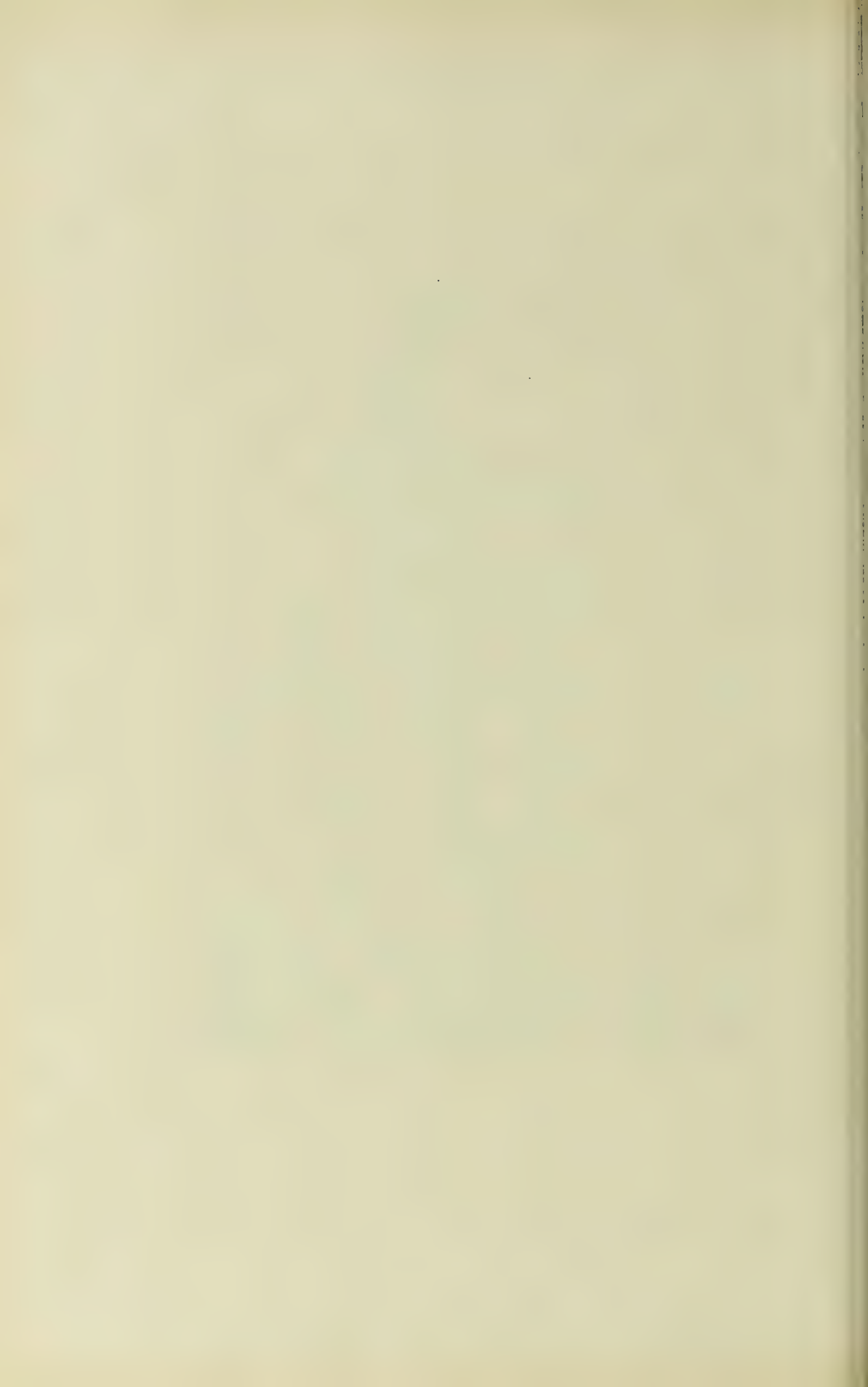
As vice president of one of the oldest and best known industries in Connecticut—The Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company—Mr. F. C. Nichols, who became identified with the company some twenty-seven years ago, has become an important figure in Hartford's industrial circles.

Although Mr. Nichols' ancestors of English and French-Huguenot stock settled in Connecticut long before 1700, his parents were natives of New York State, where he was born in Oswego on February 14, 1868. He attended the public schools of Syracuse where his father, Francis M. Nichols, was engaged in business. At rather an early age he went to work in a jewelry store of that city for the munificent sum of six dollars a month. His next position was with a wholesale house in Syracuse for which he sold household supplies in the rural districts until he became their traveling salesman. He left them to enter the service of a hardware manufacturing company and as traveling salesman was eventually given their western territory which included the Pacific coast.

This connection he severed after several years—in 1901—to become salesman for the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, his territory extending from Canada to Mexico City. Two years later he was made sales manager and, subsequently



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vice president, which position he now occupies. He has charge of their foreign department, which is world-wide in scope and involves not only commercial sales to dealers, but also contracts for war materials with the smaller empires, republics and great powers of both hemispheres.

To his office in the old building erected by the founder, Samuel Colt, come the representatives of these governments: a prince of the blood of Siam; a dark-skinned envoy, incognito, of the ruler of Abyssinia; military and naval officers from the four corners of the earth, infusing romance into the routine of business. It has been necessary for Mr. Nichols to travel extensively in Europe and Latin America, with the result that he has had many interesting, novel and sometimes exciting experiences. He was in the Argentine when the German fleet fought the English at the Falkland Islands, and at the time the German warships lay off the Island of Juan Fernandez he was in Valparaiso, Chile. To reach home he was obliged to take a coaster as far as Panama, which trip consumed seventeen days.

His contact with the various peoples and the opportunity to study conditions and customs of the countries at first hand has been of immeasurable value and contributed greatly to the broad knowledge and understanding necessary in the conduct of business of this character and above all to the enjoyment of his work, which has been notably successful.

His daughter, Sophie, by his first marriage, is the wife of Mr. James L. Wright, of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Nichols is a member of the Hartford Club and the Country Club but, being an enthusiastic sportsman, an ardent disciple of Walt Whitman, spends his leisure at his camp in the Canadian woods. Gardening is one of the hobbies from which he derives the greatest pleasure. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belongs to Washington Commandery, K. T., and to the Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

An executive of the highest type, a man of keen business acumen, he is, withal, genial and sociable and has many warm and loyal friends.

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#### MAJOR RICHARD WOOLSEY DE LAMATER

Major Richard Woolsey De Lamater, who has been in the service of the Aetna Life Insurance Company for the past twenty-eight years, has worked his way upward from a minor position to that of chief underwriter in the accident department. A native son of Hartford, Connecticut, he was born July 5, 1872, his parents being Richard Storm and Sarah Jane (Woolsey) De Lamater, the former born in Hudson, New York, and the latter in Jordan, that state. The De Lamaters, of French Huguenot stock, were established in America as early as 1600, settlement being made in Harlem, New York, where the family received a land grant of ten miles along the Hudson river. Richard S. De Lamater, the father of Major R. W. De Lamater, came to Hartford in 1859. He was a pioneer photographer and the first man in Hartford to make portraits other than by the old daguerreotype process. He photographed many of the early buildings and scenes in the vicinity of Hartford. Both he and his wife passed away in Wethersfield.

Richard W. De Lamater received his education in the public schools of his native city and after putting aside his textbooks was associated with his father in the photographing business until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in which he saw service. Following his recovery from typhoid fever in 1900 he entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company in a minor capacity and with the passing years worked his way steadily upward until in 1927 he was appointed chief underwriter in the accident department.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life history of Major R. W. De Lamater, whose record of service in the organized militia is as follows: private Company K, First Infantry, Connecticut National Guard, March 29, 1890; corporal, July 31, 1893; sergeant, September 1, 1896; first lieutenant, March 9, 1899; captain, March 7, 1907; retired, January 14, 1913; transferred to reserve, March 11, 1913; assigned to active duty with First Connecticut Infantry, June 13, 1916; relieved from duty, ordered in S. O. 78 and returned to reserve, June 19, 1916; second lieutenant Company K, First Connecticut Infantry, S. O. 111, A. G. O., August 13, 1916; placed on retired

list, captain of infantry, S. O. 68, A. G. O., June 6, 1923; detailed recruiting officer, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry, Connecticut National Guard, S. O. 68, A. G. O., June 6, 1923; major of infantry, Connecticut National Guard, S. O. 89, A. G. O., July 10, 1923; retired, S. O. 89, A. G. O., July 10, 1923; major Infantry Reserve. In the United States Army he served as sergeant of Company K, First Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, from May 17, 1898, until mustered out October 31, 1898. He was ordered to Fort H. G. Wright for muster into the federal service as second lieutenant of Company K, First Connecticut Infantry, Nogales, Arizona, S. O. 118, A. G. O., 16; ordered to report to Hartford to regular commander for muster out, S. O. 243, Headquarters Eastern Department, October 16, 1916, amended by S. O. 259, Par. 17, 1916; mustered out of federal service at Hartford, Connecticut, October 23, 1916; first lieutenant, S. O. 62, A. G. O., subject to examination, March 26, 1917; called into federal service March 26, 1917; ordered home July 31, 1917, on report of Medical Board for physical disability; ordered to Army Medical School, Washington, D. C., for re-examination July 30, 1918, reported August 2, 1918, and passed for captain in Quartermaster Corps. His record in the Connecticut State Guard is as follows: captain and intelligence officer, First Military District, S. O. 47, A. G. O., March 14, 1919; district inspector, First Military District, G. O. 6, First Military District, September 15, 1919; major, First Infantry, March 30, 1920; to State Guard Reserve, January, 1921. Major De Lamater has been military instructor in the Hartford police department since 1911 and was instructor in military tactics in the Suffield School at Suffield, Connecticut, during the years 1915 and 1916. He is now first lieutenant and adjutant in the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard.

On the 30th of April, 1898, Major De Lamater was united in marriage to Miss Rose B. Kellogg, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. They are the parents of two daughters, namely: Laura Woolsey, who is attending the Hartford Hospital Training School; and Caroline Kellogg, a student in the Boston School of Physical Education.

Major De Lamater belongs to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Wethersfield Country Club, finding pleasurable recreation in golf. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Sons of the American Revolution, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Military Order of Foreign Wars, the National Sojourners and the Military Order of the World War.

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#### DONALD AUSTIN DUNHAM

Donald Austin Dunham, connected with many important corporate interests and widely known as a partner in the firm of F. E. Kingston & Company, handling investment securities, with main office in Hartford, was born in this city March 22, 1881, and is a son of Sylvester Clark Dunham, who was president of the Travelers Insurance Company and thus became an outstanding figure in the business circles of Connecticut, and who died October 26, 1915.

The youthful days of Donald A. Dunham were largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education and after leaving the Hartford high school he entered Yale University, in which he pursued his more specifically literary course, winning his A. B. degree in 1903. In the same year he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company, with which he was continuously associated until 1917. His initial position was that of a clerk, but gradually he won promotion as the result of his developing powers and capacity, combined with his fidelity, until he became assistant secretary of the company. He withdrew from that organization, however, in 1917, and entered the firm of F. E. Kingston & Company as a partner. They conduct an investment business which has now reached very gratifying proportions, leading to the establishment of branch houses in New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New London, Danbury, Meriden, Middletown, Bristol and Willimantic. He is also interested in various other important business concerns, being a director of the Travelers Bank & Trust Company, vice president and director of the Arizona Power Company, a director of the Connecticut Utilities Corporation and a director of the New Haven & Shore Line Railroad Company, the Sonman Shaft Coal Company, Sonman Stores Company and Powell Coal Company. Few men have more intimate or accurate knowledge concerning public utilities and in all matters of finance his judgment is sound and discriminating.

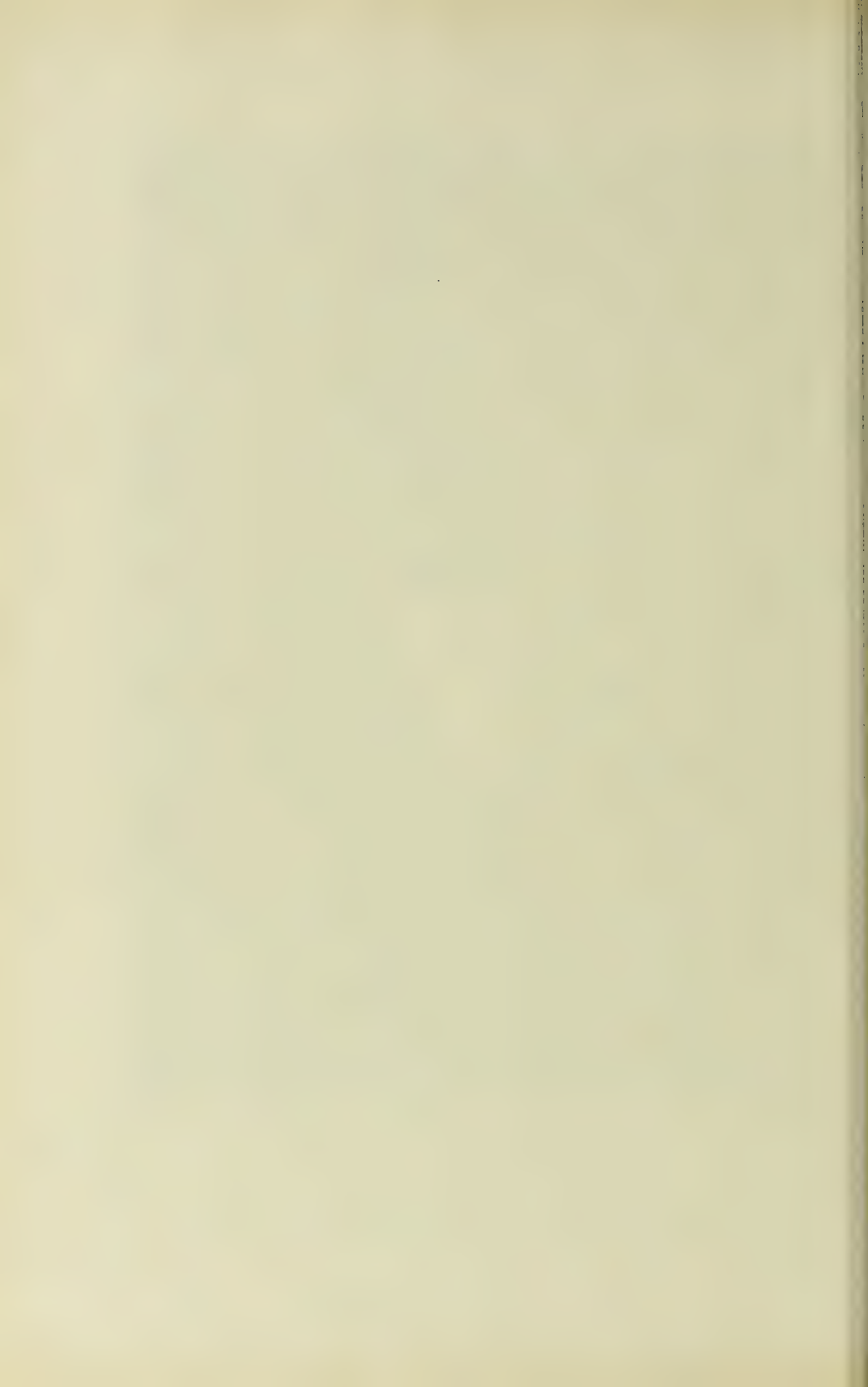
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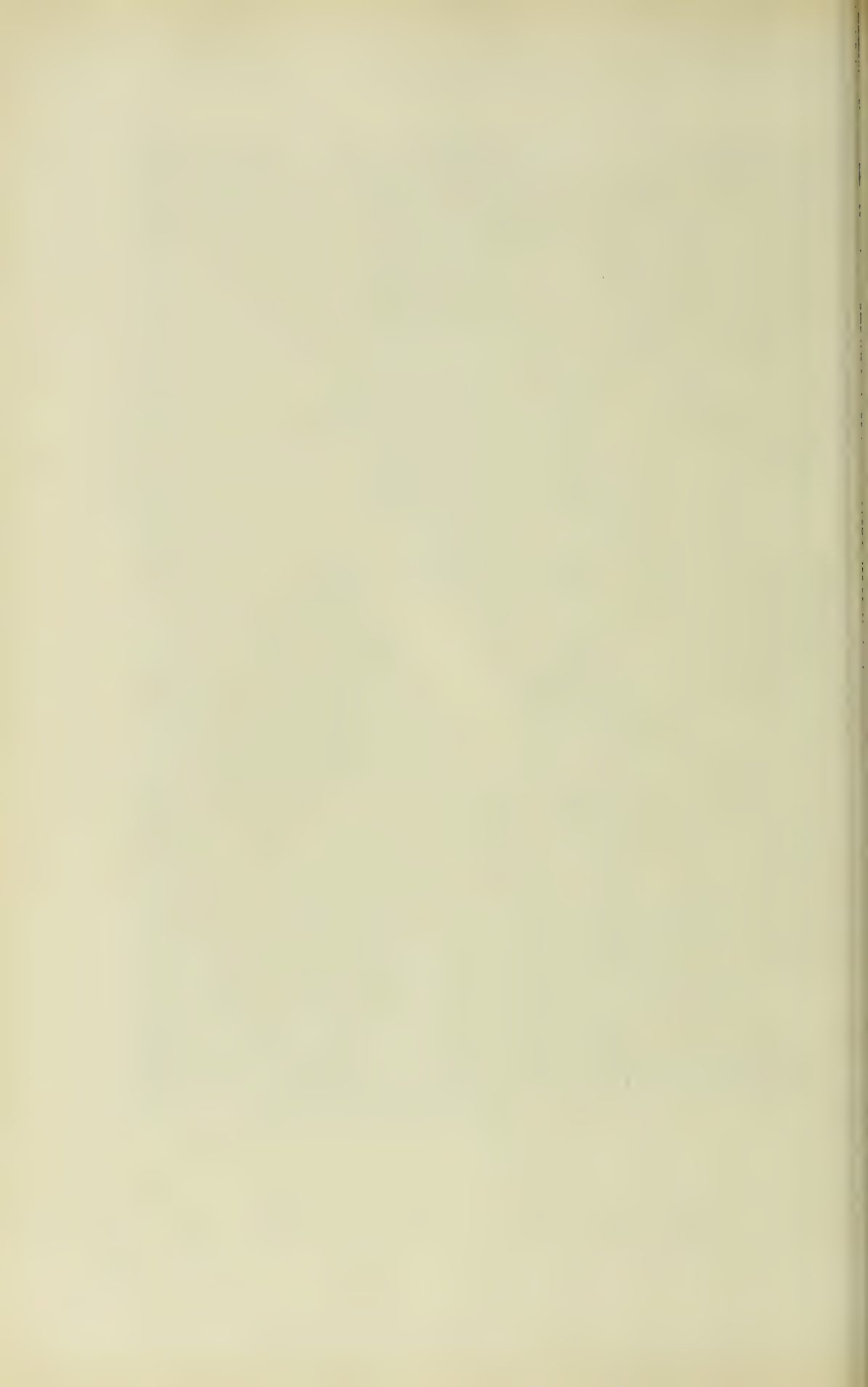
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department of the corporation. He prospered in the undertaking and also entered the real estate field. His brother Walter assists him in the conduct of the business, which is located at No. 108 Brood street. Mr. Arzyłowicz writes all forms of insurance, giving to his clients the services of an expert, and is equally well informed regarding the worth of property in New Britain. He features the insurance department, money order department and steamship agency and in the conduct of the business brings to bear executive force and keen sagacity.

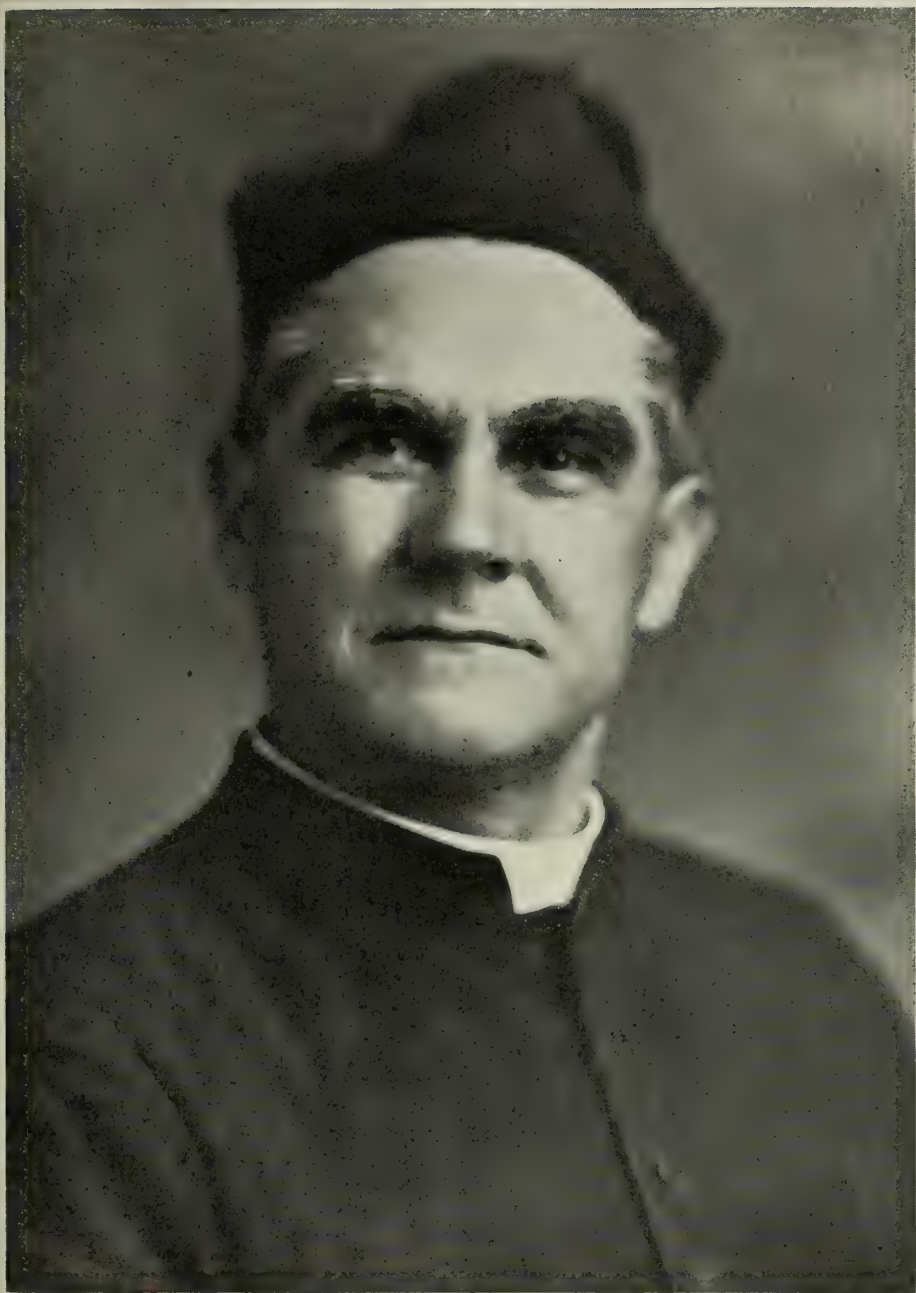
Mr. Arzyłowicz supports the republican party and served on the board of compensation commissioners for four years, discharging his duties with characteristic thoroughness and fidelity. He belongs to several Polish societies and adheres to the Catholic faith, being a communicant of the Sacred Heart church. That Mr. Arzyłowicz is a young man of more than ordinary ability and enterprise is shown by what he has accomplished and his strength of character and many good qualities have won for him a secure place in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### REV. LUCYAN BOJNOWSKI

Rev. Lucyan Bojnowski, pastor of the Sacred Heart church of New Britain and one of the most prominent representatives of the Catholic priesthood in Connecticut, was born in the province of Swierzbutowo, Poland, January 27, 1868, and is a son of Stanislaus and Alexandra Bojnowski. He attended the common schools and the Real gymnasium in the city of Suwalki, Poland, and came to America when a young man, arriving in 1888. After spending one year in South Glastonbury, Connecticut, in preparation for the priesthood he entered the Detroit Ecclesiastical St. Mary's Seminary, in which he studied until 1894. He was then ordained to the priesthood January 20, 1895, and after serving as curate in various parishes he came to New Britain in 1896 and took charge of the Polish parish on the 10th of September. The parish was small, containing about one hundred and twenty-five families or seven hundred and twenty people. Today there are more than ten thousand representatives of the faith in his parish. Through the thirty-three years of his connection with the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus he has devoted his attention untiringly to the church and its needs. During this period he has erected a new house of worship and a parochial school and to the latter has built a new addition at a cost of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which serves as a recreational center. His labors have also included the erection of an orphanage housing one hundred and fifty boys and girls, and he founded a religious order of nuns, The Society Children of Mary of Immaculate Conception, who care for the orphanage children. He also built a home to shelter the aged and infirm and he bought two houses for \$165,000.00 in New York city as homes for immigrants. He established a day nursery at 48 Orange street and he developed a newspaper and printing plant at 480 North Burritt street, and he likewise became one of the founders of the People's Savings Bank. This in brief indicates something of his activities. He replaced the original little frame church on Orange street with a handsome edifice on Broad street, which was begun in 1902 and dedicated in 1904, having been built at a cost of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The Gold street school was built at a cost of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars and furnishes accommodations for two thousand students, as it contains from twenty-five to thirty classrooms, together with the parish hall and swimming pools. This, however, did not meet the entire needs of the parish and in 1927 Rev. Bojnowski provided further accommodations for the children by erecting another modern structure on Orange street. He also acquired hundreds of acres of land in the northwestern section of New Britain, which was consecrated as a cemetery, while still other acreage was set apart for farm purposes and the erection of the orphanage building on North Burritt street, which was completed in 1923 at a cost of three hundred thousand dollars. In 1925 St. Joseph's Home for Immigrants at 423-425-427 West Forty-fourth street was dedicated, having been bought at a cost of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. In September of the same year the St. Lucyan Home for the Aged on North Burritt street was dedicated, the cost of building having reached one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Under his guidance "The Catholic Leader," a weekly newspaper printed in Polish, was founded in 1907 and today has a circulation of more than twenty thousand.

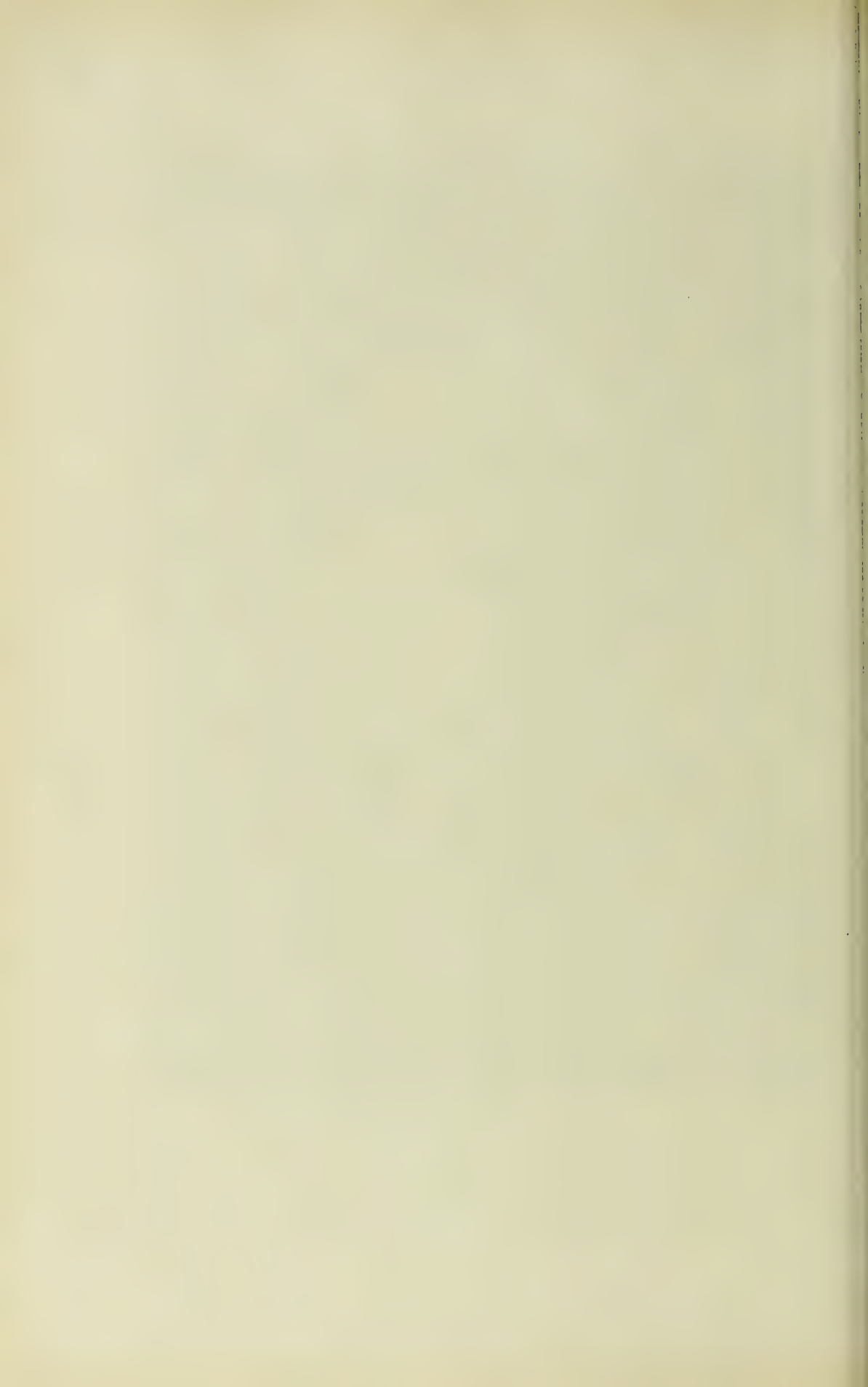
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REV. LUCYAN BOJNOWSKI





bering two hundred and ninety-six, into several fighting units, which were enrolled under the Polish Army emblem and sailed from Canada for overseas service. Because of his activity in this direction he was decorated by General Haller, the distinguished Polish warrior. He is one of but fifty-two individuals in the whole world who have been named by the Pope a member of the Pontifical Academy at Rome, having been elected a professor and a doctor. He has also received the decoration of knighthood in the "Polonia Restituta" from the Polish government in recognition of his valuable service in civic matters not only to Poland but to the United States. A merited testimonial was accorded him in an editorial published in a New Britain paper, which said: "Recently meritorious distinction has been given a quiet, unostentatious clergyman who has labored for many years in the service of mankind and has enjoyed the task of providing for his people as well as the community and others. He is the Rev. Lucyan Bojnowski, who has the distinction of being the only man in Connecticut to possess membership in the Pontifical college on the Tiber in Rome, having been awarded the degrees of professor and doctor, and he has twice been decorated by the Polish government at Warsaw, for conspicuous service he has rendered to his native land. Father Bojnowski, unassuming and always solicitous for the welfare of his people, has probably accomplished more for New Britain, in a civic way, than any other individual. Beginning with his first task of erecting a house of worship for the Polish Catholics of the city, he has maintained a steady and uninterrupted record of progress, that has resulted in the construction of a modern home for aged and infirm people, an orphanage for children, the founding of an immigrant home in New York for girls arriving from abroad, the establishment of a day nursery, the organization of a religious order of nuns, and the building of parochial schools for the children of his parish. There are countless other things he has done in the many years of his priesthood, and they all stand out as accomplishments of an unusual leader, who with vision and acumen, has arranged for the care and education of his people. His has been a difficult task, but with it all, he has achieved and receives the most profound respect for his labors from all peoples. His friends number some of the most influential men of New Britain. They have watched his progress in building up one of the finest and largest parishes in the Catholic diocese of Connecticut and for it all, without any benefit for himself, he has earned the admiration of everyone. It is the community's hope that he continues to succeed in whatever new project he undertakes."

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#### THOMAS D. CLANCY

Thomas D. Clancy, who has recently retired from active connection with the American Writing Paper Company and is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business as a member of Crockett-Clancy, Inc., was born in Southington, Connecticut, in 1877, his parents being John and Ellen (Percell) Clancy. For the past forty-five years the father has been engaged in business as a general merchant and is today the oldest merchant of Unionville, remaining active in the commercial field, where he has long contributed to the material progress of the city. He has also figured prominently in various other connections and has long been a recognized leader in democratic circles in his community, taking an active part in support of the principles in which he believes. He was a member of the fire board from the time it was organized until it was taken over by the borough. For two years he was in the state legislature, where he voted for many measures that became effective forces in the progress of the commonwealth. He also served on the board of relief and as a member of the building committee of Unionville. He belongs to Saint Mary's Catholic church, to the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Columbus and to the Hibernian Order. His family numbers two sons, and since the father's retirement his son, John J. Clancy, has been manager of the mercantile business.

After attending the public schools of Unionville and graduating from the high school, Thomas D. Clancy took a postgraduate course from H. R. Monteith. While thus engaged he entered upon preparation for the practice of law, studying under the direction of the Southern Extension College, but turned to other fields by becoming a clerk in his father's store, where he continued for several years. Later he was with the Boston Branch Grocery of Hartford for a year, after which he returned to Unionville and reentered the employ of his father. In February, 1905, he became associated

with the firm of Platner & Porter as a foreman of the American Writing Paper Company, with which he has since remained until a very recent date. Gradually he worked his way upward until he became assistant superintendent of the finishing and drying department, but recently he resigned to enter business with the firm of Crockett-Clancy, Inc., to handle real estate, insurance and investments. He is now active in the new business and is therein proving his adaptability, resourcefulness and executive power. In addition to his service as treasurer and director of Crockett-Clancy, Inc., he is vice president and one of the directors of the Unionville Bank & Trust Company.

In 1914 Mr. Clancy was married to Miss Ellen M. Chidsey, of Farmington. Both are members of Saint Mary's church and are active in the social life of the community. Mr. Clancy is a member of the Avon Country Club, was one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce and is a past president and director. During the World war he served on the committee having in charge the Liberty Loan drives and was chairman of the War Savings Stamps Committee, receiving a five-bar flag for his service in that connection. He has filled various other offices to which he has been called by the vote of the people or through appointment. He has always been very active in the ranks of the democratic party. He was the first warden of the borough of Unionville and filled the office for three terms. He has served on the high school board, as tax collector and as treasurer and director of the West End Library. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his interest centers in all those forces which make for progress and improvement in his community and which feature in the welfare and development of Hartford county.

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#### STANLEY SESSIONS GWILLIM

Stanley Sessions Gwillim, secretary of the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Corporation, his labors having contributed continuously to the success of this business organization since 1902, was born at Bristol, Connecticut, October 16, 1876, and is a son of Thomas I. and Emma A. (Moore) Gwillim. The father, who was a native of New York city, established a jewelry business in Bristol in 1876 and there maintained his residence until his death in 1918.

The public school system of his native city accorded Stanley S. Gwillim his early educational opportunities. He mastered the work of successive grades and of the high school and then entered Wilbraham Academy and later the Wesleyan University, where he remained a student for one year. On the expiration of that period he turned to the business world and became an employe of the Stewart Wall Paper & Paint Company of Bristol, having charge of the store for two years prior to the time when he became bookkeeper for the D. B. Judd Company, coal and lumber dealers, with which he remained for three years. In 1902 he became associated with the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Corporation of Plainville, was elected its secretary in 1918 and has since occupied this position, also becoming one of the directors of the company and thus having voice in its management and control. He acquainted himself with every detail of the business with characteristic thoroughness and his close application and business ability have been strong factors in the continued success of the organization.

At Bristol, on the 14th of April, 1903, Mr. Gwillim married Miss Minnie L. Funk, who passed away in September, 1920, and on the 4th of February, 1922, he married Edith P. Taylor. By his first marriage he has a daughter, Doris, who is now the wife of T. E. Rogers, and they have a little daughter, Jane. Mr. Gwillim also has an adopted daughter, Muriel.

Mr. Gwillim has always been interested in the vital political questions and issues of the day and gives his allegiance to the republican party. For fifteen years he served as a grand juror and has also been a member of the board of finance of the town of Plainville. His military record covers service as a second lieutenant of Company I of the Connecticut State Guard for three years. He has never been remiss in the duties of citizenship and during the World war period was the first chairman of the Red Cross in Plainville, was chairman of the Four-Minute speakers, chairman of the War Savings committee for Plainville, as well as chairman of the War Savings committee for the entire district and chairman of the Legal Advisory Board and Council of Defense. He has thus rendered effective service to city, commonwealth and





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STANLEY S. GWILLIM



country in various connections. His business balances up with the principles of truth and honor, and the extent and importance of his interests and activities have made him a strong center of the community in which he moves.

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#### VALERIAN F. CIESZYNSKI

Forceful, resourceful and capable, Valerian F. Cieszynski is successfully managing one of the large furniture establishments of New Britain and worthily follows in the business footsteps of his father. He was born in this city in 1901 and is a son of Antoni and Frances Cieszynski, natives of Poland. The father came to the United States in 1889 and in 1893 the mother joined him in New Britain, Connecticut. In 1903 he became a furniture dealer, opening a store on Lafayette street, and soon made his influence felt in local trade circles. Through honest dealing and judicious management he built up one of the large mercantile institutions of the city and is still the executive head of the business although not active in its conduct. He formed the Polish Loan & Investment Association and was one of the organizers of the Commercial Trust Company, being a director of both. In politics he is a strong republican and has long been an outstanding figure in municipal affairs. For a number of years he was a councilman, also becoming a justice of the peace, and is now a member of the city planning commission. He has never used politics as a means of personal aggrandizement and has been faithful to every trust reposed in him. In religious faith he is a Catholic, being a communicant of Holy Cross church, and is connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Polish Business Men's Association. His interest in the public welfare has been manifest in tangible efforts for the general good and his influence upon the life of his community has been of the highest order. To Mr. and Mrs. Cieszynski were born nine children: Wanda, Alexandra, Henry, Valerian F., Helen, Jean, Joseph, Emily and Donald.

Valerian F. Cieszynski attended parochial and public schools of New Britain and was graduated from the Metropolitan Business College, completing a course in accountancy. In 1919 he became a bookkeeper in his father's store and also took charge of the buying. In association with his brother Joseph, he conducts the establishment, discharging the duties of general manager, and has virtually grown up in the business, which is now located at No. 515 Main street in an imposing building five stories in height. This is a store for all the people, distinguished by its friendly atmosphere and courteous service as well as the quality of its merchandise, and a large and constantly increasing patronage is proof of the confidence reposed in the firm.

Valerian F. Cieszynski gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a devout member of Holy Cross church. He is treasurer of the P. K. Association of Boston and is also connected with the American Furniture Syndicate, the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. In business affairs he manifests administrative power and keen discernment and in matters of citizenship he is loyal and public-spirited. Mr. Cieszynski is a young man of earnest purpose and marked enterprise, actuated at all times by worthy motives, and is highly esteemed in the city in which his life has been spent.

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#### DANIEL JOHNSON GLAZIER

The outstanding insurance corporations of Connecticut have been upbuilt through the activities of a personnel thoroughly acquainted with the business and forceful in directing their efforts along lines which make for progress and advancement. In this connection mention should be accorded Daniel Johnson Glazier, the financial vice president of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, with which he has been connected for more than a third of a century. He was born in this city January 20, 1865, and is a son of Isaac and Clara Safford (Mather) Glazier, the former a native of Willington, Connecticut, the latter of Suffield, this state. For some years the father was a prominent dealer in oil paintings, his art store being located where the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company building now stands.



The Glazier family is of English origin and was established on American soil at an early period in the settlement of this country. The first representative of the name in America was John Glazier, who was born in England about 1600 and was one of the first settlers of Lancaster, Massachusetts. His wife was Elizabeth George, daughter of John George, one of the founders of the Baptist church in Boston, who was likewise one of the original settlers of Lancaster, Massachusetts. In the maternal line Daniel J. Glazier traces his ancestry directly back to the Rev. Richard Mather, noted divine of Lowton, Winwick Parish, Lancashire, England, who was born in 1596 and sailed for New England in 1635, settling at Dorchester, Massachusetts. The noted Cotton Mather was also of this line. The Glazier family was represented in the Revolutionary war by Silas Glazier, great-great-grandfather of Daniel J. Glazier, who responded to the Lexington alarm as a Minute Man and marched to the relief of Boston. Mr. Glazier also has ancestral connection with the Norton, Porter, Hathaway, Safford, Lawrence, Burnham and Chandler families, all of whom came from England between 1631 and 1641 and settled in New England. Another of his Revolutionary war ancestors was Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Safford, who while in command of Colonel Warren's regiment brought his men in a forced march to the second battle of Bennington, and thus through his aid the battle was won.

Daniel Johnson Glazier was accorded the educational opportunities offered in the public schools, and mastering the work of consecutive grades, advanced to the high school. On putting aside his textbooks he became associated with the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company and on leaving that employ was made secretary of the Schuyler Electric Light Company of Middletown. His identification with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company began on the 1st of December, 1895, and the readiness with which he has always responded to a call for service and the efficiency with which he has discharged his duties have led to his various promotions. At a meeting of the board of directors on the 7th of June, 1910, he was elected recording secretary, the office having been created at that time. Ten years later, on or February 11, 1920, he was chosen secretary-treasurer and was filling that position when elected financial vice president. He is financial vice president and treasurer of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company and is treasurer of the New York Underwriters Insurance Company and the Hartford Live Stock Insurance Company. He is also a director of the Arrow Electric Company, the Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Company and is a trustee of the Bankers Trust Company.

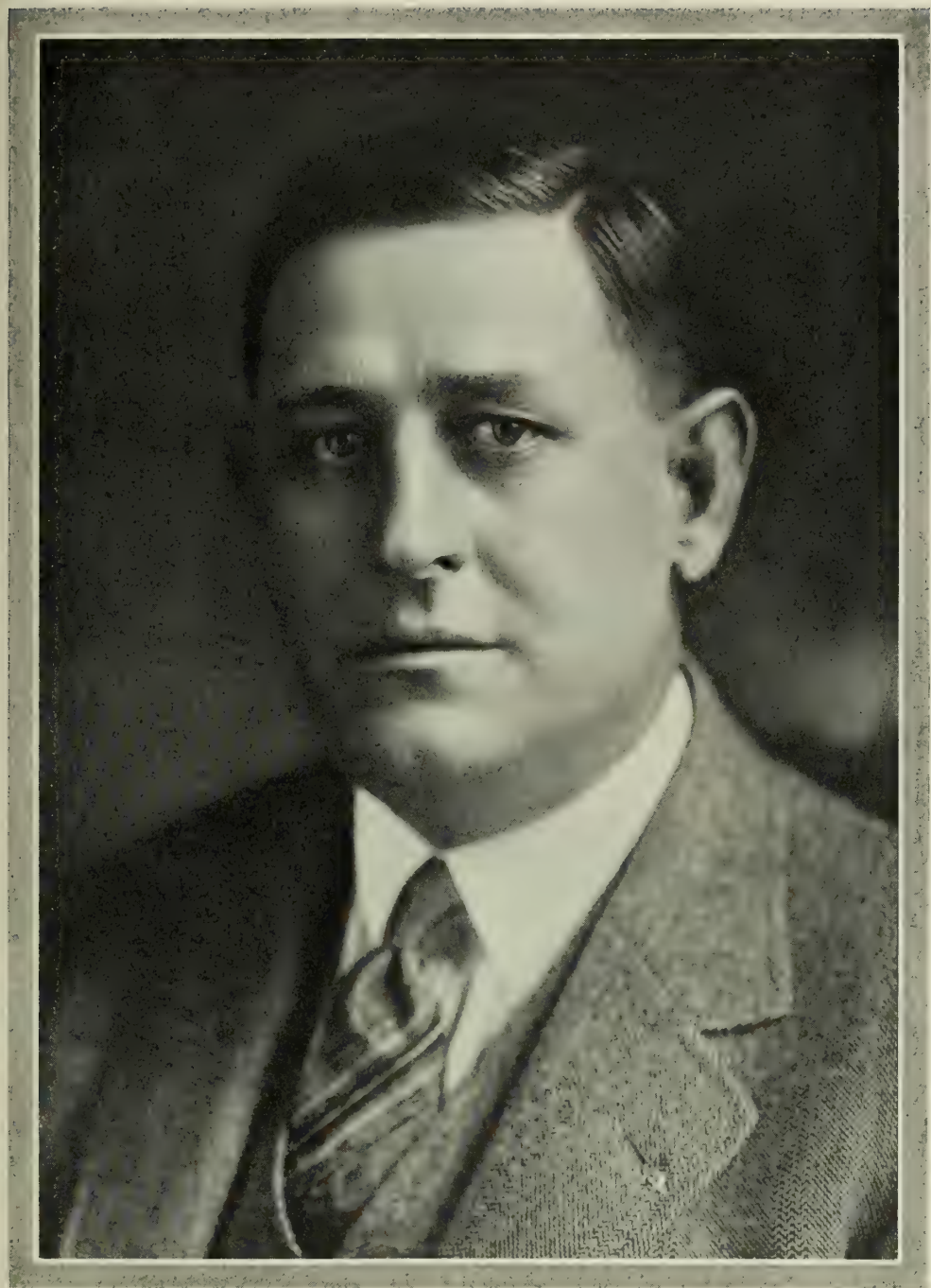
On the 19th of December, 1889, Mr. Glazier was married to Miss Maude Josephine Coles, of Middletown, Connecticut. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, which is indicative of the fact that his ancestral line is one of long connection with American history. As successive generations have borne their part in shaping the development of their respective communities, so Mr. Glazier is doing his share in advancing the material development and the general good in Hartford.

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#### MAJOR THOMAS WHITLOCK CAMPBELL

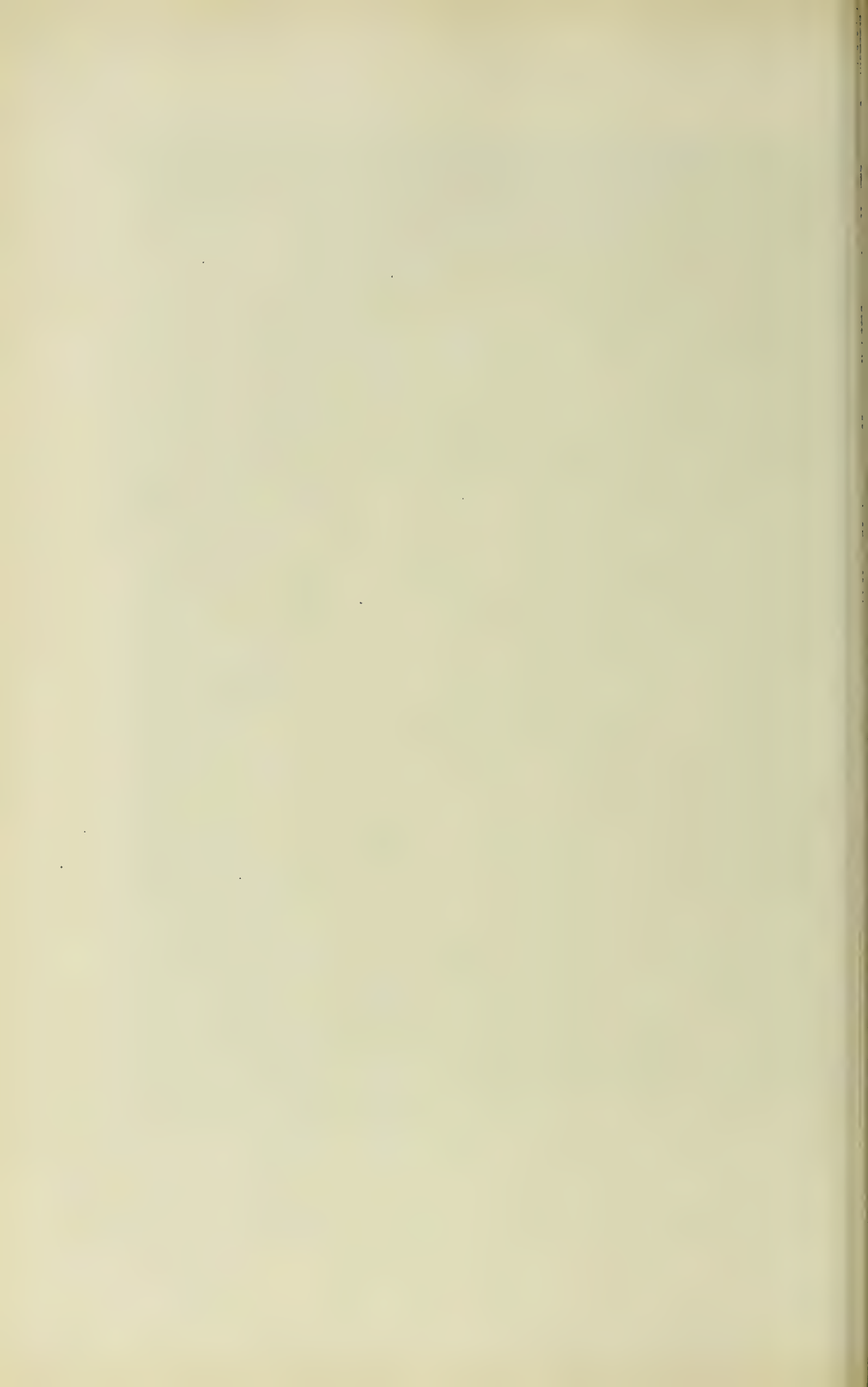
The development of the automobile trade has offered a wide field for the successful conduct of business, and taking advantage of this opportunity, Major Thomas Whitlock Campbell is now president of the L. & H. Motor Company of Hartford, doing business at 98 High street. He renders a sales service adequate to modern demands and is enjoying a constantly increasing patronage. He is one of the citizens that the south has furnished to Connecticut, having been born in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 1, 1884, his parents being Captain Thomas Watkins and Emma Hite (Smith) Campbell, who were natives of Bardstown, Kentucky, but removed to New Orleans, where the father became general manager for a large cotton compress company. Later he was a captain on Mississippi river steamboats plying between New Orleans and Memphis, Tennessee, and at the present writing (1928) is clerk of the house of representatives of Louisiana. He was for some time assistant conservation commissioner of that state and he was the vice-commodore of the Southern Yacht Club, which is the second oldest club of this character in the United States. He still maintains his home in the Crescent city.

Major Campbell was educated in the public schools of New Orleans, completing his course by graduation from the high school in 1901. After his textbooks were put



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MAJOR THOMAS W. CAMPBELL





aside he entered the employ of the A. Baldwin Hardware Company of that city and subsequently he became an engineer on motor boats, while later he was pilot and also captain of large yachts. He turned his attention to the automobile trade in 1909 as traveling representative of the Ford interests in New Orleans, remaining there for some years. He next went to California, where he was associated with the Locomobile Company, and afterward at Houston, Texas, he was manager of a garage. In 1915 he came to Hartford for the Locomobile Sales Company and was thus engaged until 1917, when he enlisted for service in the World war, joining the Signal Corps attached to the Twenty-eighth Division. He went overseas in December, 1917, and was with the Fourth French Army until June, 1918, when he was transferred to the aviation section of the American Expeditionary Forces as executive officer of the First Air Depot at Colombey les Belles, France, there remaining until June, 1919. He received his commission as major at Washington, D. C., after having been on duty in the training camp at Camp Hancock, before he was sent to France. He received his discharge at Fort McHenry in Baltimore in April, 1920, after a ten months' period of illness at that point.

With his return to Hartford, Major Campbell again engaged in the automobile business. In September, 1919, the L. & H. Motor Company was incorporated and he became vice president, while in 1922 he succeeded to the presidency. The company is represented by forty or more dealers and controls the sale of cars in seven counties in Connecticut. Major Campbell is also secretary and assistant treasurer of the L. & H. Aircraft Company.

On the 10th of March, 1927, Major Campbell was married to Miss Madeline Peeples, of Hartford. His association with Masonry covers the various bodies of the York and Scottish Rites, including Washington Commandery, K. T., and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is one of the directors of Sphinx Temple and he is a director of the State Fair. He likewise has membership in the Hartford Club and is well known in this city, where he has made his home since 1915 and where steady progress has marked his business career, while a constantly broadening circle of friends is indicative of his social standing.

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#### ROBERT PORTEUS

Robert Porteus, of the well known Porteus-Walker Company, contractors and builders at 13 Forest street in Hartford, was born July 11, 1860, on the street in which he now maintains his office, his parents being James and Mary (Montgomery) Porteus, who were natives of the North of Ireland. There reared and married, they emigrated to the United States in 1847, taking up their abode on Forest street in Hartford when there were but few houses on that thoroughfare. The father managed the Old Nook Farm for Gillette & Hooker, this farm comprising all of the territory around Forest street and containing many acres. For forty-five years Mr. Porteus continuously filled that position in a most acceptable manner and then retired from active business life, passing away in April, 1919, at the very venerable age of ninety-six years and four months. He was a remarkable man, widely known to all the early settlers, who respected him for his genuine worth of character. His wife lived to be eighty-four years of age and the two grandmothers of Robert Porteus reached the ages of one hundred and one hundred and two years, so that he can well claim to come from a family noted for longevity.

After attending the public schools of Hartford, Robert Porteus began learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of Porter Whiton, and that he proved a capable workman is indicated in the fact that in course of time he was admitted to a partnership. In 1884 he established business on his own account at his present location and has remained here continuously for about forty-four years. In 1917 the present firm was organized under the name of the Porteus-Walker Company and incorporation papers were taken out naming Robert Porteus as president, Ernest Walker as vice president, Edward F. Porteus as vice president, James Porteus as treasurer and R. W. Porteus as secretary. Extensive and important contracts have been accorded this firm. They built the American School for the Deaf, the Children's Village of the Hartford Orphan Asylum, the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club and the residences of Colonel William C. Skinner, Professor M. W. Jacobus, Francis R.

Cooley, C. F. T. Seaverns and Walter Goodwin, besides many other beautiful and attractive homes of this city. They were also the builders of Emanuel Synagogue, the Second Church of Christ Scientist, the Majestic theatre and many of the large factories of Hartford, and they are accounted among the leading builders and contractors of the east. Every phase of modern construction, with its outstanding features of utility, convenience and beauty, as well as artistic design, is known to them and the importance of their work indicates their high standing in building circles.

On the 22d of July, 1884, Mr. Porteus was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Ellison, of Hartford, who was born in England and came to America with her parents when a child. Mr. and Mrs. Porteus have a daughter and three sons, namely: Mary Elizabeth, the wife of William F. Middlemass; James; Robert W.; and Edward F.

Mr. Porteus has membership in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to Putnam Phalanx and to Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine and is a consistent follower of the teachings and high purposes of the craft. He not only ranks as one of the leading contractors and builders of Hartford but as the architect of his own fortunes has likewise builded wisely and well, being today numbered among the men of affluence in this city as the result of his diligence, industry and capable management.

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#### ROBERT BREWER NEWELL

Robert Brewer Newell was born in Hartford on the 11th of September, 1879, and is a son of William H. and Ellen Louise (Brewer) Newell. The father, who was secretary of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, died June 8, 1924. Robert B. Newell was educated in the public and high schools of Hartford and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, as a member of the class of 1902. He was associated with the State Bank, now the Phoenix National Bank of Hartford, from 1903 until 1907, and in the latter year he entered the employ of the State Savings Bank and there remained until 1917, when he became one of the officials of the Fidelity Trust Company, having been elected to the vice presidency and later to the board of directors. In 1923 this institution was merged with the United States Security Trust Company, of which corporation he became vice president, becoming its president in 1926. When this bank consolidated with the Hartford-Aetna National Bank and became the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, he continued as president of the new organization. The combined resources of the new institution are approximately forty-four million dollars. Aside from his association with the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, Mr. Newell is a director of the Bankers Trust Company of Hartford, a trustee of the Society for Savings and a director of the Standard Fire Insurance Company and of the Kellogg & Bulkeley Company.

On the 17th of December, 1907, Mr. Newell was married to Miss Helen C. Lincoln, a daughter of Charles G. and Ida (Belden) Lincoln, of Hartford. They have become the parents of three children: Katharine L., Elizabeth and Robert Lincoln.

Mr. Newell belongs to the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club and the Hartford Yacht Club. In politics he is a republican and at the present writing is serving as a member of the finance board of Hartford. He is now a trustee of the American School for the Deaf, of the Hartford Social Settlement and the Connecticut Children's Aid Society. Mr. Newell belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal church, which numbers him among its consistent members and its trustees.

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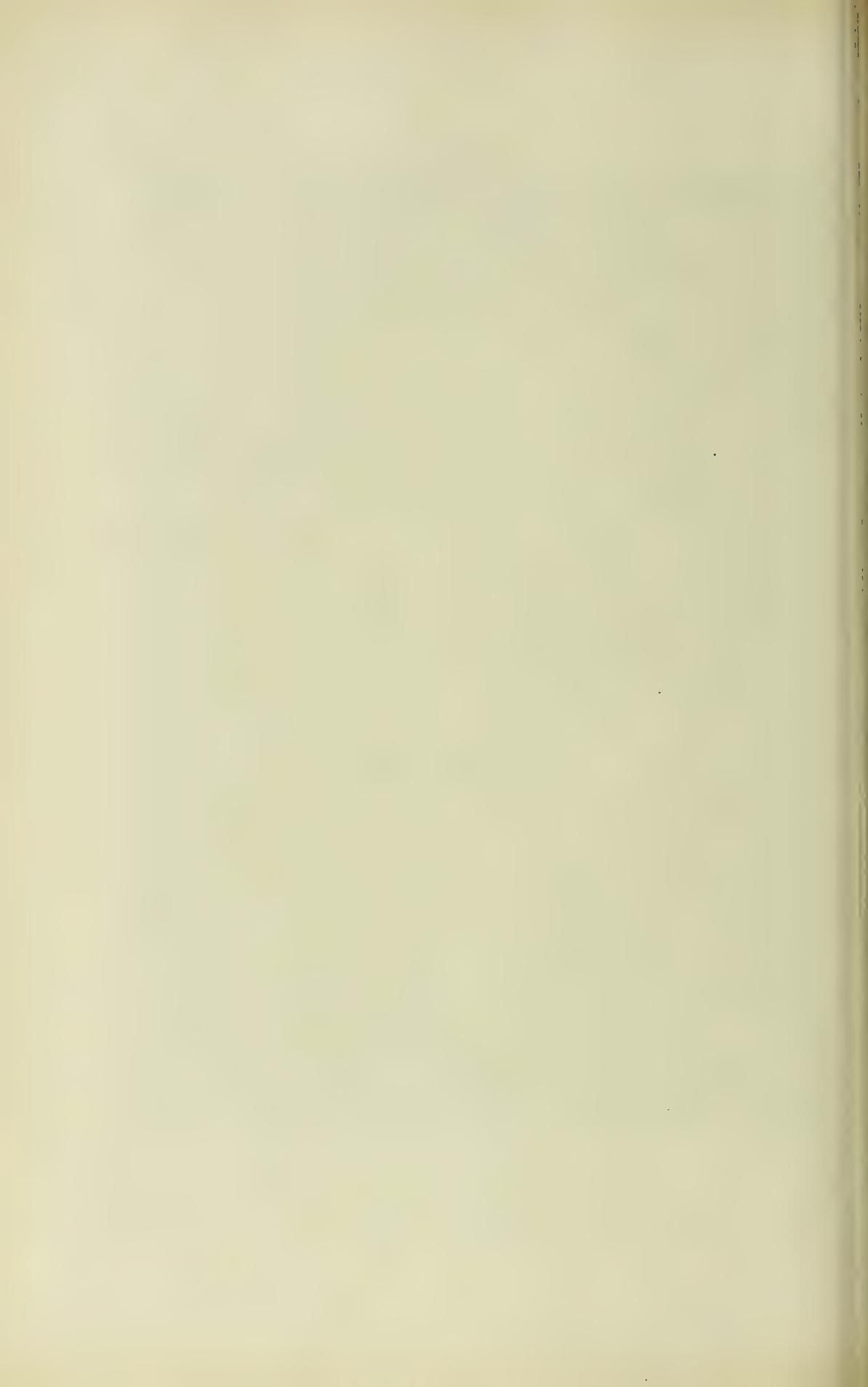
#### JAMES WYPER

James Wyper, vice president of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company and actuated by a laudable ambition in his efforts to develop and promote the interests under his control, was born in Dumfries, Scotland, January 26, 1864, his parents being Robert and Jessie (Wright) Wyper, who were also natives of that country. The father became a naval constructor at Liverpool, England, and traveled all over the world in the interests of the business with which he was associated.



ROBERT B. NEWELL





James Wyper attended the primary schools and the Liverpool Institute at Liverpool, England, from which he was graduated with the class of 1879. He then went to New Zealand, where he engaged in the hardware business, remaining for eight years in that country. In 1888 he came to the United States, settling first in New York city, where he was connected with the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, remaining with that corporation in various capacities for about a quarter of a century. He became the manager for the London & Lancashire and the Orient Insurance Company of Hartford, in charge of the Pacific department, with headquarters at San Francisco. In 1913 he came to Hartford in response to a request from Mr. Bissell, of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and was at once elected to the vice presidency of this corporation, since which time he has served continuously in the office, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. He has become thoroughly conversant with insurance matters in a broad sense, mastering all of its various phases, and is today not only identified with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company but is also vice president of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, vice president of the Hartford Live Stock Insurance Company, vice president of the Citizens Insurance Company of St. Louis, a director of the Underwriters Salvage Company and vice president of the National Board of Underwriters. His opinions concerning insurance matters have largely come to be accepted as authority in this field, and step by step he has progressed until his position is one of prominence and influence.

Mr. Wyper has been twice married. On the 9th of October, 1889, he married Emma H. Thomson, of Dunedin, New Zealand, who passed away in 1911, leaving four daughters, namely: Margaret H., the wife of Raymond H. Dexter, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut; Marion J., the wife of Richard H. Phillips, of Farmington; Jean, who is the wife of J. R. Roberts, of Toronto, Ontario; and Emma W., the wife of James W. Gage, of Reading, Pennsylvania. On the 19th of January, 1915, Mr. Wyper was again married, his second union being with Anna Stuurman, of Brooklyn, New York, by whom he has three children—James, Jr., John S. and Ann, all of whom are attending school. The family resides at No. 59 Highland street in West Hartford. Mr. Wyper finds interest and recreation in photography. He is a member of the Hartford Golf Club and of the Farmington Country Club and shows appreciation of the social amenities of life, while with the passing years his circle of friends in Hartford has constantly increased as the circle of his acquaintance has broadened.

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#### BOLESLAUS J. MONKIEWICZ

Boleslaus J. Monkiewicz is engaged in the practice of law in New Britain, and studiousness, combined with the habit of thoroughness, has brought him to the front in his profession. He was born in Syracuse, New York, August 18, 1898. His parents, Albert and Constance Monkiewicz, natives of Poland, came to America about 1891, locating in Syracuse, New York and in 1899 removed to New Britain. The father obtained work in a factory and owing to his ability was promoted to the position of assistant foreman. In 1915 he retired and he passed away in 1926. Mrs. Monkiewicz still resides in New Britain and is affiliated with the Sacred Heart church, in the work of which her husband took an active part. He is survived by two sons, Zigmund, who is a member of the clerical force of the Corbin Screw Corporation; and Boleslaus J.

The older son attended the public schools of New Britain and his higher education was obtained in the Fordham Law School of New York city, from which he was graduated in 1921. While a law student he responded to the call of his country, enlisting in a naval unit in September, 1918, and was honorably discharged on December 23 of that year. In 1923, while living in the Empire state, he was admitted to the bar and began practice in New York city with the New York Title & Mortgage Company. He opened an office in that city in 1924, specializing in real estate law, and in 1925 chose New Britain as the scene of his professional activities. In the intervening period he has built up a lucrative practice. He is well versed in legal science and displays marked skill in its exposition.

Mr. Monkiewicz was married March 19, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss

Lottie Sienkowski and they now have two daughters, Dorothy and Florence, aged respectively six and two years. The parents adhere to the Catholic faith and are affiliated with Holy Cross church. Mr. Monkiewicz belongs to the Lawyers Club of New Britain, which he aided in organizing, and is also a member of the Kiwanis and Republican Clubs, the Hartford County Bar Association, the Polish New England Federation and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is serving on the board of compensation and assessment and exerts his talents as readily for the general good as for his own aggrandizement. Holding to high standards in the field of professional service, he has steadily advanced and is esteemed and respected by his fellow practitioners and the general public.

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#### ADRIAN JAMES MUZZY

In connection with mercantile activity in Bristol and in association with the public affairs of city and state Adrian James Muzzy long held a prominent position. He met every requirement of modern-day civilization, measuring up to the high standards of manhood and citizenship, and his achievements chronicled not only advancement in material things but also great good in the field of public service. Moreover, wherever he went he made friends to whom the news of his passing brought a sense of personal bereavement.

Mr. Muzzy was born in Bristol, January 24, 1851, a son of Henry Isaac and Mary Elizabeth (Beach) Muzzy.

Family records set forth the fact that (I) Robert Muzzy, who was a freeman at Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1634, had probably come to the new world with his brothers, John and Abraham, on the ship "Mary and John." To him and his wife, Bridget, were born the following named: Joseph, Robert, Benjamin, Mary and Ellen.

The third son, (II) Benjamin Muzzy, was born at Malden, Massachusetts, in 1630 and removed to Cambridge Farms, now Lexington, Massachusetts. He married Alice Dexter and his name appears on the records of the early proprietors of Boston in connection with various land transactions in that locality.

His son, (III) Benjamin Muzzy, was born April 16, 1657, and died in May, 1732. The signatures of Benjamin Muzzy and John Hancock appear as witnesses to a will now seen in the Lexington Museum. Benjamin Muzzy contributed to the erection of the first meeting-house in Lexington and was on the committee to purchase land for the support of the ministry. He was constable in 1694, assessor in 1700 and tything-man in 1716. From him the town purchased in 1711 the public Common to which he contributed largely and upon which the battle of Lexington was fought April 19, 1775. His great-grandson, Isaac Muzzy, was one of the eight men killed in that battle, his name appearing on the Lexington monument. Three other of his descendants were also in that engagement.

(IV) John Muzzy, the second child and eldest son of Benjamin and Sarah Muzzy, was born in 1685-86 and was married three times, his first wife being Elizabeth Bradshaw.

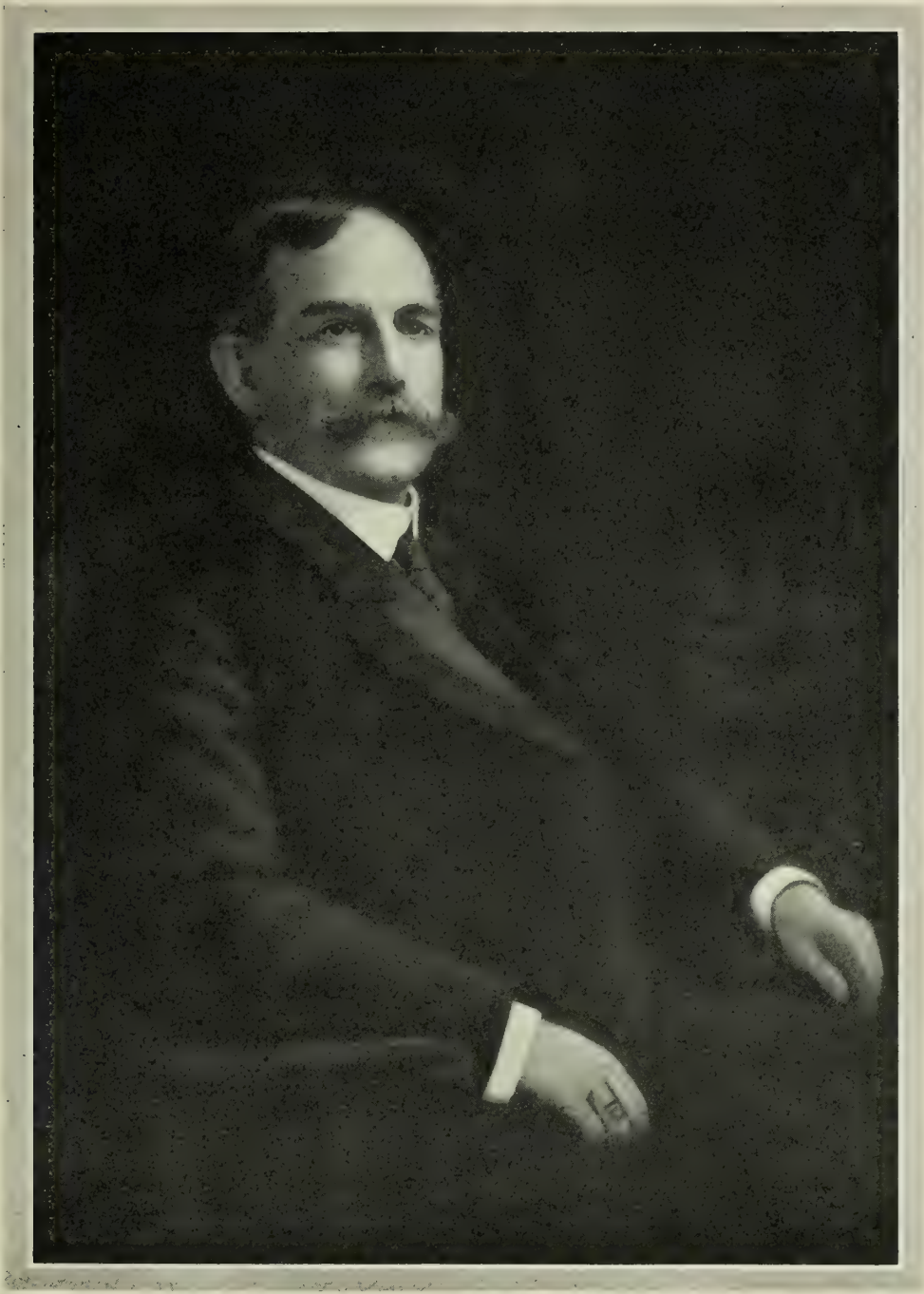
They were parents of Deacon (V) John Muzzy, who was born at Lexington, May 12, 1714, and became a resident of Spencer, Massachusetts, in 1738-39. He married Abigail Reed, who was born March 30, 1720, at Lexington, and died in February, 1756. Her family numbered fifteen children, all of whom reached adult age. Deacon John Muzzy married a second time.

(VI) John Muzzy, born December 9, 1737, served on the Committee on Correspondence during the Revolutionary war. He married Mary Ball and their son, Isaac Muzzy, who was of the seventh generation of the family in America, was born at Spencer, Massachusetts, in 1775 and was married August 6, 1797, to Sally Ball, by whom he had four children, while by his second marriage to Sally May, he had no children.

(VII) Isaac Muzzy, son of Isaac and Sally (Ball) Muzzy, was born at Spencer, Massachusetts, July 25, 1803, and was married May 23, 1823, to Hannah Minerva Mix. He was the first of the Muzzy family to settle in Connecticut and he died in this state February 5, 1865.

(VIII) Henry Isaac Muzzy, eldest child of Isaac and Hannah Minerva Muzzy, was born at Bristol, Connecticut, March 19, 1824, and on the 18th of May, 1843, married Mary Elizabeth Beach. Their children were twelve in number. The father conducted





ADRIAN J. MUZZY



business as a lumber dealer, and also engaged in farming. He held various local offices and was a man of considerable prominence in his community.

(IX) Adrian James Muzzy, the fourth in order of birth of the twelve children of Henry Isaac and Mary Elizabeth (Beach) Muzzy, had the benefit of wise and careful home training, his mother exerting a strong moral influence over her son. He thereby laid the foundation of a character which throughout his entire life commanded the fullest confidence and respect of his fellowmen. He left home at the age of seventeen years to provide for his own support, securing a position in a factory of Bristol in 1868. Shortly afterward he began business on his own account, engaging in the grain trade at the Old Downs Mill through the succeeding period. In the meantime he extended the scope of his activities by becoming a partner in the firm of Barbour and Muzzy, a men's furnishing goods store. In 1876 he withdrew from that connection and developed the dry goods and house furnishing establishment, at that time owned by O. B. Ives, which became the foremost mercantile undertaking in Bristol, and after taking it over as sole proprietor, he carried on the business which under his careful guidance showed continuous expansion. When he withdrew from mercantile circles, he took up the real estate and investment business, and not only judiciously placed investments for others, but promoted his own holdings as well. Every business enterprise with which he was associated profited by his constructive labors and sound judgment. He had the respect of business men and the esteem of the entire city for his contributions to the general good. He was principally instrumental in the organization of the Bristol and Plainville Tramway Company, of which he was secretary and a director for fifteen years. He was president of the Masonic Building Company; a director of the Bristol Press Publishing Company; a director of the Bristol Trust Company, and the first superintendent of the West Cemetery Association for many years. He was a director in the New Britain Hospital; and for more than a quarter of a century he served as parish clerk of Trinity Episcopal church, of which he was a valued member, and in everything pertaining to the advancement of church, city and state, he took a foremost stand. The high regard in which he was held in commercial circles, led to his election to the presidency of the Bristol Business Men's Association, in its turn leading to his position for two years as state president of the Business Men's Association. He also occupied the office of president of the Bristol Realtors, the Bristol Old Home Week Association, and filled other public places of trust.

To speak in full of the activities in which Mr. Muzzy was prominent in his native town, would be to name most of those activities undertaken during his mature working life. His interest and efforts were held to insure success. His sincere friendliness won many warm friends, and the esteem of all.

Outside of his home town, he promoted the Public Utilities Company of Carlsbad, New Mexico, of which he was president. During his latter years he spent the winters in this genial clime, taking part as ever, in civic and social affairs.

He was a popular and valued member of various clubs, including the Carlsbad Commercial Club with those of his home-land. He was a member of the Bristol Social Club, Bristol Golf and Whist Clubs, and at times, of the Hartford, New Britain and Farmington Clubs. He found pleasure in the old wicket game—in golf, cards, and driving—an all-round man among men. He believed in outdoor sport for the young, and this inspired him to give, in memory of his own sons lost in infancy, a plot of land to the town, which is used in games by the youth of the town. A granite gateway, suitably inscribed, provides entrance. He also gave other plots to the park system, notably one at the western entrance to the town, known as the Muzzy Triangle. He was long one of the park commissioners, and derived the greatest satisfaction in helping with improvements here. "The park was his playground," was said of him by fellow commissioners in their expression of appreciation of his helpfulness here.

In his reading he particularly enjoyed biography, history and political works. His study in these lines made him one of the best informed men in the city, keeping up to date in political matters especially.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; represented the republican party on town committees, several years as chairman; represented Bristol in the state legislature in 1891 and 1897; and in 1899 he served as state senator from the fourth district, being appointed chairman of the important committees on appropriations and executive nominations.

In recognition of his organization of Company D of the First Connecticut Infantry, which was named in his honor, "Muzzy Guards," he was elected, after the World war,



an associate member of the Bristol Y. D. Post, an honor which gave him especial gratification, coming from his company in the famous Yankee Division, One Hundred and Second Infantry, which served so gallantly in France. His election as honorary member of the Twenty-fifth regiment was due to this helpful interest. He was also elected associate member of Hadsell Camp, United States War Veterans, due to his services at home, though not eligible to active action in the war.

Fraternally he was a Mason of the thirty-second degree, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Royal Arcanum, and the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Muzzy married Florence Emlyn Downs and they became the parents of three children, Leslie, Floyd, and Adrienne Florence, only one of whom is now living.

Mr. Muzzy passed from this life to one of even greater possibilities, on the 2d of January, 1923, leaving the world the better for his having lived, for he had contributed to the material development, the intellectual advancement, the political welfare and the moral growth of his community. He achieved prominence by reason of marked ability and substantial worth, and not only as the architect of his own fortunes but of his own life he builded wisely and well. At his passing the Bristol Press said editorially:

"Bristol grieves today because of the death of one of her most useful and beloved citizens, Adrian J. Muzzy, who spent the seventy years of his active helpful sojourn on earth here, living a life of usefulness and manliness. He filled a large place in our affairs, filled it unostentatiously but well. He was so much an integral part of Bristol, so influential in so many things that made for the progress, upbuilding and betterment of our city and state, so entered into our daily doings that the mind finds it exceedingly difficult to accept the sorrowful fact that his activities are stilled.

"In sorrowing we pay tribute to the distinguishing, admirable traits of one whom all respected and held in affection. He made friends not by intent, but by virtue of those superior qualities that men unconsciously admire, for he was the exemplification of genuine manliness, honesty, consideration for others and good will. He wished to prosper himself and he also desired that all others should enjoy prosperity, happiness and development. His was an unusual blending of capacity and modesty, of enterprise and unselfishness, of political activity without personal animosity, of business shrewdness without pettiness or unfairness, of civic activities without thought of reward. We,— and we speak for the entire community, loved A. J., and shall miss him much— for one of our truest and best has said goodnight and gone to rest."

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#### STANLEY J. TRACESKI

A brilliant scholar, Stanley J. Traceski has amply justified the promise of his student days and is regarded as one of the leading attorneys of New Britain. He was born in this city in 1893. His parents, John and Gabriella Traceski, who were natives of Poland, came to the United States in 1885, lived for a year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1886 they settled in New Britain. The father was the second Polish man in the city, while the mother was the first Polish woman. John Traceski became a carpenter and worked in various factories. He had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters.

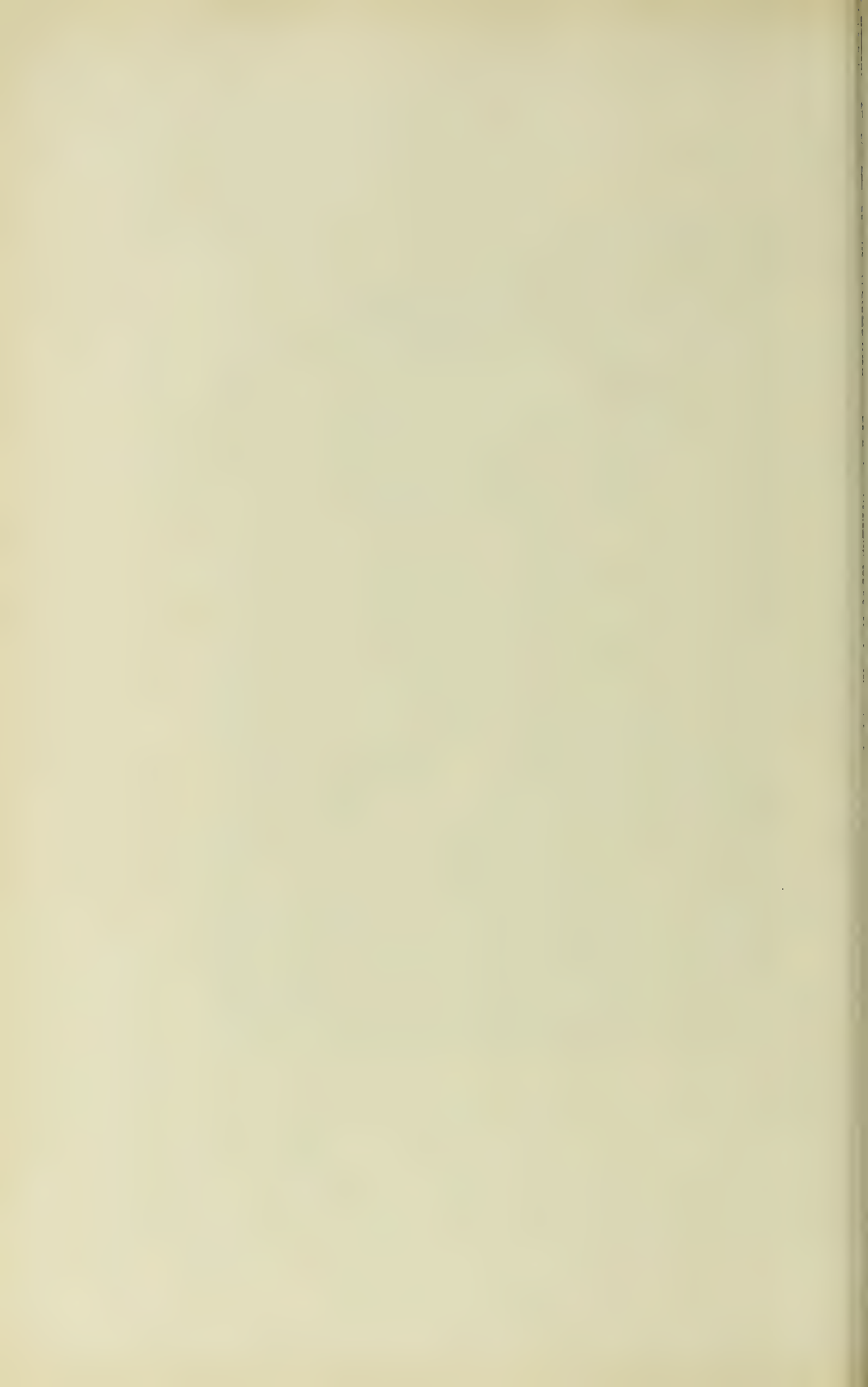
After the completion of his high school course Stanley J. Traceski matriculated in Yale University, which awarded him the B. A. degree in 1916 and that of LL. B. in 1918. Owing to his record as a scholar he was made editor of the Yale Law Journal and filled the position for two years. During the World war he was a member of Headquarters Company, stationed at Camp Upton, New York, and was honorably discharged in 1918. In the same year he was admitted to the Connecticut bar and entered upon the work of his profession at New Britain in 1919. For six years he was associated with the law firm of Klett & Alling and is now practicing independently. Mr. Traceski is well versed in the minutiae of the law and his ability is manifest in the logic of his deductions and the clearness of his reasoning. He maintains an office at No. 259 Main street and is accorded a liberal clientele.

In 1927 Mr. Traceski was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Skritulsky, a member of one of the well known Lithuanian families of New Britain. Mr. and Mrs. Traceski are Catholics and devout communicants of Holy Cross church. He is allied with the republican party and in 1927 was appointed assistant clerk of the Connecticut



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STANLEY J. TRACESKI





senate. In civic affairs he manifests a keen interest and at one time was a member of the building commission. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a past exalted ruler of New Britain Lodge, No. 957. He is financial secretary of the Polish state political organization and an influential factor in its affairs. While at Yale he became a Phi Beta Kappa and is also a member of the Yale Club, the Shuttle Meadow Club, the Lions Club, the Lawyers Club, the American Legion and the Hartford County Bar Association. In every relation of life Mr. Traceski has conformed his conduct to high standards and has not only won a gratifying measure of professional success but also the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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#### JOHN HENRY JAMISON

John Henry Jamison, vice president and general manager of the Graphic Arts Company, with offices at 170 High street in Hartford, was born in Buffalo, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1897, and is a son of John Brownlee and Jane (Hemphill) Jamison, both of whom are natives of West Middletown, Pennsylvania, and are now residents of Washington, that state. The father is a minister of the United Presbyterian church.

John H. Jamison attended the public schools of Pittsburgh and of Washington, Pennsylvania. After teaching school for two years and working at different occupations, including one year in the bond department of the Mellon National Bank, until he had acquired the necessary funds for advanced intellectual training, he entered Yale College in the fall of 1921. He was graduated in June, 1925, with the Bachelor of Philosophy degree.

In June, 1925, Mr. Jamison became a resident of Hartford and secured the position of personal assistant to M. C. Manternach, with whom he remained for a year. While still filling that position he was made supervisor of the Graphic Arts Company, of which Mr. Manternach was owner, and on the 28th of January, 1928, he was advanced to the positions of vice president and general manager. The company does all kinds of commercial art engraving and photography and conducts a direct mail advertising business. The enterprise has been attended with most gratifying and substantial success and under the direction of Mr. Jamison the business has been more than doubled in the past year. Their headquarters and plant occupy the whole second floor and basement at No. 170 High street and employment is furnished to forty-two people. Artists from New York and Boston have been added to the staff and the advertising art department is regarded as one of the best equipped in New England.

On the 19th of July, 1927, Mr. Jamison was married to Miss Helen McKenzie, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Jamison is a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, the Masonic fraternity, The University Club, The Rotary Club and the Hartford Advertising Club.

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#### HARRY NORTON CURTISS

Harry Norton Curtiss, who represents an old and highly respected family of Simsbury, is a successful automobile dealer with a background of nearly twenty years of practical experience and has also become well known owing to his public service, which has been varied and important. He was born in Simsbury, December 29, 1884, a son of James M. and Flora A. (Hadsell) Curtiss and a grandson of Ebenezer G. and Mary A. (Norton) Curtiss. James M. Curtiss was born June 23, 1856, and lived for a number of years in Avon, Connecticut, subsequently conducting a store in Simsbury, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Miss Flora A. Hadsell, related to the Wolcotts, one of the first families of Connecticut, and they became the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters.

Harry N. Curtiss supplemented his public school education by two years' attendance at McLean Seminary and his first commercial experience was gained with the Ensign-Bickford Company, with which he remained for two years. He next turned

his attention to the meat business and was away from Simsbury for a period of six years, returning to the town in 1909. He became a member of the firm of Curtiss & Prowe, Ford agents, a relationship that was continued until December 1, 1917, when the partnership was dissolved. In 1919 Mr. Curtiss secured the local agency for the Willys-Knight and Overland cars, which he has since handled, and his annual sales now amount to a large figure. He keeps in close touch with the latest developments in the automobile industry and has an efficient, well trained sales force. Mr. Curtiss has large and attractive display rooms and is one of Simsbury's best known and most popular dealers.

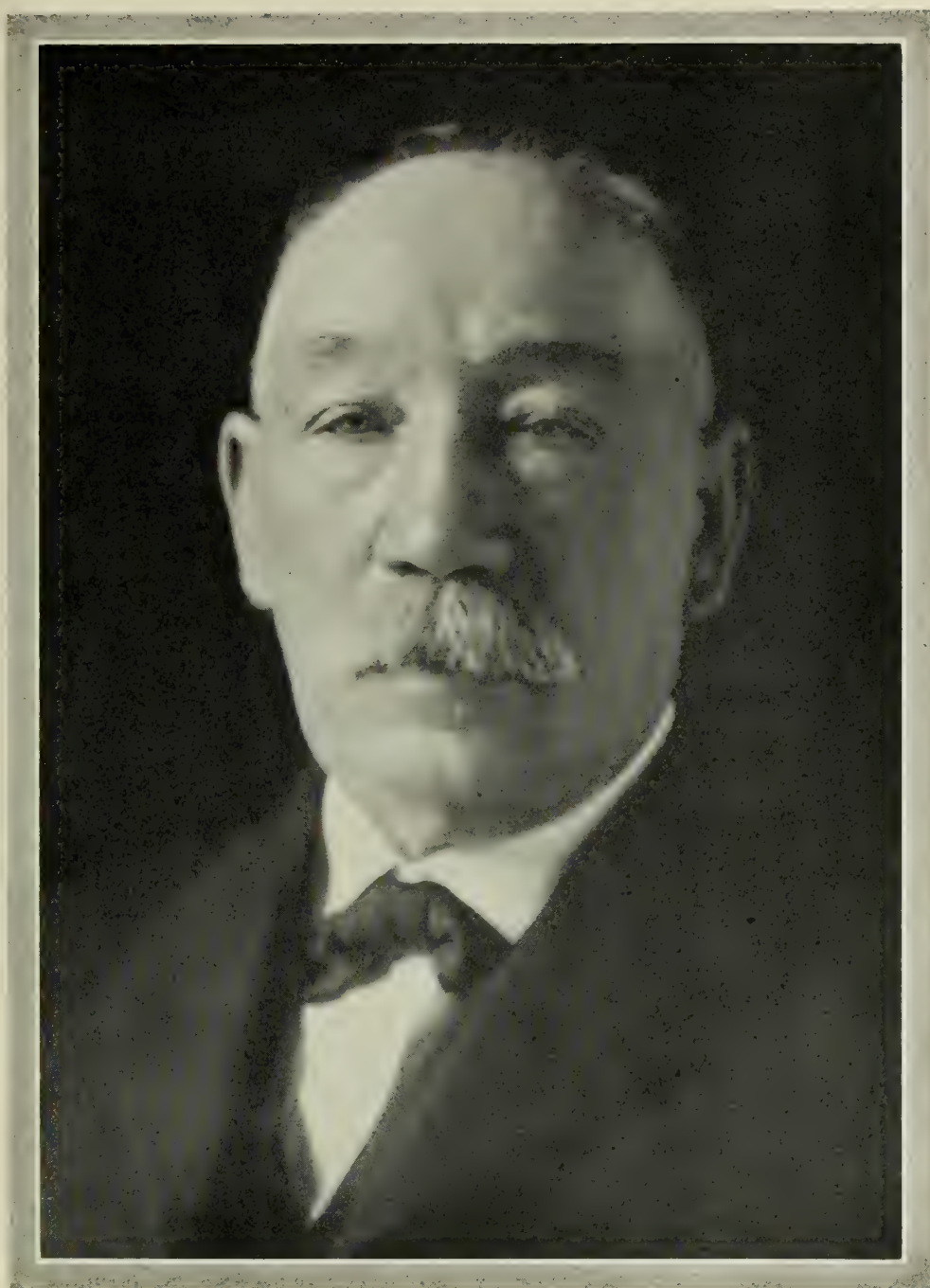
In 1903 Mr. Curtiss married Miss Mattie Mullen, a native of South Manchester, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of two children. The elder, Elbert Hadsell, was born February 11, 1904, and is associated with his father in business. He is a Mason and a junior deacon in his lodge. He married Miss Ada Kilkenny, who was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and became a high school teacher. James Ebenezer, the second son, born July 1, 1906, is a junior at Dartmouth College and a member of the Theta Delta Chi society.

The parents are Congregationalists and earnest workers in behalf of the church. Mr. Curtiss is allied with the democratic party and took his seat in the lower house of the Connecticut general assembly in 1915. He took a leading part in the proceedings of that session and was the youngest member of the committee on roads, rivers and bridges. From 1918 to 1923 he was town clerk and in 1924 was chosen a member of the board of selectmen, with which he has since been connected. As a public servant he is energetic, conscientious and efficient, never placing personal interests before the general good, and his work has been strongly commended. His Masonic affiliations are with the lodge, chapter and council and in 1913 he was made master of St. Mark's Lodge, F. & A. M. Mr. Curtis is a past patron of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is a past matron, and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Honest, sincere and purposeful, he has fulfilled life's duties and responsibilities to the best of his ability and these qualities have earned for him the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### MICHAEL KANE

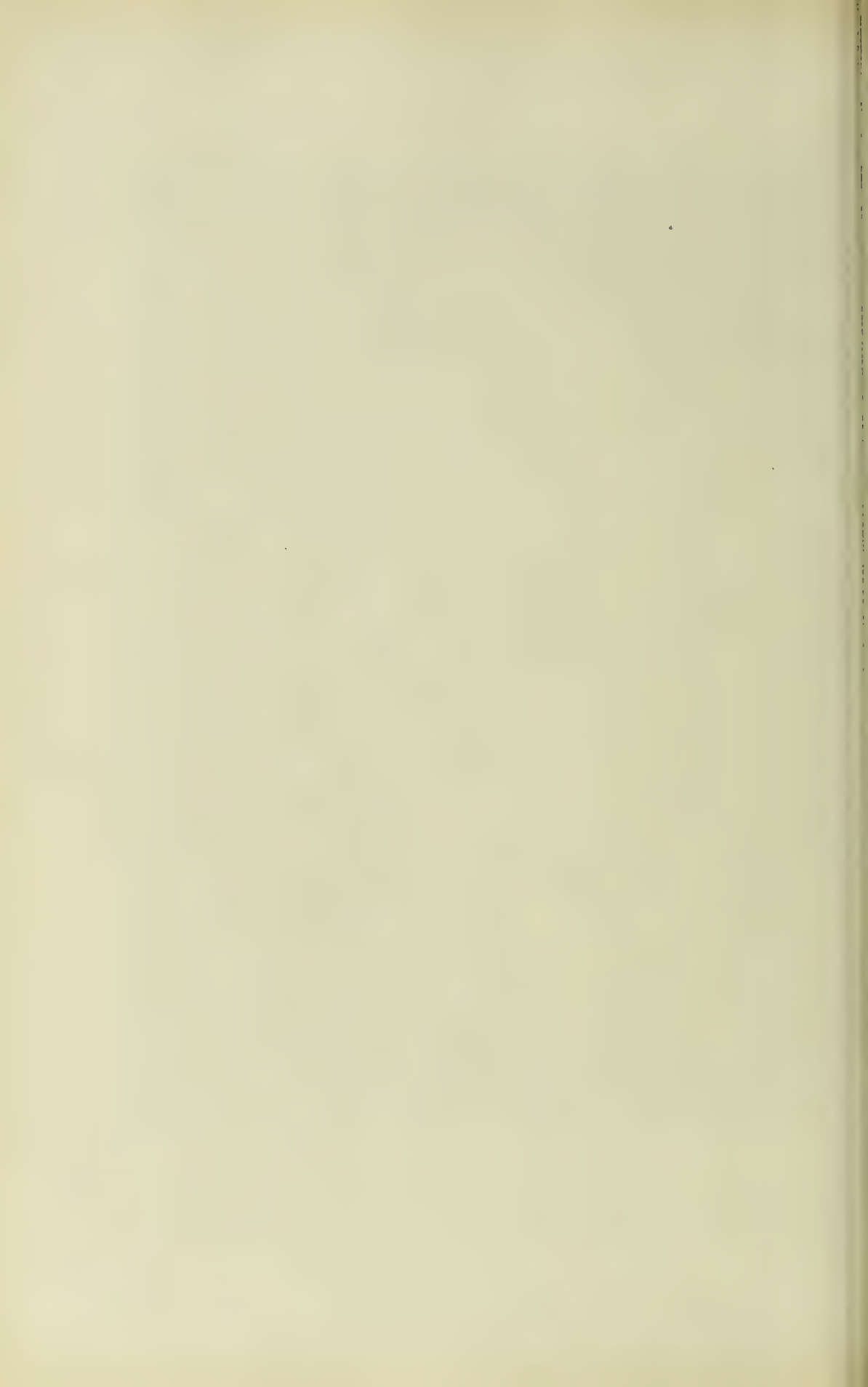
Michael Kane, who gained enviable recognition as one of the leading brick manufacturers of Connecticut, was thus identified with Hartford's industrial interests for more than a half century and built up an extensive enterprise. He died December 18, 1926, when he had reached the age of seventy-nine years. A native of Ireland, he left the Emerald Isle early in life and sought the opportunities offered in the United States, first locating at North Haven, Connecticut, where he made his home until coming to Hartford in 1873. He had been employed in brickyards of New Haven and Middletown for a number of years and on settling in the Parkville section of Hartford began the manufacture of brick in partnership with his brother Cornelius, this association being maintained until the death of the latter in 1877. Thereafter he conducted the business independently until joined by three of his sons—William F., T. Robert and Michael Joseph, who became officers of the company at the time of its incorporation in 1913. As early as the latter part of 1873 Kane bricks were being used in the construction of the more important buildings of the state. One of the first large orders filled by the Kane brickyards was that placed by the contractors building Trinity College in 1875. Following this came a large order for the state capitol building, which was at that time being erected. Since then the reputation of Kane bricks has been firmly established and Mr. Kane lived to see his products used in the erection of such imposing structures as the buildings of the Travelers Insurance Company, the State Library, Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, The Hartford Times and others of equal note. Mr. Kane was active in business until his death, devoting so much of his time and energy to the management of his brick plant that there was little left for outside interests. The three sons above mentioned, all expert brickmakers, are worthy successors of their father and have contributed materially toward the upbuilding of the business. The plant is equipped with the most modern appliances for facilitating the work and the output is sold direct to the trade. High ideals of craftsmanship have ever dominated the owners of the busi-



(Photograph by Katherine Lee Enders)

MICHAEL KANE





ness and a record of fifty-five years of continuous growth attests its usefulness and the quality of service rendered by the company.

In early manhood Mr. Kane was united in marriage to Miss Mary Culligan, also a native of Ireland, who survives him together with their four sons and three daughters, namely: William F., who succeeded his father as president and treasurer of the Michael Kane Brick Company; Dr. James H. Kane; T. Robert Kane, vice president and assistant treasurer of the Michael Kane Brick Company; Michael Joseph Kane, who is the secretary and assistant treasurer of the concern; Mrs. Bernard J. Smith; Mrs. Clifford W. Lowry, and Mrs. Robert J. Langdon. There are also twelve grandchildren. All of the above named are residents of Hartford.

For four terms Mr. Kane was a councilman from the old eighth ward of the Parkville section, which he had seen grow from a thinly settled area into a largely populated community. He was a trustee of Our Lady of Sorrows church and a member of the Hartford Lodge of Elks. Upright and honorable in every relation of life, he won the confidence and warm regard of all with whom he was associated and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He had the distinction of being the oldest brick manufacturer in Connecticut and established an unassailable reputation as a business man, while his worth as a citizen was uniformly acknowledged.

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#### B. A. GRZYBOWSKI

B. A. Grzybowski is an influential member of the Polish-American colony of New Britain and enjoys an enviable reputation as a financier, also figuring prominently in public affairs. He was born in this city in 1901 and is a son of Joseph and Margaret Grzybowski, natives of Poland. They left that country in 1895 and came to the new world, settling in New Britain, Connecticut. The father became a factory employe and has since continued in that line of work. Mr. and Mrs. Grzybowski are devout Catholics. They have a family of seven children, six sons and a daughter.

In the acquirement of an education B. A. Grzybowski attended a parochial school and the New Britain high school and next took a course in the Bentley School of Accounting & Finance in Boston. Afterward he enrolled as a student in the Northeastern University of Boston and was graduated with the class of 1924, winning the degree of B. C. S. In the same year he began his career as a public accountant and in December, 1925, was made auditor of the City National Bank of New Britain, an office which he has since filled with marked ability. The work of his department is thoroughly systematized and he gives to the institution the services of an expert.

Mr. Grzybowski is affiliated with Holy Cross church and was the first president of Holy Trinity Association, which was organized for the purpose of forming Holy Cross parish. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. In local politics he is a recognized leader and in 1925-26 served as a councilman, while during 1926-27 he was alderman from the fifth ward, fulfilling every requirement of the office. As a member of the finance committee of New Britain he has made an equally creditable record and displays rare qualities as a public servant. He is secretary of the Falcons Club and vice president of the Polish-American Republican Club of New Britain. His name also appears on the membership rolls of the Polish Business Men's Association and along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Grzybowski has accomplished much for one of his years and occupies a central place on the stage of activity in New Britain. He is the possessor of a forceful personality and his genuine worth is attested by a wide circle of steadfast friends.

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#### RALPH SHELDON BARROW

Continuous progress has been made in the matter of the public attitude toward social welfare problems until today work of that character in almost every community is thoroughly organized and under the direction of those who are fully equipped and capable of meeting such duties and responsibilities. In this connection Ralph Sheldon Barrow, the executive secretary of the Connecticut Children's Aid Society, is

well known and his broad experience, his study, his clear understanding and his deep sympathy enable him to speak with authority upon questions related thereto. A native of Alabama, he was born in Greenville, November 6, 1886, and is a son of William B. and Julia D. (Wilkinson) Barrow, who were also natives of Alabama, where the father carried on business as a cabinetmaker.

In the public schools near his home Ralph S. Barrow began his education and later attended the University of Alabama, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in 1910. He next entered Harvard University as a student in the School of Social Ethics, which he attended in 1913-14, and after thorough and comprehensive training in this field he was appointed to the position of executive secretary of the Alabama Children's Aid Society, with offices in Birmingham, and continued to serve in that capacity from 1915 until 1923 save for the period of his service in the World war.

In 1918 Mr. Barrow enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve Force, became an ensign and was stationed in District No. 1, Boston, Massachusetts, patrolling the three-mile limit. Following his return to his welfare service in Birmingham he there remained until September, 1923, when he came to Hartford at the solicitation of the board of directors of the Children's Aid Society, having been appointed executive secretary, in which capacity he yet continues. His previous experience well qualified him for the work which he undertook and which he is now discharging most systematically and ably. Clear insight enables him to readily understand each situation and to direct the affairs of the organization so as to make it a most far-reaching force in the efforts of the organization to protect the childhood of the state. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Council of Social Agencies and is a lieutenant commander of the Hartford Community Chest. He has thoroughly studied the various phases of welfare work, understands the complex problems which underlie almost every case and with high ideals before him is working to give each individual child its opportunity for normal development and the attainment of useful and honorable manhood or womanhood.

On the 29th of December, 1915, Mr. Barrow was married to Miss Lillian Williams Sparrow, of Provincetown, Massachusetts, and they reside at 20 Chelsea lane. They have membership in St. John's church, in which Mr. Barrow is a vestryman. He also belongs to the Hartford Rotary Club and is serving as its secretary and on its board of directors. The line of his work has enabled him to place a correct value on life, its opportunities, its responsibilities and its obligations and he has continually worked toward higher standards.

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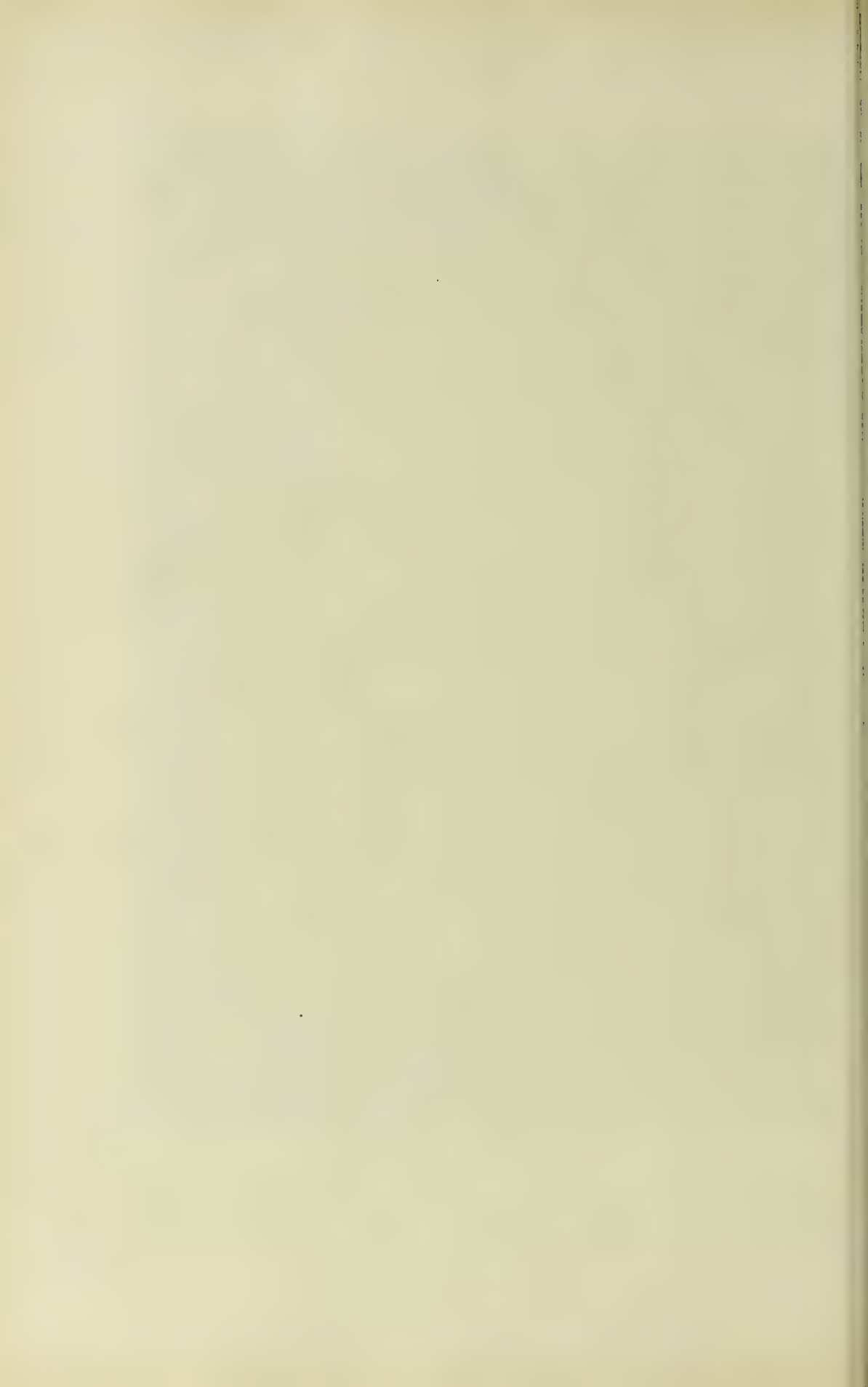
#### ALBERT CASE HINE.

Albert Case Hine, president of the A. C. Hine Automobile Company of Hartford, was born in New Britain, Connecticut, May 13, 1881, and is a son of Henry C. and Flora (Case) Hine, also natives of this state. The father was formerly with the Traut & Hine Manufacturing Company of New Britain, and reared in that city, the son, Albert C. Hine, attended its public schools until he had mastered the work of the various grades, when he entered his father's factory, being associated with the business until 1914. He then came to Hartford. He recognized something of what the future had in store for the automobile trade, the rapid expansion of which has been one of the commercial miracles of the age. He believed that in the sale of motor cars he might find a profitable and advantageous field and became manager for the Overland Connecticut Company, continuing in that position for a year. In 1915 he organized the A. C. Hine Company to handle the Oakland car and became president of the new organization, which has the second oldest account of the Oakland Motor Car Company in New England. Mr. Hine was also the pioneer dealer on Washington street, which he opened as a business thoroughfare and which is now the home of a number of automobile dealers. All recognize the fact that it was Mr. Hine who made Washington a business street, for he had to secure the signatures of a majority of the property owners to permit him to establish business on this thoroughfare. In 1920 he erected his present building at 189 Washington street—a modern structure with a thoroughly up-to-date service station, employing from ninety to one hundred people. In addition to the Oakland he also handles the Pontiac car and the Federal truck and





ALBERT C. HINE



his is one of the leading automobile establishments of the city. Sound judgment, thorough enterprise and reliability have been the salient features in his successful record. Associated with him is his brother, Harry C., Jr., Mr. A. C. Hine being president and treasurer of the company, with the brother as assistant treasurer. Mr. Hine was chosen chairman of the show committee for the twenty-first annual motor car exhibit, held in 1928.

On the 18th of May, 1905, Mr. Hine was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide W. Wells, of New Britain, and they are the parents of four children: Flora Case, Albert C., Jr., Eleanor Wells and Thomas Welles. The religious faith of the parents is that of the First Congregational church of New Britain. Mr. Hine is helpfully interested in all matters pertaining to the general welfare and gives his support to those projects which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He has never sought to figure prominently in public office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies and attention upon his business affairs with the result that, associated with the General Motors Company since he entered the automobile business, he is now one of the leading automobile dealers of New England.

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#### CHARLES E. CURTISS (II)

Placing his dependence upon the essential qualities of industry and perseverance, Charles E. Curtiss has risen to a place of prominence in business circles of Simsbury and is also well known owing to his activities in the field of public service. He was born in Avon, Connecticut, in 1888 and his parents were James M. and Flora A. (Hadsell) Curtiss. They removed from Avon to Simsbury and the father became one of its enterprising merchants. He was identified with the Masonic order and shaped his conduct by the teachings of the Congregational church. To Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss five children were born, two sons and three daughters.

Charles E. Curtiss was educated in the public schools of Simsbury and on November 1, 1905, obtained work in the office of the Ensign-Bickford Company. His employers soon recognized the fact that he was conscientious, trustworthy and capable and he was advanced through the various departments. In 1918 he was made traffic manager and has since filled that important office, discharging his duties with marked efficiency. The best years of his life have been devoted to the service of the company, which transacts a business of extensive proportions.

Mr. Curtiss was married October 8, 1913, in Granby, Connecticut, to Miss Mardula Green and they now have three children: Charles E. (III) who was born November 25, 1917; Jane, born April 27, 1920; and Marion Norton, born August 8, 1927. The parents are affiliated with the Congregational church and Mr. Curtiss is allied with the democratic party. He was tax collector for Simsbury from 1911 to 1914 and also during 1920-21, performing his tasks with characteristic thoroughness and fidelity. At the present time he is a member of the board of finance and is always ready to serve his community when needed. He is president of the Old Newgate Castle Association and formerly represented the Men's Club of the Congregational church in the same capacity. Mr. Curtiss is treasurer of the Avon Country Club, belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and is a Knight Templar Mason, has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past master of St. Marks Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M. and past high priest of Columbia Chapter, No. 31, R. A. M. at Collinsville. He is a past patron of Hesper Chapter, No. 71, of the Eastern Star and his wife is also connected with that organization. Mr. Curtiss has fulfilled every obligation in life to the best of his ability and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### MAJOR HARRY HARLAND SKERRETT, JR.

Major Harry Harland Skerrett, Jr., a veteran of the World war and both before and since a dealer in automobiles, being now manager of the Hartford branch of the Packard Motor Car Company, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, May 25, 1891, and is a son of Harry H. and Mary (Price) Skerrett, who were natives of Philadelphia,



where the family has been represented for six generations. The father was a wool merchant, as was his father before him, and the family has figured prominently in business circles in that city.

Major Skerrett pursued his preparatory training in the Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1909, and later he took a three years' course in the University of Pennsylvania, while for a year he gained broad and liberal culture through travel in Europe. With his return to the United States he became associated with his father in the wool business but in 1915 turned his attention to the automobile business as representative of the Packard Motor Car Company in Philadelphia, being thus engaged until the World war.

Enlisting for service, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of cavalry and was transferred to the Quartermasters Corps for duty at Camp Meigs, where he was assigned to the task of mobilizing the mechanical repair shops for overseas work. He was next made adjutant and executive officer of Camp Meigs, where he received a commission as major, winning all these promotions within a year, showing a rapid rise for a young officer.

On his return in 1919 Major Skerrett went to New York city, where for a year he was in the automobile business, and in 1920 he came to Hartford as branch manager of the Packard Motor Car Company, in which connection he has since continued. His thirteen years of experience in the trade has made him well qualified for the duties which now devolve upon him and he is successfully conducting a growing business, his progressive methods finding expression in large annual sales.

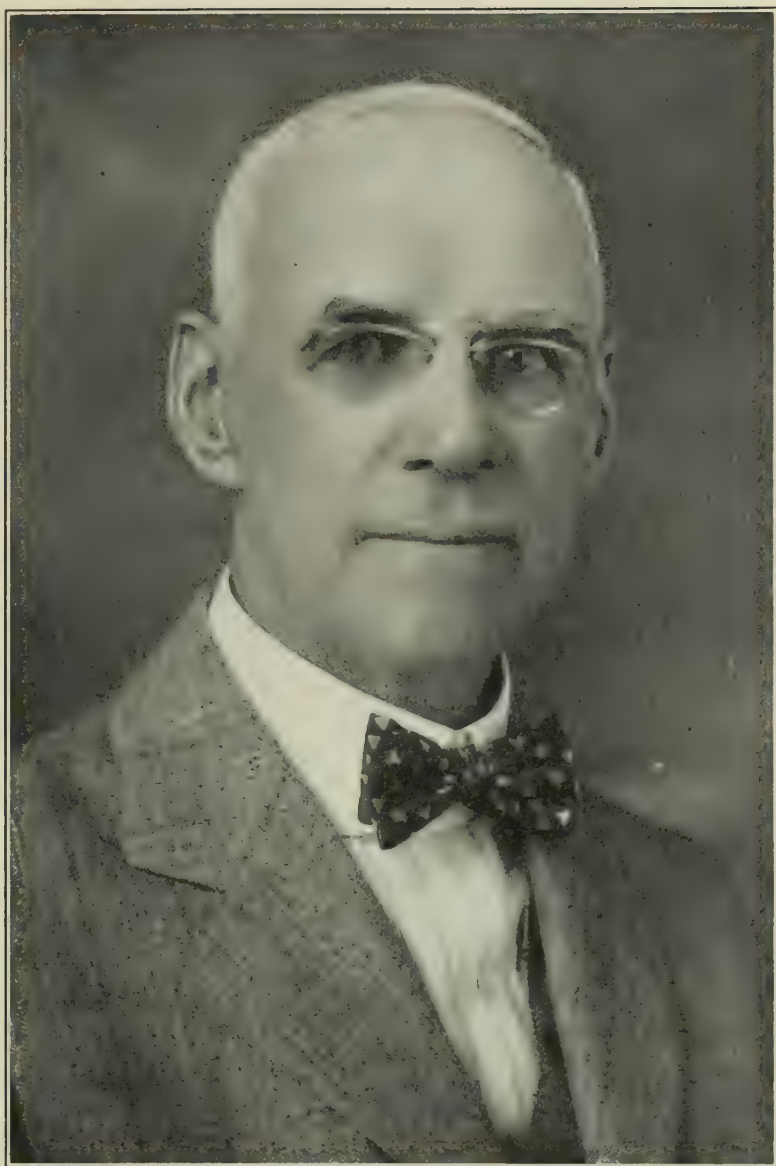
On the 21st of November, 1925, Major Skerrett was married to Miss Helen K. Hogg, of Montreal, Canada, and they reside at No. 188 N. Main street in West Hartford. Their acquaintance is broad and the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city is cordially extended them, while the Major is a welcome member of the Hartford Club, the Farmington Country Club, and the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club of New York. He likewise belongs to the University Club of New York and the Undine Barge Club of Philadelphia. He is a member of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., and of the military Order of Foreign Wars, and his interest in the development of his state is shown in the fact that he is serving as a director of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. He is likewise president of the State Automobile Association. Alert and enterprising, he is alive to the issues, the interests and the opportunities of the day and a spirit of advancement characterizes him in all relations.

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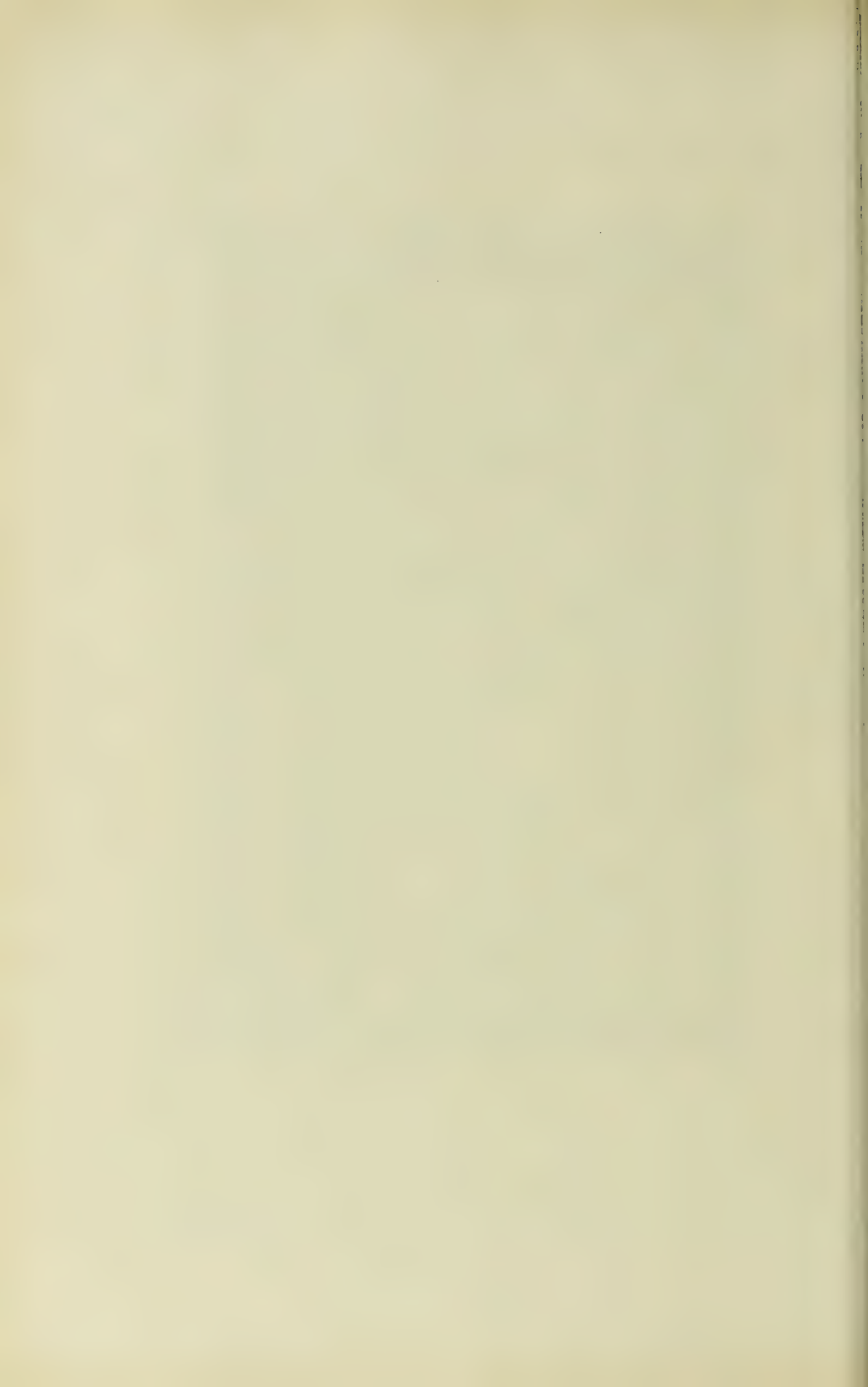
#### THOMAS W. THOMSON

Thomas W. Thomson, as proprietor of the Thomson Drop Forge Company, is contributing in substantial measure to the industrial development and substantial growth of Plantsville, where the business was established in 1903. Connecticut numbers him among her native sons, for he was born in Orange in 1862, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Watson) Thomson, both of whom were natives of Scotland. During twenty-four years of his business career he was in the employ of the Sterling Piano Company in Derby, Connecticut, becoming associated with that business when it was conducted under the name of the Sterling Organ Company, the name of Sterling Piano Company being assumed when they began the manufacture of pianos. It was Mr. Thomson who built the first Sterling piano and for twenty years he had full charge of the manufacture of that high-grade instrument. It was on the 10th of June, 1903, that the Thomson Drop Forge Company was organized for the manufacture of drop forgings of all kinds and of small tools, including screw drivers, cold chisels, ball peen machinists' hammers and double end wrenches. On the organization Mr. Thomson was made secretary, but while at the beginning he was associated with others, on the 26th of September, 1912, he took over the entire business, of which he is now sole proprietor. The company has a large plant at Plantsville, thoroughly equipped with the most modern machinery in its line, and the excellence of its manufactured output is such as commands a ready sale, the business being now one of gratifying proportions. Throughout his life Mr. Thomson has been a man of firm purpose and unfaltering energy and these qualities have been vital elements in the attainment of his present-day success.

Mr. Thomson was married in 1886 to Alice De Forrest, who died in June, 1914. In his religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and fraternally he is connected with King



THOMAS W. THOMSON





Hiram Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M., and also with Housatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby, Connecticut. He exemplifies in his life the sterling principles of these organizations and throughout his entire career has measured up to the highest standards of manhood.

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#### SIMSBURY FREE LIBRARY

During the winter of 1872 and 1873 a social and literary club in Simsbury agitated the matter of a public library. For some years there had existed an organization known as the Simsbury Book Club, which offered its one hundred and twenty volumes to further such a cause. Entertainments were given to raise funds and subscriptions were sought.

It was in the summer of 1874 that the subscription paper was presented to Amos R. Eno for his consideration. The project appealed to him and he returned the paper with the offer of three thousand dollars to establish a library for the citizens of Simsbury. The sum was placed in the hands of a self-perpetuating board of trustees appointed by Mr. Eno. Books were purchased, the upper story of the village schoolhouse secured as a library room, and the Simsbury Free Library formally opened to the public September 23, 1874.

In 1887 Mr. Eno placed in the hands of a building committee, selected from the board of trustees, the sum of ten thousand dollars to erect an appropriate library building. M. H. Hapgood, of Hartford, was the architect engaged. Furthermore in 1890 when the building was finished Mr. Eno handed over a deed of the land and a check for five thousand dollars. Four years later he increased the book fund by ten thousand dollars.

In the fall of 1922, Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood expressed her desire to have her name associated with her father's in connection with the library and deposited with the trustees the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars for addition and for beautifying the front of the building.

Through Columbia University the trustees have also received from the heirs of Amos F. Eno twenty-two thousand, eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars and five cents as a permanent fund to be used in maintaining the library—a gift that materially aids the town, which has contributed yearly to the support of the library.

After some fifty years of service and of growth, the Simsbury Free Library stands as one of the finest buildings of its type—an active tribute to the loyalty and generosity of the Eno family.

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#### THOMAS H. DENNE, M. D.

Dr. Thomas H. Denne, representing the Travelers Insurance Company as superintendent of the department of medicine and hygiene, was born in Seneca Falls, New York, September 24, 1882, and is a son of Richard and Helena V. (Tucker) Denne, the former a native of England, while the latter was born in the state of New York. In his boyhood the father came to America and settled at Seneca Falls, New York, where his remaining days were passed. During his business life he engaged in the sale of fire engines.

After attending the public schools of Seneca Falls and of Waterloo, New York, and thus laying a good foundation upon which to build up professional knowledge, T. H. Denne began the study of medicine in 1901 and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont in 1905. He became a medical officer of the United States public health service aboard ships sailing to Porto Rico and along the Atlantic coast, spending one year and nine months in that service. In 1908 he located in Bloomfield, Connecticut, where he practiced for six years and then removed to West Hartford. He still carries on a limited practice in both Bloomfield and West Hartford, but in 1918 he became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company as a representative of its medical department. He developed this branch of the service, of which he is now superintendent, and this is today one of the most modern medical departments in the country, utilizing practically all of one floor of the Travelers

building, and its equipment is unsurpassed. The Rest House at West Suffield also comes under his supervision as head of the department, and something of the immense activity under his direction is indicated in the fact that he supervises the labors of seven assistant physicians and eighteen nurses. This service extends to all branch offices over the country, and all of the medical welfare work of the Travelers Insurance Company is likewise under the supervision of Dr. Denne. He constantly keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress, carrying his research and investigation into all branches of medical and surgical science. He has membership in the Hartford City, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and he enjoys in high degree the respect and confidence of his colleagues and contemporaries in medical practice.

Dr. Denne was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Alice Gregory, of Waterloo, New York, and they are now the parents of five children: Mildred, Thomas, Gregory, Keith and Virginia. The family residence is at 39 North Main street in West Hartford.

Dr. Denne belongs to the Phi Chi fraternity and is well known in Masonic circles through his membership in Hiram Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M., of Bloomfield; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., of Hartford; and the Hartford Chapter of the Eastern Star. He is likewise a member of the Foresters and his name is enrolled among the representatives of the Hartford Club and the Avon Country Club. His geniality and his unfailing courtesy have won him many friends and the sterling worth of his character is attested by all who know him.

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#### LEONARD H. ANTHONY

The welfare of a city does not depend so much on the machinery of government as upon the personal character and the efficiency of the men who hold public office, and measured by high standards of capable public service Leonard H. Anthony deserves recognition for what he has done in the position of superintendent of public buildings in Hartford. He was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, May 7, 1871, and is a son of Andrew and Alicia (Main) Anthony, the former of Welsh lineage, while the mother came of Scotch ancestors who emigrated to America in 1636 on the ship Hector. They settled in Boston, whence their descendants went to Maine, Nova Scotia and to Rhode Island. Some of the ancestors of Leonard H. Anthony were soldiers of the American army in the Revolutionary war. The family is still represented in Nova Scotia, where the father was a shipbuilder and designed and constructed fourteen full-rigged sailing vessels, which sailed all of the seas of the world. He died in Nova Scotia in 1914, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, while his wife survived him but two years. They observed their golden wedding in 1912, having reared a family of eight sons and four daughters, among whom there had not been a death for fifty years.

Leonard H. Anthony attended the schools of Nova Scotia and in his youthful days worked in his father's shipyard, being thus employed until 1890, when at the age of nineteen years he crossed the border and took up his abode in Stamford, Connecticut. There he obtained employment in the engineering department of the lock manufacturing plant of Yale & Towne, with whom he remained until 1897, when he came to Hartford and was made plant engineer of the Electric Vehicle Company, remaining there until 1908. He then was associated with the Royal Typewriter Company from 1908 until 1917, as their plant engineer, and in 1917 he went with the Colt Patent Fire Arms Company as engineer of their plant and so continued during the World war period, his position at that time being one of large responsibility and importance. In 1922 he entered the service of the city of Hartford as superintendent of public buildings, which position he has now filled for six years, and again his record has been characterized by marked capability and loyalty.

On the 25th of February, 1896, Mr. Anthony was united in marriage to Miss Frances Mays, of Stamford, Connecticut, and they are the parents of a daughter, Evelyn Tracy. The family home is at 26 Gray street in Hartford.

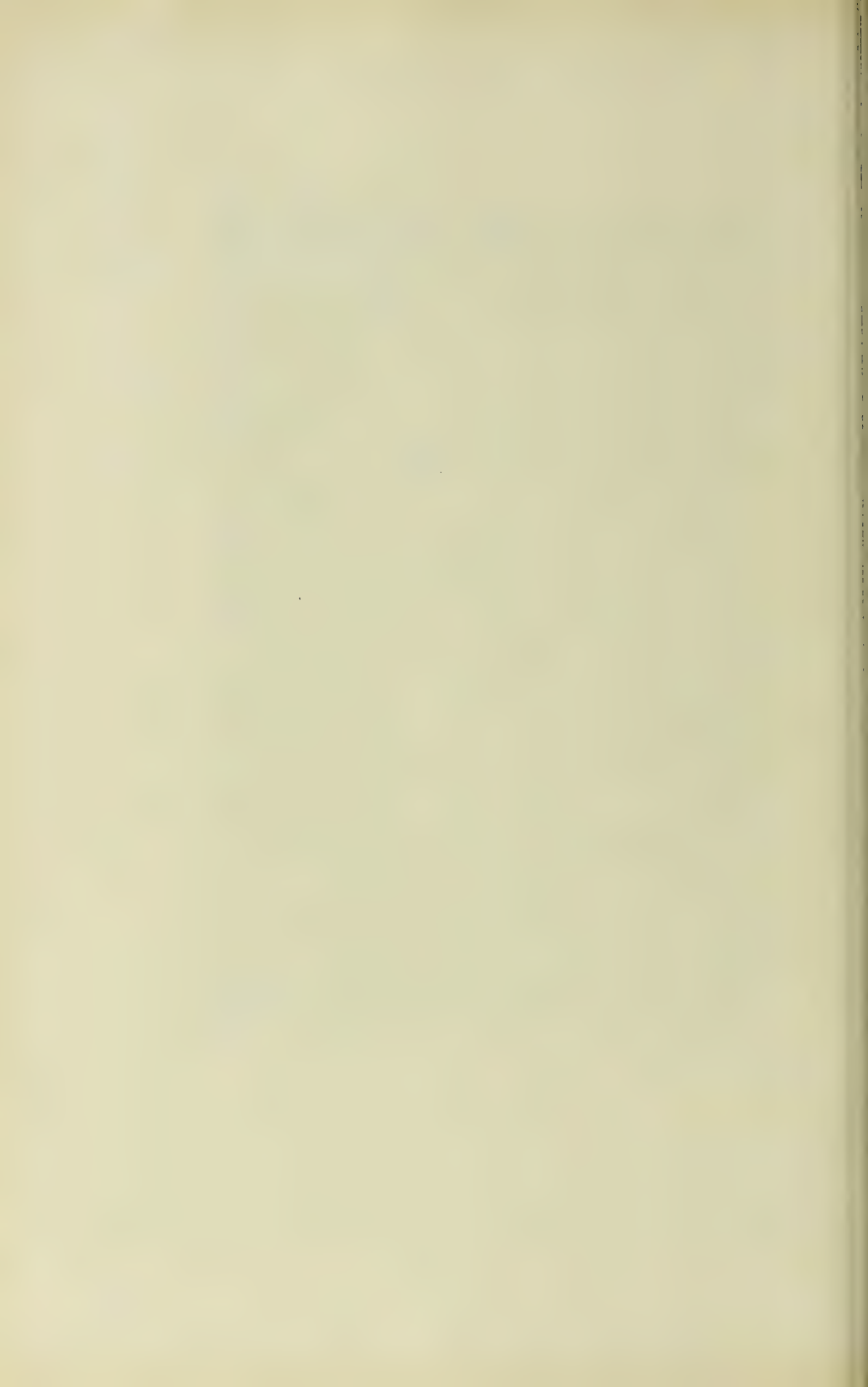
Mr. Anthony is a thirty-second degree Mason and has been an active worker in the order, the basic principles of which he fully exemplifies in his relations with his fellowmen. He is a past master of Hartford Lodge, No. 88, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; past high priest of Wolcott Council,



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LEONARD H. ANTHONY





No. 1, R. & S. M.; past sovereign of the Princes of Jerusalem; present senior warden of the Lodge of Perfection; and junior warden of the Rose Croix. Those who know Mr. Anthony esteem him highly for his sterling worth, his business capability, his progressive spirit and his loyalty to every cause which he espouses.

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#### ROBERT G. GILLESPIE

For a period of eighteen years Robert G. Gillespie has been associated with the Case Manufacturing Company of Unionville, of which he is vice president, treasurer, secretary and general manager. He was born here in 1870, his parents being David and Agnes (Fallow) Gillespie, the latter now deceased. The father was associated with the firm of Platner & Porter as superintendent of the plant, in which he continued throughout his active business life. He, too, has passed away, dying in the faith of the Congregational church, of which his wife was also a member.

Robert G. Gillespie supplemented his grade school training by study in the high school and then, following in his father's footsteps, entered the plant of the firm of Platner & Porter, working as office boy under E. B. Ripley. He learned the paper business in principle and detail and worked his way steadily upward until he turned his attention to the job printing business in Unionville in 1907, continuing active in that field until 1910. In that year he sold out and accepted the responsible position of sales manager with the Case Manufacturing Company. Throughout the intervening period he has continued with this concern and his progress has been steady as the company has recognized his fidelity and ability. In 1918 he was advanced to the position of secretary and in 1928 was elected vice president, treasurer, secretary and general manager, his activities being a forceful element in the continued success of the enterprise. He is today thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business and is capable of wisely directing the efforts of those under him. He has also been elected to the board of directors of the company and Unionville classes him as one of her representative and valued citizens.

In 1893 Mr. Gillespie was married to Miss Lina E. Taylor, of Unionville, who passed away in 1912. She was a consistent member of the Congregational church and had many admirable qualities. Their daughter, Helena, is also deceased, and the son, Gaillard F., twenty-one years of age, is now connected with the Trumbull Electric Company. In 1919 Mr. Gillespie was again married, his second union being with Miss Clara Georgia, of Unionville, and they have one son, Robert Georgia, born in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie hold membership in the Congregational church and take an active interest in its work. They are also well known socially and Mrs. Gillespie holds membership in the Avon Club and is prominent in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was chairman of the reception committee and is a past worthy grand matron of the state of Connecticut. Mr. Gillespie is also identified with the Avon Club and fraternally is a Mason, holding membership with the lodge, of which he is a past master, and with the chapter and council. His political views are in accord with the teachings of the republican party and he is thoroughly informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument and intelligent franchise. He has never sought office as a reward for party fealty, for he gives his time and effort to business affairs and in that field has made notable progress.

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#### JAMES A. GIFFIN

James A. Giffin, assistant agency manager and director of sales training with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company at Hartford, was born in Boulder, Colorado, May 1, 1883, a son of Sydney A. and Louise A. (Albee) Giffin, who were natives of Vermont. The father was a lawyer and banker and during his residence in Colorado came to prominence as chairman of the board of regents of the University of Colorado and as lieutenant governor of the state, an office which he filled for one term.

After attending a preparatory school in Boulder, James A. Giffin became a student in the University of Colorado and was graduated from the liberal arts department in

1904, after which he became a law student, completing the professional course in 1906. He was then admitted to practice before the Colorado bar and later in the United States district court and the United States court of appeals. For two years he practiced in Boulder and in 1908 removed to San Francisco, California, becoming sales manager for the M. T. Minney Company, real estate dealers and subdividers of property. Later he organized the Almond City Land and Development Company, of which he became vice president. He was afterward with Bancroft & Whitney, law publishers at San Francisco, acting as their representative in Oregon and Washington for two years. He next became connected with the Alexander Hamilton Institute, which he represented in California for five years and on the expiration of that period went upon the lecture platform with the Shirley Parker Institute, covering all the large cities on the western coast. The company then organized a correspondence school, writing their own books and marketing through salesmen. It was through this process that Mr. Giffin came into contact with the Phoenix organization on the coast and he was brought to Hartford by the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1924, here taking up the studying of insurance. On the 1st of July, 1925, he was made manager of the sales training division and on the 1st of January, 1927, he was made assistant agency director and at the same time has charge of the educational department.

On the 19th of December, 1906, Mr. Giffin was united in marriage to Miss Floye Lewis, of Denver, Colorado. They are the parents of two sons: Sidney F., who is a graduate of the Hartford public high school and is now associated with the Hartford Electric Light Company; and Lewis A., who is an honor student of all the public high schools of Hartford and is now attending Trinity College. The family resides at No. 11 Bretton road in West Hartford. Mr. Giffin is a member of the Delta Tau Delta and the Kiwanis Club and is chairman of the educational committee of the Hartford Underwriters Association.

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#### HON. GEORGE ARTHUR QUIGLEY

For three decades George Arthur Quigley has continuously and successfully engaged in the real estate business in New Britain and there are few men more adequately and accurately informed concerning realty values and the possibilities for trade in properties than he. The years have brought him many clients as a reward for his thoroughness and his industry, and he is now numbered among the successful business men of New Britain, where he was born October 9, 1880. He is a son of Thomas J. and Caroline (Partridge) Quigley and was educated in the local public schools but started out without any special opportunities, his first earnings coming to him as a boy peddling papers upon the streets of his native town. For a few years thereafter he was employed by the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company and at the age of eighteen years he established a real estate office, which he has conducted continuously since 1898. There is little of the spectacular in this line of work, but the qualities of thoroughness, earnestness and reliability count for much and along these lines Mr. Quigley has made steady advance.

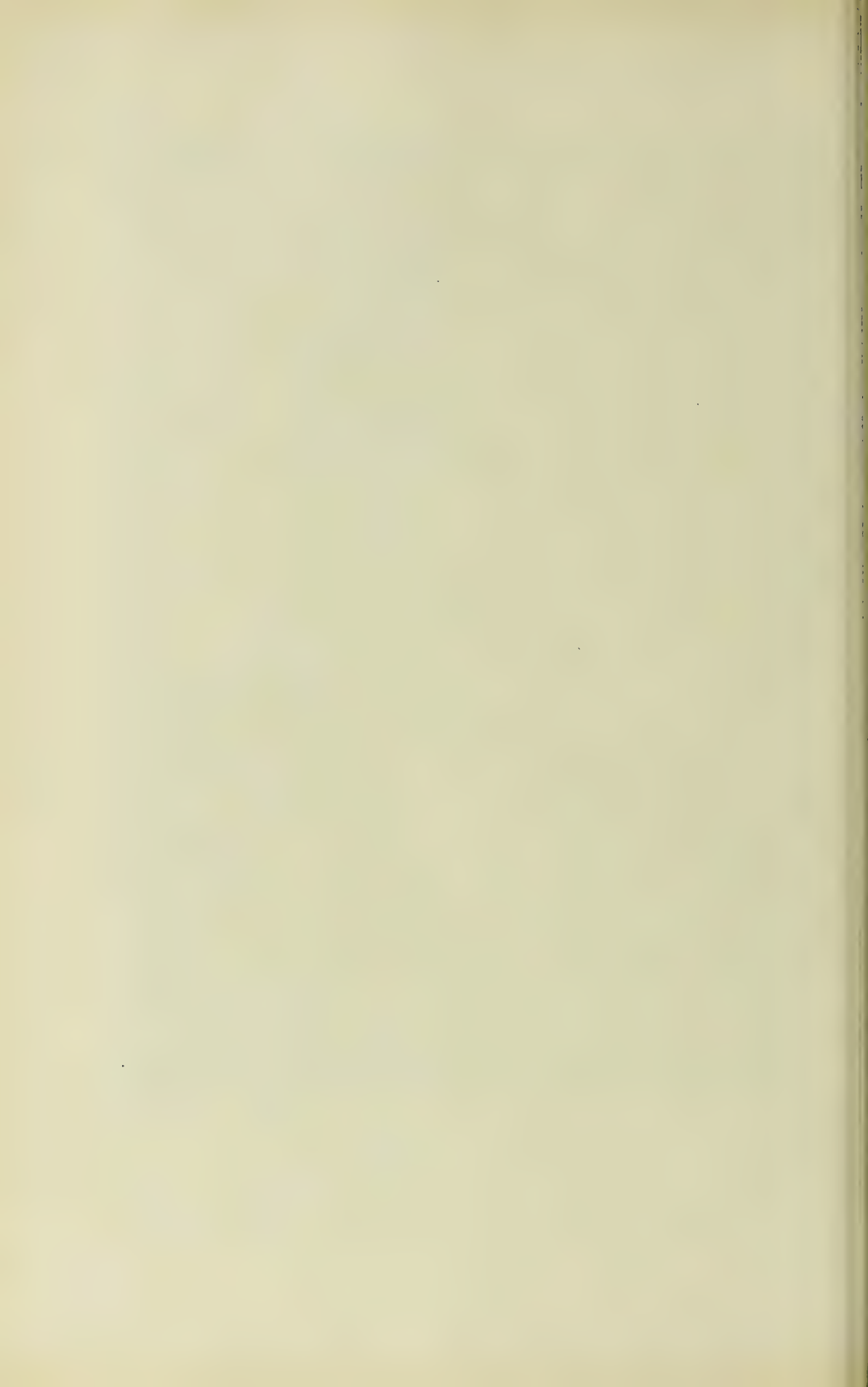
Moreover, he has figured actively and prominently in political circles as a stalwart supporter of the republican party. The first political office which he ever filled was that of councilman from the fourth ward, which gave him the distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to public office in New Britain. Later he was elected to the same office from the second ward, to which he had in the meantime changed his residence. He has always closely studied municipal affairs and his aid and influence have ever been on the side of reform, progress and improvement. That the public recognized this fact was shown in his election to the mayoralty in 1914, followed by three reelections, so that he was continued in the office until 1920, giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration that proved most beneficial. He was acting as mayor during the World war period and in consequence thereof had charge of the draft board. He founded the first war bureau in the United States to consolidate all war efforts under one head and his example in this direction was widely followed throughout the country and his efficiency at once became evident.

On the 1st of June, 1907, Mr. Quigley was married to Miss Edith Louise Wood, of Suffield, Connecticut, and they now have two children: Dorothy Louise, who is a





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student in the Connecticut College for Women; and Richard B., attending the public schools.

Mr. Quigley is a member of the Sons of St. George and fraternally is connected with the Foresters and the Odd Fellows. He is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses and he always holds a receptive mind, being ready to change his opinions if reason can convince him of the advisability of such a course. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity and his labors have not only been a source of benefit to himself but also to his fellow townsmen through his efficiency and progressiveness in public office.

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#### STANLEY A. KARPINSKI

His well developed powers and conscientious devotion to duty have brought Stanley A. Karpinski to the front in financial circles of New Britain and his political activities have won for him widespread prominence. In the affairs of the local Polish-American organization he takes a leading part and has also found time for civic service. He was born May 8, 1897, in New Britain and is a son of Anthony and Mary Karpinski, natives of Poland. His parents came to the United States about 1893, settling in New Britain, and the father secured work in a factory. They joined the Sacred Heart Catholic church and have conscientiously adhered to its teachings. To Mr. and Mrs. Karpinski were born seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Stanley A. Karpinski attended a parochial school of New Britain and took a general course in St. John's College at Erie, Pennsylvania. For ten years he was employed in the Stanley Works of New Britain and next entered the service of the United States government, filling a position in the internal revenue department. During that time he gained valuable experience in financial affairs and on December 15, 1927, tendered his resignation, accepting a position in the trust department of the New Britain National Bank. He is efficient and dependable and has thoroughly justified the confidence reposed in his ability.

Mr. Karpinski was married at Southington, Connecticut, in 1922, to Miss Stella Elowiecki and they have become the parents of a daughter, Louise Marion, who was born August 4, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Karpinski are affiliated with the Holy Cross Catholic church and he was a member of the organizing committee of the new edifice. A considerable portion of his time has been devoted to religious work and he is one of the chief officers of the Polish Roman Catholic Alliance. In politics he is a strong republican and in 1922 he was elected a councilman of New Britain. He was a delegate to the congressional convention of 1923 and in 1922 was elected councilman. In 1924 he became an alderman and served for about two years. During his tenure of office he championed all measures of reform, progress and improvement, doing all in his power to further the interests of the municipality. He is president of the state Polish-American Political Organizations of Connecticut and was the instigator of the consolidation of such organizations in the New England states. Formerly they met in Boston but Mr. Karpinski succeeded in bringing them to New Britain. He is secretary of the local Polish-American organization and also belongs to the Falcons Club. Although but thirty-one years of age he has reached a field of broad influence and usefulness and represents a fine type of American manhood and citizenship.

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#### GEORGE H. HOLLISTER

A course in the Agricultural College of Connecticut and long experience as a landscape gardener well qualified George H. Hollister for his present responsible position as superintendent of parks in Hartford and his efficiency is attested by all competent to speak upon the subject. Mr. Hollister was born in Medina, Ohio, April 14, 1882, his parents being John B. and Harriet N. (Northrup) Hollister, the former a native of Torrington, Litchfield county, Connecticut, and the latter of Evanston, Illinois.

The establishment of the family home in Connecticut during the early boyhood of



George H. Hollister enabled him to pursue his preliminary education in the schools of Washington, this state, while later he attended the Agricultural College and graduated in 1902. He was assistant in horticulture at the college two years and then became gardener on an estate at Greenwich, Connecticut, where he remained for three years. He afterward spent a similar period at the Connecticut Experiment Station in New Haven, being engaged in the suppression work of the Gypsy moth. In 1909 he came to Hartford, where he occupied the position of forester of Keney park until he was made superintendent. This was originally a private park which, however, was taken over by the city in 1924, and he became assistant superintendent thereof, having been made assistant superintendent of parks in 1921. A recognition of his capability and efficiency in this field came to him in January, 1926, when he was appointed park superintendent of Hartford, having supervision over twenty-six parks, triangles and squares, while his duties also include the superintendency of public cemeteries. He has under him from one hundred to two hundred and fifty employes, according to the season, and he has been active in developing the park and boulevard system of Hartford in a manner that has made the system one of which every citizen may well be proud. He has had broad experience in his work and has done much to beautify the parks, which are directed by a commission operating under a special charter.

On the 27th of July, 1910, Mr. Hollister was united in marriage to Abby Minot Hicks, of Bristol Ferry, Rhode Island. They are the parents of a daughter, Jeane.

Fraternally Mr. Hollister is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M. He is a member of the City Club and also of the American Institute of Park Executives, of which he is a past president. He is likewise a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural College and he holds to high standards in his chosen life work.

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#### ROBERT J. SULLIVAN

Robert J. Sullivan, vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company, has always concentrated his activity upon insurance interests since entering the business world following the completion of his education in the Hartford public high school. He was born in this city October 20, 1879, and is a son of Bartholomew J. and Mary (Downey) Sullivan, the former also a native of Hartford, while the mother was born in Ireland. His grandfather in the paternal line was likewise a native of the Emerald isle and came to the United States prior to the Civil war, settling in Hartford, and afterward serving in defense of the Union in the long conflict between the states. His son, Bartholomew J. Sullivan, long engaged in the livery business in Hartford, where he still makes his home, being practically retired from active business at the present time.

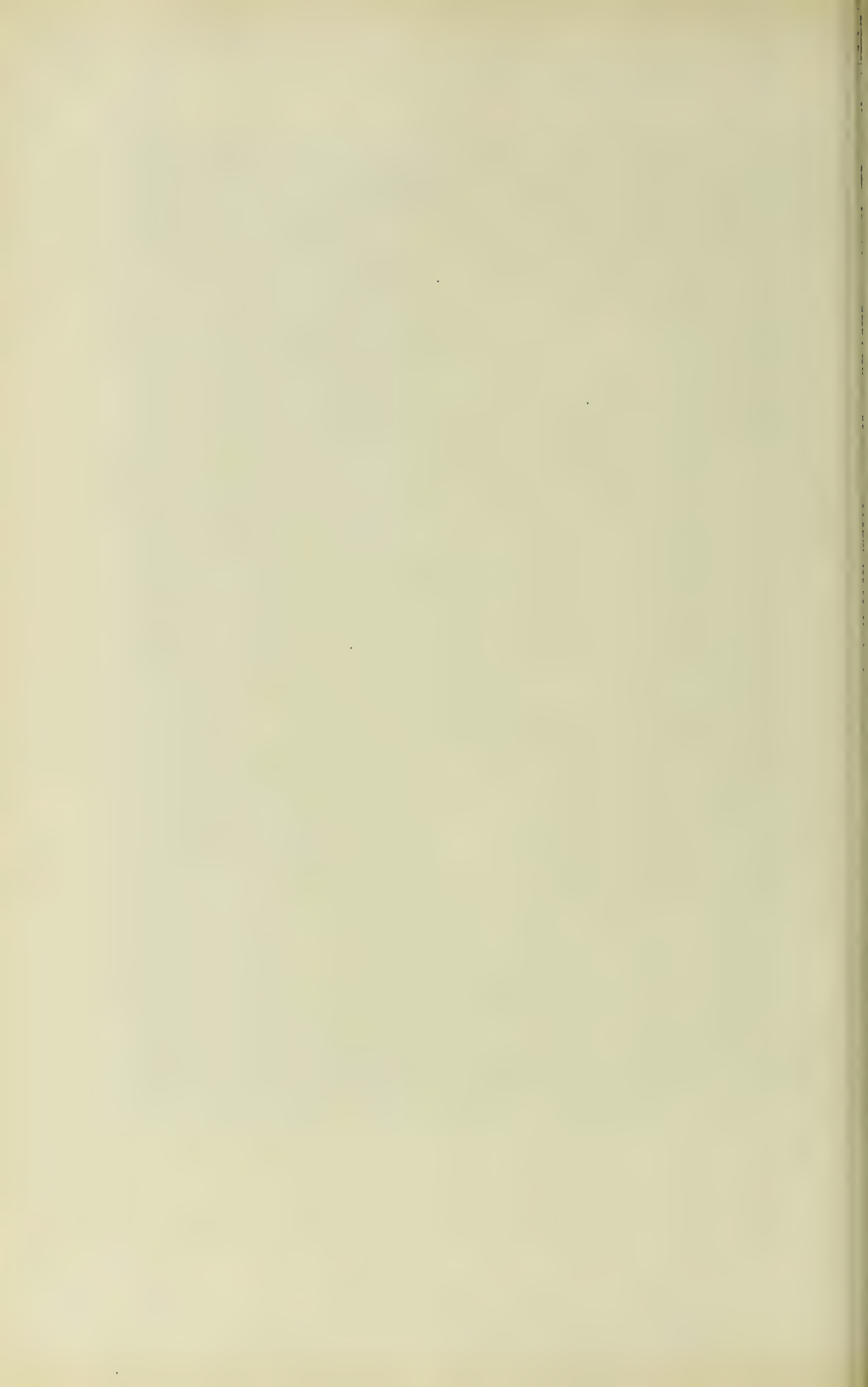
At the usual age Robert J. Sullivan entered the public schools, mastering the work of successive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1897. For two years thereafter he engaged in the news business in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Concord, New Hampshire, and in 1899 he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company, with which he has now been associated for almost three decades. He first occupied a clerical position in the actuarial department, being identified with that division which served the accident department. In 1904 he was transferred to the liability department and in 1910 he was elected assistant secretary, while two years later he was made secretary of that department. He thus assumed active duties in connection with administrative direction and executive control and under his guidance and that of his superior, Vice President Walter G. Cowles, the liability insurance business of the company developed tremendously. There was also great growth in the compensation insurance as the result of the enactment of workmen's compensation laws in nearly all states, and the casualty business has become one of the major lines through the development of automobile insurance. In 1922 Mr. Sullivan was elected vice president of the Travelers Indemnity Company and has since bent his energies largely to the promotion of the business in the field of burglary, plate glass and boiler and machinery insurance as well as compensation and liability.

On the 6th of July, 1905, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Abbie Bresnahan, of Concord, New Hampshire. They are the parents of nine chil-



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ROBERT J. SULLIVAN





dren, namely: Lucy Barbara, Robert J., Jr., Elizabeth Mary, Arthur Bland, Paul Bartholomew, Patricia Mary, Mary Bland, Cornelia Jane and Peter Bland.

Mr. Sullivan is identified with the Knights of Columbus and with the Catholic Club of New York city and he also has membership in the Hartford Club and the Country Club. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and is popular among his many friends, but his time and energies are chiefly devoted to his duties as an executive of the Travelers, in which he has risen from the ranks to his present position of prominence and responsibility through close application. At all times discharging his duties to the satisfaction of his superiors, he advanced step by step until the 21st of November, 1927, brought him election to the vice presidency of the company.

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#### LUCIAN MACORA

Lucian Macora is a product of New Britain and an enterprising young business man who is successfully managing important mercantile interests, at the same time performing his share of public service. He was born August 17, 1902, and is a son of Julian and May Macora, natives of Poland. His father came to the United States in 1896, settling in New Britain, and about three years later the mother joined him in this city. For fifteen years he was a factory worker and in 1916 ventured in business for himself, opening a grocery and meat market. In the intervening period he has established a large trade through honest dealing, courteous service and the prompt delivery of orders. He adheres to the Catholic faith and is a member of the Sacred Heart church. Mr. and Mrs. Macora have three children, two sons and a daughter.

Lucian Macora obtained his elementary education in a parochial school of New Britain and in 1921 was graduated from high school. For some time he worked in his father's store and is now in the furniture business. He exercises great care in the selection of the stock, carrying a fine line, and is always prepared to supply the needs of patrons, knowing that satisfied customers constitute the best advertisement.

On June 27, 1927, Mr. Macora was united in marriage to Miss Stella Walegora, of New Britain, and both are popular in social circles of the city. They are zealous members of the Sacred Heart church and Mr. Macora acted as secretary when the members of the parish tendered a banquet to Father Bofnowski on the occasion of the thirty-third anniversary of his ordination as a priest. Mr. Macora holds the third degree in the Knights of Columbus and is allied with the democratic party. In 1926 he was elected councilman from the fifth ward and is now a member of the license and claims committee. His interest in New Britain's welfare is deep and sincere and he is ever ready to further plans for its advancement. Earnest and purposeful, he never fails to accomplish what he attempts, and that Mr. Macora is a young man of sterling worth is indicated by the place which he holds in the esteem of his fellow citizens, with whom his life has been spent.

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#### DAVID NORTH CASE

David North Case, chief adjuster for the life, accident and group claim division who has rounded out forty years' service with the Travelers Insurance Company, was born in the town of Farmington, in the village of Unionville, Hartford county, March 31, 1872, and is a son of Charles Humphrey and Rachel Edna (North) Case, both of whom were natives of Canton, this county. The ancestral line is traced back to John Case, who entered Windsor in 1664 and is believed to have been an emigrant from England. He came with the company under the Rev. Mr. Warham by way of Dorchester in 1635 and after living for a time in Windsor removed to Massacoe, now Simsbury. He married Sarah Spencer, who died in 1691, while he passed away in 1703. Their son, Joseph Case, Sr., born in 1674, married Anna Eno and died in 1748, while his wife passed away in 1760. They were parents of Joseph Case, Jr., who was born in 1700 and died in 1782, while his wife, Hannah Humphrey, departed this life in 1787. Their son, Deacon Hosea Case, who was born in 1731 and died in 1793, had

married Mary Case, who passed away in 1817. Asa Case, son of Deacon Case, was born in 1758 and was twice married. His first wife, Lois Dill died in 1812, and his second wife, Theda Humphrey, died in 1851, having for fourteen years survived her husband, whose life's labors were ended in 1837. The ancestor of David N. Case in the sixth generation was Milton Case, who was born in 1801, married Eunice Reed and died in 1882. Their son, Charles Humphrey Case, born in 1841, was married to Rachel Edna North and both passed away in 1927. Among the ancestors of David N. Case were those who participated in the early wars in which the country became engaged, while his father enlisted for service in the Civil war July 22, 1862, and was on duty until June 24, 1865, being a member of the famous Sixteenth Connecticut Infantry, with which he participated in the battle of Antietam and numerous other engagements. He was captured at Plymouth, North Carolina, and was incarcerated in the Andersonville and Florence prisons for eleven months. In early life he had followed farming and later devoted his attention to carpentering. He passed away in June, 1927, having survived his wife for only about five months, she having died in January of the same year.

David North Case obtained a public school education and on the 7th of November, 1888, when a youth of sixteen years, entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company as mail boy. There are no spectacular phases in his career, for he has always remained with this corporation, filling various positions in the different departments and steadily working his way upward, winning rapid promotions and reaching the position of chief adjuster of the life, accident and group claim division in 1912. He has recently rounded out forty years of service with this company—forty years in which fidelity to duty, efficiency and close application have been outstanding features. His worth is widely acknowledged by all who know him but most of all by those whom he has represented in the business world, the corporation bearing high testimony to his loyalty and to his business skill.

On the 7th of May, 1899, Mr. Case was married to Miss Jessie Van Buren, of New York city, and their three children are David, Emily and Lois, the elder daughter being now the wife of James S. Guernsey, of Ansonia, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Case reside at No. 18 Woodrow street in West Hartford. He has membership with the Sons of Veterans and with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has become a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He is also identified with the Hartford Club, the City Club, the Wampanoag Club and the Automobile Club, and his uniform courtesy and his appreciation of the good qualities of others have made for friendship on the part of his fellowmen, so that he is today one of the valued citizens of Hartford.

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#### THOMAS F. McDONOUGH

Among New Britain's native sons who have gained a creditable position as representatives of the bar is numbered Thomas F. McDonough, who was here born December 17, 1900. His father, John McDonough, is a native of Ireland but for many years has made his home in New Britain, where he is now retired from business. He is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and St. Mary's Catholic church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Keating, was born in New Britain, Connecticut.

Thomas F. McDonough supplemented his preliminary education by study in the Brooklyn Law School and in the Yale Summer School and his reading was further directed by the firm of Holden & Peck of Hartford. He was also associated with Kirkham, Cooper, Hungerford & Camp, well known attorneys at law of New Britain. Admitted to the bar on the 16th of January, 1923, he entered upon active practice in the courts of Hartford county and was admitted to the United States courts in 1925. He has always continued in general law practice, specializing, however, to some extent in criminal law, in extradition work and immigration work, and he is well informed on the basic principles of law which have to do with these fields. He has his offices in the Commercial Trust Company building and is accorded an excellent practice for one of his years, being ranked with the leading young attorneys of New Britain.

In the public life of the community he is also keenly interested and is identified with the democratic party and is democratic candidate for senator from the Sixth Senatorial district in 1928. He was on the staff at the democratic national convention at



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THOMAS F. McDONOUGH





Houston, Texas, in 1928, as sergeant-at-arms and is a member of the speakers bureau of the state democratic central committee. At the present writing he is serving on the zoning commission of New Britain. He belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, to the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Young Men's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society, the Delta Theta Phi and the New Britain Lawyers Club. While yet a young man, he has made creditable progress and displays those qualities which make for success at the bar, so that his future record will undoubtedly be one of steady advancement.

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#### DANIEL ASA READ

Daniel Asa Read, assistant secretary of the Travelers Insurance Company, whose constructive business processes and whose thoroughness in everything he undertakes have been elements in the continued and notable success of the corporation which he represents, was born in Middletown, Connecticut, November 1, 1885, a son of William Bedford and Christina Isabella (MacDonald) Read, the father a native of Portland, Connecticut, and the mother of Middletown, this state. The Read family came originally from England, where the ancestral line is traced back to 1139. The MacDonald family is of Scotch lineage brought down from the twelfth or thirteenth century. The pioneer of the Read family in America came from England with the Winthrop expedition in 1730 to Boston, and representatives of the name in later generations drifted into Connecticut at an early period when the reclamation of this state from the wilderness was scarcely begun. The Read family were all seafaring men and the grandfather, Asa Read, met his death by drowning off the coast of Havana after having served as master of several ships. William Bedford Read was also a seafaring man on coast ships along the Atlantic and had become master of a sailing ship when but nineteen years of age. He died in Providence, Rhode Island, September 13, 1918, and is yet survived by his widow, who now makes her home in Hartford.

Daniel A. Read pursued his education in the Middletown schools and when his textbooks were put aside he began to learn the lessons of practical business life as an employe of the Roebling Construction Company of New York city, with which he remained for about three years. In the meantime he had studied stenography and in 1906 he secured a position with the firm of Pratt & Whitney, Hartford manufacturers, with whom he continued until 1908, when he joined the Travelers Insurance Company as a clerk in the audit department. For three years he continued to act in that capacity, after which he became a private clerk in Mr. Butler's office and so continued until August, 1917, when he was appointed office supervisor. His efficiency, thoroughness and fidelity to the interests which he represented were manifest in his promotion in January, 1922, at which time he was elected assistant secretary—his present position. He thus has to do with the direction of important interests of one of the largest insurance companies of the world. His duties are varied and make heavy demands upon his time, with many assistants under him.

On the 29th of January, 1914, Mr. Read was married to Miss May Hutchins, of Middletown, Connecticut, and they have gained many friends during the period of their residence in Hartford, the hospitality of many of the city's attractive homes being now cordially extended them. Mr. Read is a member of the Masonic fraternity and in exemplary manner follows the teachings and spirit of the craft, but his activities are largely limited by the heavy demands made upon him in a business way.

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#### SYDNEY SYMON

An attractive and well appointed furniture store of New Britain is managed by Sydney Symon, who is giving tangible proof of his sound judgment and progressive management in building up a patronage that is now extensive and gratifying. Mr. Symon is a native of New York city. He was born in 1891 and pursued his education in the metropolis, after which he attended the City College of New York. Subsequently he became an advertising manager for department stores in New York, with which he was thus identified until 1917, when he became associated with government

publicity work. In August, 1924, he was made manager of the John A. Andrews Company, Inc., of New Britain, which in the previous month had been bought by Messrs. George, Leon and Samuel Kaplan. He was elected vice president in 1925 and has since continued in that capacity, his associate officers being: Samuel Kaplan, of Hartford, president; George Kaplan, secretary; and Leon Kaplan, treasurer. The John A. Andrews Company has for twenty-eight years conducted one of the pioneer furniture stores of New Britain. In this establishment they handle everything for the home, including furniture and house furnishings, pianos and musical instruments. They carry what is probably the largest stock in their line in New Britain and keep their reserve supplies in a warehouse in Berlin which is much larger than the store. The New Britain establishment is five floors and basement, all used for display purposes, and a most attractive stock is carried, while its tasteful arrangement arrests the attention of visitors and prospective buyers. Mr. Symon and his associates are very alert and energetic merchants, keeping in touch with the trend of the times as displayed in the most modern styles of furniture, and they have ever realized that a satisfied customer is their best advertisement. Mr. Symon's earlier experience in the field of advertising enables him to take care of all of his own advertising in connection with the store and he presents his establishment to the public through most interesting and original newspaper displays.

In 1923 Mr. Symon was married to Miss Minnie Greenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Greenberger, of Norwich, Connecticut, and they are well known socially, having many friends here. They hold membership in the Temple Israel of New Britain. During the World war Mr. Symon handled publicity work for the United States government, taking active part in the Liberty Loan drives and in other war work. He votes with the republican party and he is a member of the Probus Club and of the Advertising Club of America.

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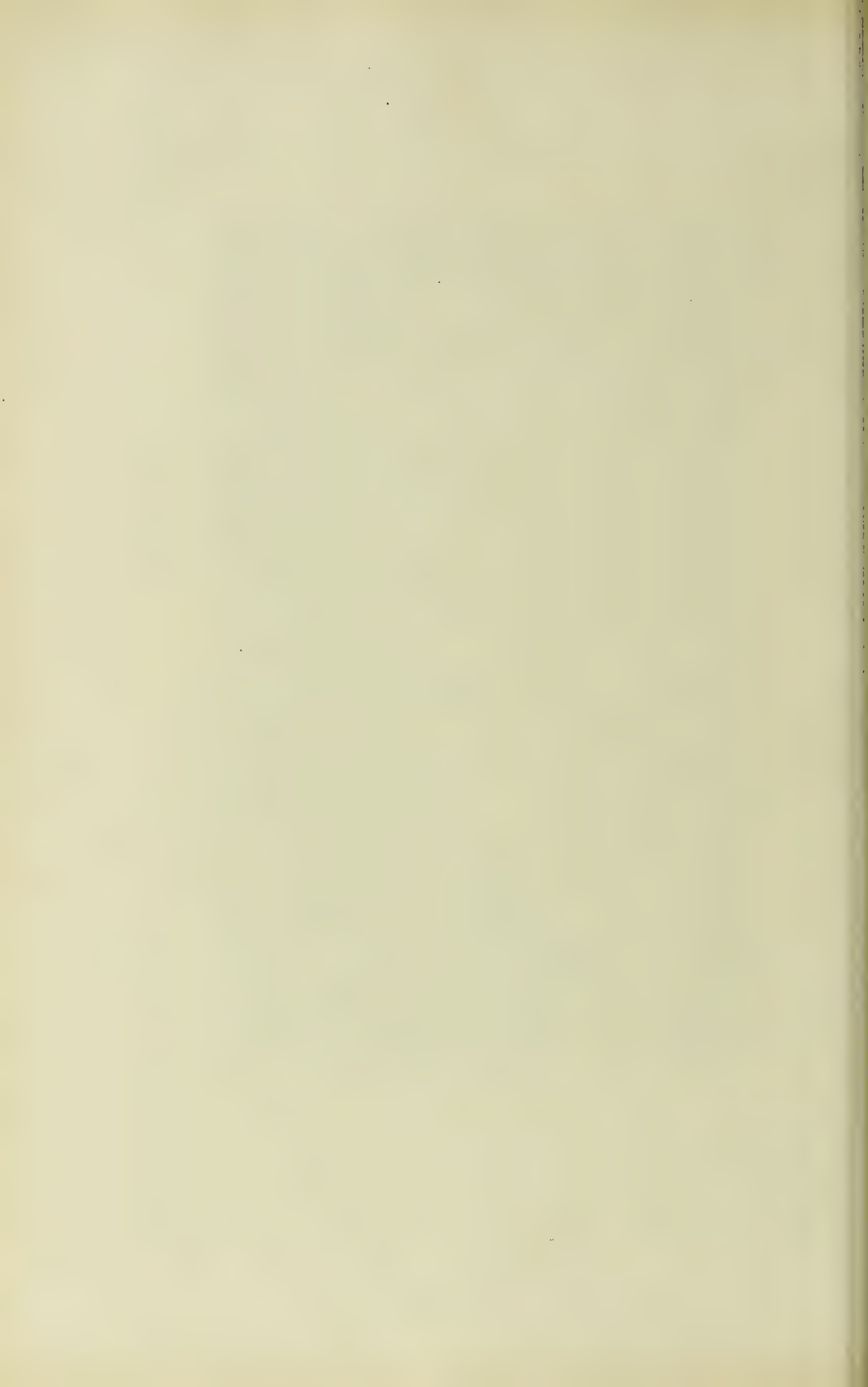
#### JOHN CARLETON LOOMIS

John Carleton Loomis is richly endowed with all those qualities that make up the successful and progressive banker. In business affairs he has shown careful analysis, keen discernment and marked enterprise and the Commercial Trust Company of New Britain, of which he was one of the organizers and is the president, stands as a monument to his efforts and to his high business ideals. Mr. Loomis was born at West Suffield, February 16, 1880, and the local schools afforded him his early educational opportunities, while after leaving the public schools he graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute. Throughout his entire business career he has been identified with activity in the field of finance. He first entered the employ of the Aetna National Bank at Hartford and occupied a clerical position in that institution for nine years. He then went to Springfield, where he was engaged in the investment business, and later became the first treasurer of the Windsor Trust Company, with which he remained for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he removed to New Britain, where he became the dominant spirit in the organization of the Commercial Trust Company and was chosen the bank's first treasurer. He was afterward appointed vice president and succeeded to the presidency upon the death of James M. Curtin. In November, 1927, the Commercial Trust Company opened its new banking building on West Main street, a model structure of its kind, and the occasion was a gala day in the history of business activity in New Britain. So great was the crowd that gathered on that occasion that it was almost impossible to transact any business and within two hours the bank had given away ten thousand roses—one to each visitor. The crowd continued throughout the afternoon and evening and the bank was made the recipient of most beautiful floral pieces. The bank equipment is of the most modern type and affords every possible convenience for the patrons, and in its new home the continued success of the institution is assured, for back of the bank stand men of pronounced ability, thoroughly acquainted with every phase of financial activity as represented in the banking institutions of the country. Mr. Loomis brought to his duties as president broad practical experience and a most progressive spirit, and the results attained under his direction are most gratifying. He is also vice president of the Peoples Savings Bank of New Britain.





JOHN C. LOOMIS



On the 8th of October, 1907, Mr. Loomis was married to Ethel Belle Kenyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kenyon of Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Lyman Kenyon, a student at Amherst College; John C., Jr., a student at the Suffield School; and Ruth. Mrs. Loomis was president of the Women's Club of New Britain for two years and is secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Loomis made a commendable record as president of the New Britain Chamber of Commerce from 1921 until 1923 and is a director of the State Chamber of Commerce. In club circles he is widely and prominently known, having membership in the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, the New Britain Club and the Hartford Club, and he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Alert, enterprising and progressive, he is a valued addition to any organization or to any community in which he directs his activities and his position in New Britain is one of leadership.

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#### GILBERT FREDERICK HEUBLEIN

Gilbert Frederick Heublein, a prominent and successful business man of Hartford, has made valuable contribution not only to its business growth but also to the welfare of the community.

He was born in Suhl, Germany, December 28, 1849. His parents, Andrew and Lena (Meissner) Heublein, were also natives of Suhl. Industrious, thrifty, and liberty loving, a weaver by trade, his father, attracted by our democratic form of government and freedom of action, left his native land in 1850 to become a resident of the United States. He became a naturalized citizen as soon as the necessary time had elapsed. At first, the family lived in Beacon Falls, Connecticut; shortly after, moving to New Haven; and in 1859, to Hartford. His father, Andrew Heublein, died May 30, 1899.

Gilbert F. Heublein received his education in a public school of Hartford, as well as in a private school conducted and maintained by some of the older German families. He graduated from the Stone school on Market street, since succeeded by the present Brown school. By the time Gilbert F. Heublein had reached the age of seventeen years, his father had established a restaurant, and he became his father's assistant. In a short time, "Heubs" became the rendezvous of the leading residents of Hartford, as well as of the state. People in all walks of life, business, political and literary, met there to discuss the topics of the day and spend a social hour. In 1870, he became his father's partner under the firm name of Andrew Heublein & Son. From this time on, progress was rapid. Five years later, the elder Heublein retired and Gilbert F. and his younger brother, Louis F., who by this time had completed his studies at Cornell University, took over the business and established the firm name of G. F. Heublein & Brother. In 1901 the business was incorporated and some of the older employees given an interest in it. Under the guidance of the two brothers the firm became very prominent as importers and exporters of rare wines, liquors, bay rum and olive oil. They also introduced specialties under their own brands which found a market in all parts of the world. A. 1. Sauce, the recognized leader among condiments in use in the United States, was introduced from England, through the efforts of Gilbert F. Heublein.

Success in this field of operation prompted effort along other lines of activity. In 1891, the Heublein Hotel was erected at Gold and Wells streets. At that time, it was the finest in New England, and soon gained an enviable reputation from coast to coast for its hospitality and unusual table. Original in his ideas, Mr. Heublein attained for his new hotel the distinction of being the first one in the United States to be equipped throughout with oriental rugs.

Real Estate operations followed and, later on, extended into the security field.

By 1916, three corporations, G. F. Heublein & Brother, The Heublein Hotel Company, and G. F. Heublein, Incorporated, were in operation, each in a different field of activity. In 1923, The Heublein Corporation of New York was added for the purpose of operating a real estate business in the state of New York. All of the above concerns are operated under the active management of Gilbert F. Heublein, his brother Louis having passed away on February 8, 1913.



On December 2, 1875, Gilbert F. Heublein married Louise M. Gundlach, of Hartford. They have two children, a daughter, Alice H., born October 23, 1877, who is now the wife of Percy Martin of Kenilworth, England, and a son, Arthur C., a physician, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Independent in his ideas and actions, he never permanently affiliated himself with any political party, although he did lean slightly towards the democratic party. At various times, political offices were offered him, which he never accepted.

He took great interest, however, in public institutions particularly hospitals. He has been on the executive board of the Hartford Hospital since 1902, and its enviable reputation among the leading hospitals of the country is due, in no small degree, to his untiring efforts. The Nurses Home and Recreation Hall, facing Jefferson street, is a gift to the hospital by Gilbert F. Heublein and his family.

He has been a liberal contributor to other public enterprises but always preferred that no publicity be given them.

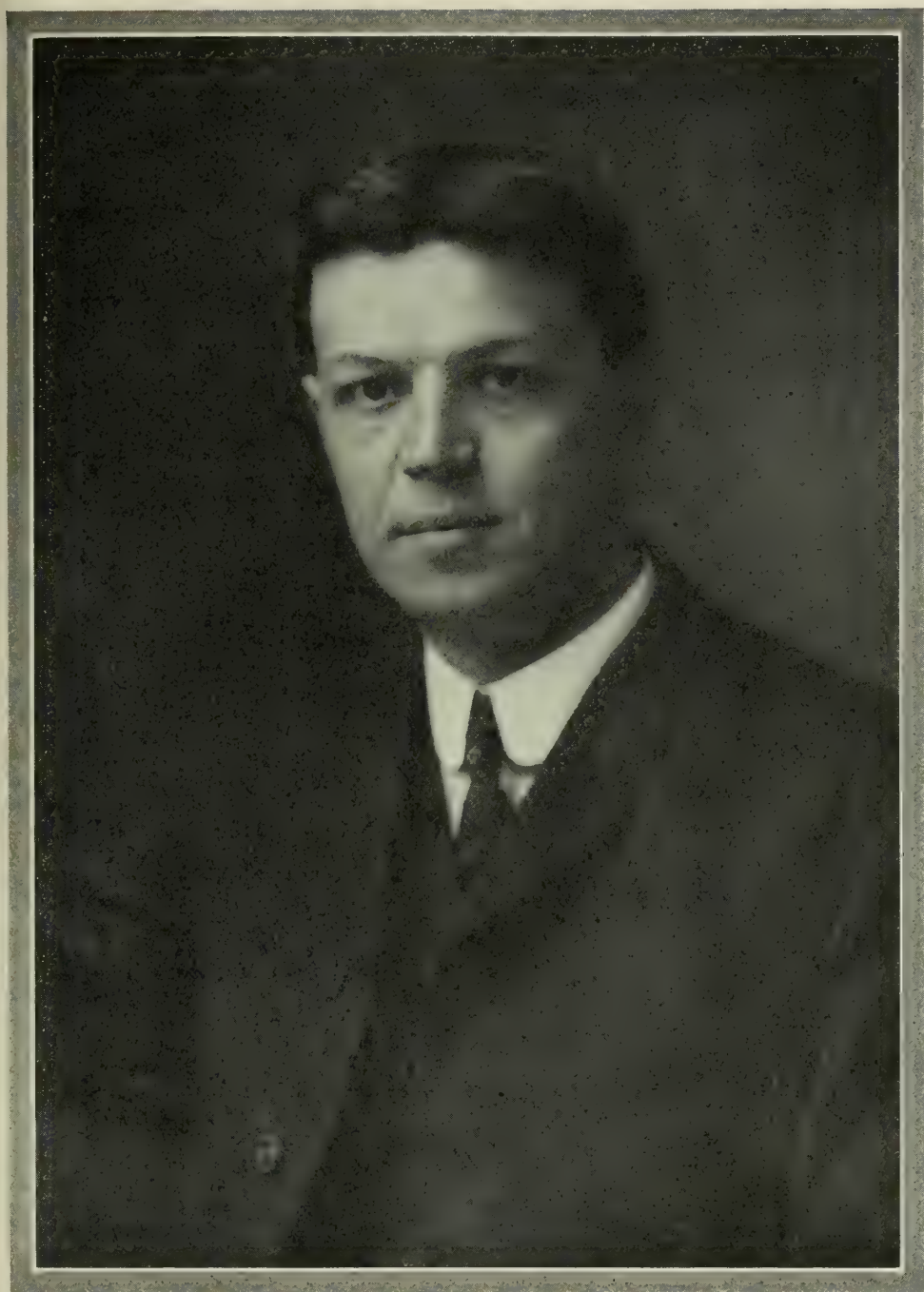
Socially he is well known and has a wide circle of friends not only in Hartford but practically all over the world as he has traveled extensively in all parts of the globe. He is a member of The Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, The City Club, Hartford Lodge of Elks, Country Club of Farmington, The Lambs Club of New York, and the Automobile Clubs of Hartford, New York and Great Britain.

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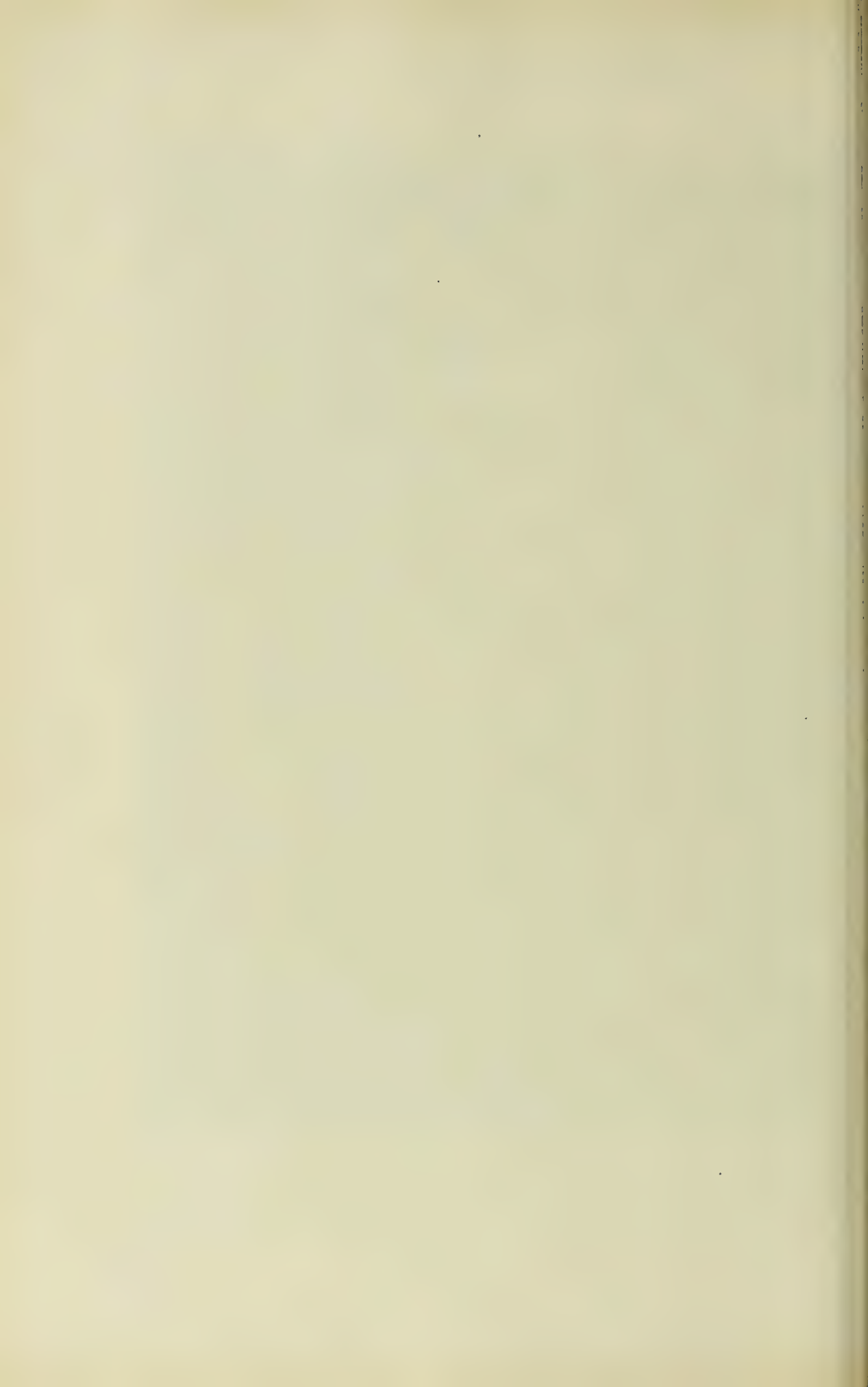
#### CARLISLE HODGES BALDWIN

As vice president of the American Hardware Corporation, Carlisle Hodges Baldwin is prominently connected with one of the leading business interests of New Britain. He was born in Torrington, Connecticut, in 1870, being one of the three sons of James B. and Martha (Merriman) Baldwin, both of whom were natives of this state and representatives of old Connecticut families. He is a descendant of John Baldwin who came to Milford, Connecticut, with "New Haven Land Company" early in the seventeenth century from Buckinghamshire, Bucks county, England. This John Baldwin, referred to, married Mary Bruen of Bruen Stapleford, Cheshire, England. This branch traces directly back to Robert Le Bruen in the year 1230. James B. Baldwin, the father of Carlisle H. Baldwin, was a natural mechanic and artist, devoting his early years to blacksmithing, carriage making and painting and to such other allied arts. He was also a great lover of horses and of the outdoor sports of those days. He was active in civic affairs of the community, standing at all times for those forces which make for progress and improvement in community life. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and at one time he filled the office of postmaster at Terryville, Connecticut, while fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. Both he and his wife have passed away. Their son, Ernest E. Baldwin, is associated with the Corbin Screw Corporation as sales manager.

Carlisle H. Baldwin obtained a public school education at Terryville and then started to work for the Eagle Lock Company of that place when sixteen years of age, his position being that of office boy. Steadily he was advanced as he proved his worth and capability until he filled various important general office positions. In 1899 he came to New Britain as assistant to George W. Corbin, who was general manager of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company, the plant of which has since become a division or unit of the American Hardware Corporation and manufactures cabinet locks, padlocks, trunk and suitcase locks, keys and key blanks, post office equipment, house letter boxes, home savings banks and a general variety of miscellaneous hardware for special work. Step by step Mr. Baldwin progressed, winning his promotions through earnest effort, diligence and reliability. He was elected secretary of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company in 1904, was made treasurer in the following year, was chosen first vice president and treasurer in 1907 and in 1908 became president and treasurer, which offices he held until 1912. In the last named year the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company was taken over by the American Hardware Corporation and C. H. Baldwin was elected vice president of the American Hardware Corporation and general manager of the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company division. He is likewise one of the directors of the corporation and also of the New Britain Trust Company and of the New Britain Cooperative Savings & Loan Association, as well as of the Shuttle Meadow Club.



CARLISLE H. BALDWIN





On the 27th of July, 1893, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Lula Palmer, who was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of a son and daughter. James P., who is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, and while a student there enlisted in the navy department, is now assistant superintendent of the Corbin Screw Corporation. He married Mildred Palmer and they have two children, Jane and Martha. Marjorie, the daughter of the family, is the wife of Arnold Frederic Wallen, now of New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have membership in the First Congregational church and she is active and prominent in social circles and holds membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution. He is likewise a member of the Masonic lodge and in politics he is an earnest republican, taking an active interest in political and civic affairs and in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community. He is a director of the Hartford County Manufacturers Association and the Open Shop Conference of Connecticut and he closely studies the problems that have to do with business advancement, particularly in the field of manufacturing. He is a man of keen insight and of broad vision and his opinions are based upon practical experience and close investigation, while his labors have at all times been attended with results that are far-reaching and beneficial.

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#### GEORGE E. PRENTICE

George E. Prentice was a youth of fifteen years when he arrived from England in the United States in 1883. He had hitherto had but limited educational opportunities, but he was ambitious and not afraid of work and soon afterward he entered upon a seven years' apprenticeship in a jewelry establishment. Since then he has steadily climbed until he is at the head of one of the large productive plants of Hartford county—the G. E. Prentice Manufacturing Company of New Britain, its output being metal trimmings for suspenders, garters and belts, together with various specialties. This business has been in continuous existence since 1912 and the passing years have marked a continuous increase in the trade until the English lad is today one of the foremost manufacturers of Connecticut. He was born in 1868, his parents being George and Caroline (Gale) Prentice, both of whom were natives of England. As opportunity offered he attended school there, but his chances were limited and in the school of experience he has learned the lessons which have brought him steadily to the front. With his arrival in New Britain he entered the employ of the Churchill & Lewis Company, the oldest jewelry manufacturing concern in the country. For seven years he worked to learn the trade and gained intimate knowledge thereof, acquainting himself with the methods of making the finest jewelry. When that establishment was moved to New York in 1892 he became connected with the Traut & Hine Manufacturing Company to learn the trade of tool making, in which he showed such efficiency and aptitude that after two years he was made superintendent. Prompted at all times by a laudable ambition, he utilized every opportunity that would bring him to the financial position that would enable him to engage in business on his own account. In 1912, therefore he started his present business, which was capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars, but only twelve thousand, five hundred dollars was paid in. As the years brought in profits, however, the full amount of capitalization was paid up and later this was changed to three hundred thousand dollars. During the war Mr. Prentice was summoned to appear before the war department to make plans for the manufacture of products needed and produced over one hundred million pieces without a single rejection, this being an outstanding record. Moreover, the government used his factory for training inspectors for other factories and had seventeen men here during the period of the war. Mr. Prentice also placed all of the patents at the service of the government without financial recompense. He had to take out more than seventy-five United States patents on different articles, chiefly his own line, and many foreign patents were also issued. He today produces an automatic fastener that is exported all over the world and the output includes various designs of metal trimmings for suspenders, garters and belts, many specialties and also personal hardware, the chief product, however, being metal trimmings for clothing. This is practically the only manufacturing plant of the kind in Hartford county and sales are made direct from the factory to users, while four traveling sales-

men are employed, covering the entire United States. Since the business was established it has expanded to at least five times its original size and there are now about two hundred employes in the factory. In 1918 a branch plant was established in New Britain, where a good business is now being carried on. Both plants are equipped with the latest automatic machinery and much of the output is now covered by patents which were secured by Mr. Prentice upon articles of his own design. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. His plant probably manufactured more material for the government during the war than any other plant of its size, including trimmings for uniforms and equipment, and his company received a letter from the government commending the excellent work done. Associated with Mr. Prentice in the undertaking are F. H. Johnston and F. H. Alford, who became directors at the inception. Alphonso B. Porter also became associated with the firm in 1913 as secretary and treasurer of the company and he is likewise one of the directors, having been very active in the business for the past fifteen years. Likewise identified with the enterprise are R. O. Clark, a brick manufacturer of Berlin, Connecticut; F. S. Troup, who is vice president in charge of sales at New Britain; and R. C. Legat, general superintendent of the factory.

In 1891 Mr. Prentice was married to Miss Edith M. Chaloner, who was born in New Britain, and they became parents of four daughters: Mrs. Harold Clark, of East Berlin, Connecticut; Mrs. Fred Troup, of Berlin, whose husband is a director and sales manager of the G. E. Prentice Manufacturing Company; Mrs. John Grobstein, whose husband is with the experimental department of engineering of the Stanley Works of New Britain and Edith, who was graduated from Penn Hall at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in June, 1927, and is now engaged in secretarial work. Mrs. Prentice is a member of the Woman's Club of New Britain and takes a very active part in the work of the Berlin Congregational church, in which she holds membership. Mr. Prentice is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Lions Club and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Berlin Congregational church. His name is likewise on the membership rolls of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

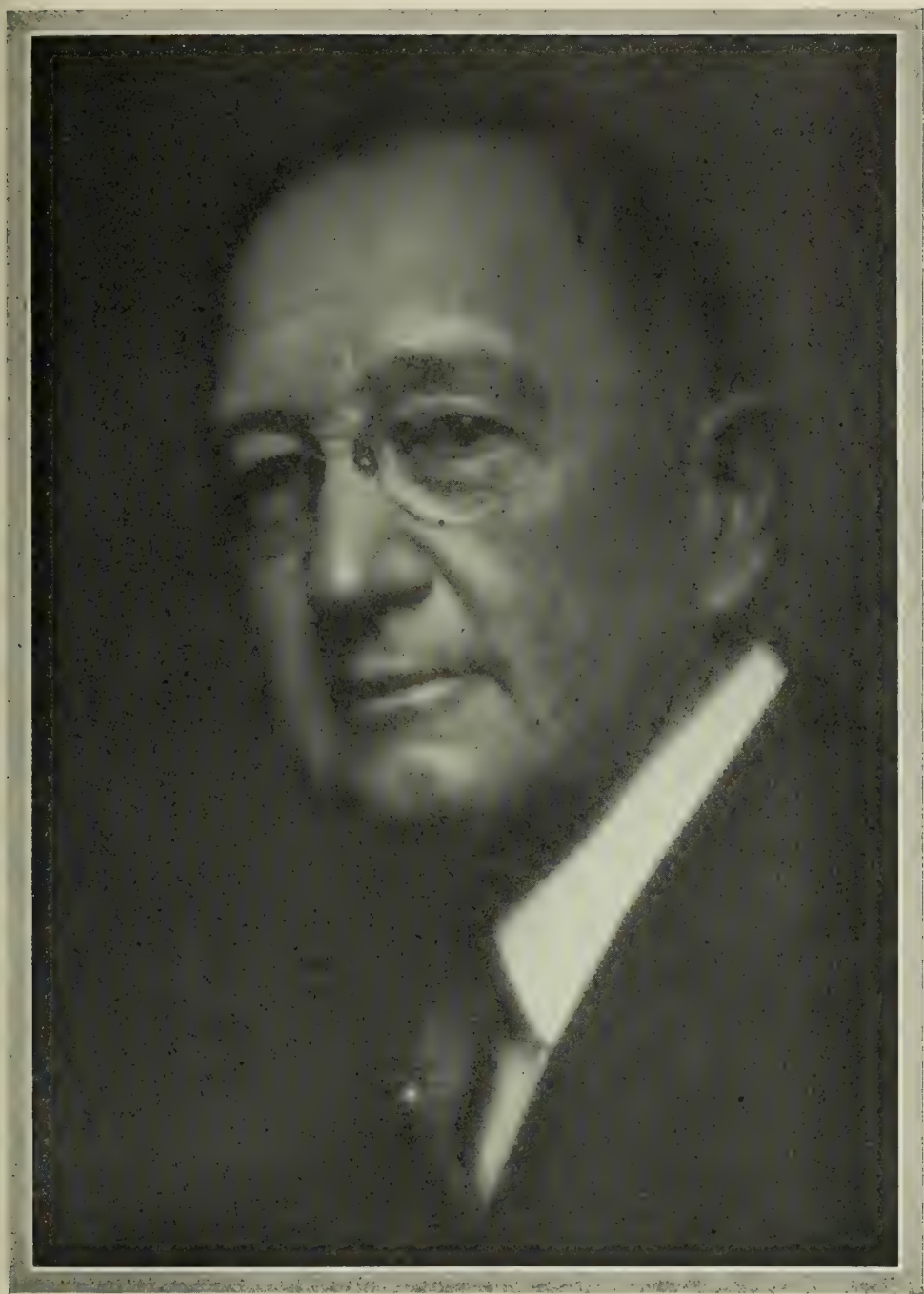
Mr. Prentice is truly a self-made man and deserves all the credit which that term implies. Step by step he has worked his way upward and each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunity. As he has advanced he has grown in business power and strength until his resourcefulness and capability have made him a dominant factor in the manufacturing circles of Hartford county and placed him at the head of a business which contributes in substantial measure to the material prosperity of New Britain.

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#### FREDERIC C. WHITE

On the roster of officials of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company appears the name of Frederic C. White, who is the vice president. Born in Buffalo, New York, March 3, 1867, he is a son of George W. and Sarah Miller (Whelden) White. The father was a native of New York, where he was engaged in business as a fire insurance agent, while later he was with the Board of Fire Underwriters. His wife was born in Minnesota, and both have now passed away.

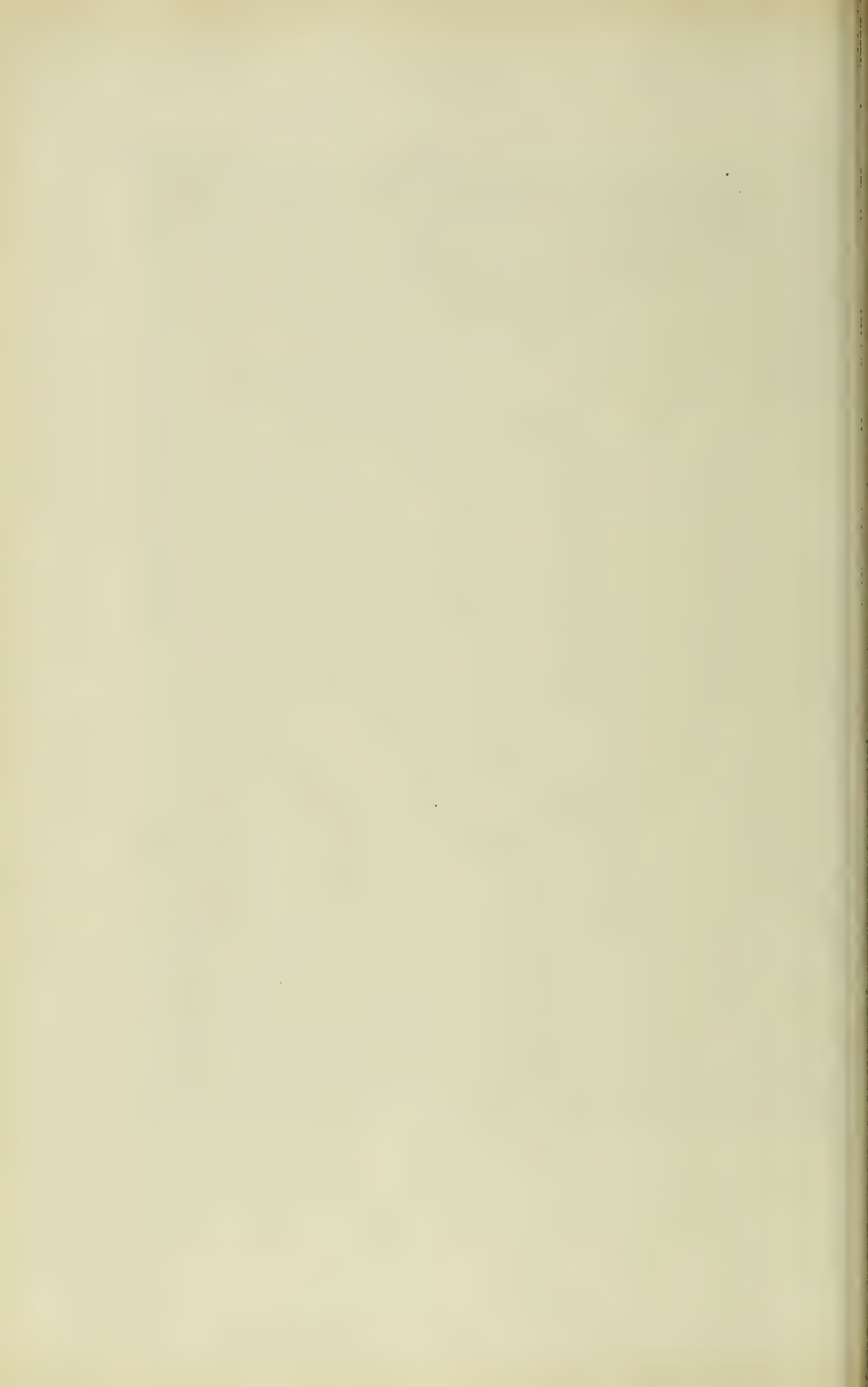
When Frederic C. White had completed his education as a public school student he turned to insurance, in which he hoped to find a congenial and profitable field. This was in 1888 and he secured the position of chief inspector with the Buffalo Association of Fire Underwriters. In 1902 he became identified with the Underwriters Association of the middle department of Philadelphia as chief engineer, remaining in that connection until 1906, when he went with the New York Underwriters Agency, a subsidiary of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. In the course of time he became special agent for western New York and afterward was made superintendent of the special risk department. At a later date he became a member of the firm of A. & J. H. Stoddard, general agents of the New York Underwriters Agency, continuing a member of that firm until 1920, when he came to Hartford, at the request of the board of directors of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, to assume the office of vice president. Through the intervening period he has contributed to the success of the corporation through his wisely directed



(Photograph by Pirie MacDonald)

FREDERIC C. WHITE





efforts, sound judgment and comprehensive knowledge of many phases of the insurance business. He is likewise vice president of the Citizens Insurance Company, vice president of the Twin City Insurance Company, vice president of the New York Underwriters Insurance Company and a director of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company of Hartford.

On the 12th of September, 1888, Mr. White was united in marriage to Mabel A. Paxson, of Eden, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Ray C. Neal, of Buffalo, New York. The family residence is at 50 Walbridge road in West Hartford. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. White is indicated in their connection with the First Unitarian Congregational Society, of which the former is now the president. He belongs also to the Masonic fraternity and to the lodge of the Ancient Landmarks of Buffalo. In club circles he is widely and favorably known, having membership in the Hartford Golf Club, the Country Club of Farmington, the Wampanoag Club, the Union League Club of New York and the Drug & Chemical Club of New York. His activities and his interests are broad and varied, bespeaking him a typical American citizen of alert and enterprising spirit, meeting his duties and his obligations as freely and willingly as his opportunities.

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#### CHARLES EDSON CURTISS

Charles Edson Curtiss, one of Simsbury's best known citizens, was long classed with its foremost business men and is now enjoying the ease and comfort secured by a well spent life. He was born March 18, 1850, in the Busby Hills district of Simsbury, of which locality his father, Ebenezer G. Curtiss, was also a native, and his grandfather was Timothy H. Curtiss. The last named attained the age of seventy-six years, passing away March 19, 1864. Ebenezer G. Curtiss was born November 15, 1822, and spent a portion of his boyhood in Ipswich, Massachusetts. For a number of years he followed the occupation of farming and while living near Weatogue, in Hartford county, he dealt extensively in cattle, which he purchased in the west and drove to Connecticut. Afterward he removed to Simsbury, which he represented in the state legislature, and was a man of prominence in the community. In politics he was a staunch democrat and along fraternal lines he was connected with the Masonic order, belonging to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M. He married Miss Mary A. Norton. They had three children: George N., who was born August 19, 1848, and died April 20 of the following year; Charles Edson; and James, born June 23, 1856. Ebenezer G. Curtiss died September 16, 1890, when he was nearly sixty-eight years of age.

In the acquirement of an education Charles E. Curtiss attended the common schools of Weatogue and completed his studies in Guilford Institute. He engaged in farming for a year and in 1867 became a clerk in a general store conducted by Judson Wilcox in Simsbury. Later Mr. Curtiss was a traveling salesman for Humason & Beckley of New Britain, Connecticut, covering the state of New York, and subsequently he represented a cigar company in the same capacity. In 1872 he located in Oneonta, New York, turning his attention to the livery business, and next went to Westfield, Massachusetts. There he was employed as a bookkeeper by a firm of grocers and in 1879 returned to Simsbury, where he has since resided. In 1880 he entered the service of the Ensign-Bickford Company, starting in a lowly capacity, and his diligence, ability and devotion to duty were rewarded by successive promotions. Following the death of R. H. Ensign, Mr. Curtiss was elected vice president and remained the incumbent of that office until his retirement on July 1, 1919, when he disposed of his holdings in the business. He was identified with the firm for a period of thirty-nine years and eleven months, doing all in his power to promote its interests, and his labors were beneficially resultant.

Mr. Curtiss was married April 19, 1876, to Miss Sarah J. Toy, by whom he had two children, Joseph T. and Grace G. The son was born December 16, 1878, and attended the Dobbs Ferry School in New York state. His education was continued in Andover, Massachusetts, after which he spent a year in Europe. He chose a mercantile career and became one of the leading business men of Tariffville, Connecticut, where he resided during the remainder of his life. On December 19, 1899, he married Miss Abigail G. Eno, a daughter of Chauncey H. Eno, of Simsbury, and he passed away on March 19, 1912, when he was thirty-four years of age and

in the full flush of his powers. Charles E. Curtiss married Miss Anna Isabel Hamilton, of County Derry, Ireland. On April 10, 1889, Mr. Curtiss established his home at The Elms, one of the show places of Simsbury. In 1920 he sold the property and removed to the Culeven residence, so named for a friend of his wife. He is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and supports the candidates of the democratic party when national issues are at stake but at local elections casts an independent ballot. During 1909-10 he was a member of the state legislature and received the largest majority ever accorded a candidate from this district. A Royal Arch Mason, he has attained the seventh degree and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias. Early in his career Mr. Curtiss realized that there is no royal road to success, which is won only through concentrated effort, guided and directed by intelligence and good judgment, and he also adopted as the guide-posts of his life those principles which never fail to inspire admiration and respect and which constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity.

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#### VINCENT FRANCIS MENDILLO, M. D.

Since 1925 Dr. Vincent Francis Mendillo has been engaged in the general practice of medicine in New Britain and in December, 1927 was made assistant attending surgeon in the New Britain General Hospital. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, May 29, 1900, and is a son of Rocco and Mary Mendillo. The father died in 1909 and the mother is still living at the age of sixty-three years.

Having completed the public school course, Dr. Mendillo entered upon the mastery of the academic work at Yale as a member of the class of 1921 and in preparation for his professional career attended the Yale Medical School, which accorded him an honor diploma in 1924. In the same year he served as interne in the New Britain General Hospital, remaining therewith until July, 1925, when he opened an office for the private practice of medicine. In October, 1926, he was appointed assistant attending physician in the New Britain General Hospital and in December, 1927, was made assistant attending surgeon, so that throughout his professional career he has been more or less closely associated with the work of this institution. He has taught anatomy and obstetrics at the nurses school of the New Britain General Hospital and he belongs to the city, county and state medical associations and is a fellow of the American Medical Association.

On the 17th of August, 1927, at New Britain, Connecticut, Dr. Mendillo was united in marriage to Miss Eby B. Neri, daughter of Regolo and Desolina Neri.

Dr. Mendillo belongs to the New Britain Yale Club and to the Yale Alumni Association and has already won many friends during the period of his residence here, while at the same time he has gained for himself a creditable position in professional circles.

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#### ROBERT C. LEES HAMILTON

It is hardly possible to realize what would have been Hartford's business condition were insurance interests withdrawn from the city, which by reason of the extent and importance of her business of this character has become recognized as the insurance center of America. Robert C. Lees Hamilton is well known as the comptroller of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company and is classed with those substantial residents that Scotland has furnished to the new world. His native town was Bothwell, Scotland, and his natal day June 4, 1867. His parents, William and Jean (Lees) Hamilton, were also natives of the land of hills and heather, where the father engaged in business as a civil engineer, but both he and his wife have passed away.

Liberally educated, Robert C. L. Hamilton was a student in Herriot-Watt College in Edinburgh and after his course was completed he turned to the financial field by becoming an employe in a branch bank of the British Linen Company Bank and followed that line of business for about four years. Believing that he might have superior advantages in the new world, he came to America in 1900, going first to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed as a public accountant. It was there that





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ROBERT C. L. HAMILTON



he joined the Ocean Accident Insurance Company in 1903, continuing with that corporation until 1911, when he joined the Royal Indemnity Insurance Company, with which he remained until 1913. For a short time thereafter he was with the General Accident & Insurance Company as treasurer and took up his abode in New York. On the 1st of May, 1914, he joined the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company as comptroller and has since filled this position, now covering a period of more than fourteen years, his service being a contributing factor to the continuous development and successful conduct of the business. He is also vice president of the Hartford Building & Loan Association and is highly esteemed in the business circles of the city.

Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Elizabeth Beveridge, who passed away April 24, 1922. They were parents of four children. William, who attended the Yonkers school and the New York University, is now assistant vice president of the Great American Indemnity Company of New York, in charge of the underwriting of workmen's compensation and liability insurance. Agnes Young is the second of the family. Jean Lees is the wife of Stanley T. Green, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth is the wife of Paul L. Putnam, of Storrs, Connecticut. Mr. Hamilton makes his home at 80 Woodrow street in West Hartford. His Masonic associations have brought him a wide acquaintance and his fellow members of Hartford Lodge, No. 88, F. & A. M., of which he is past master, of Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M., and Wolcott Council No. 1, R. & S. M., esteem him highly because of his close conformity to the ethical teachings of the craft. There is a military chapter in his life record, for he served through ten years in the territorial army of Scotland, five years in the artillery and five years in the infantry, becoming color sergeant. He has found amusement and recreation in many manly outdoor sports, having been well known as a golfer, a swimmer, boxer and a tennis, football and cricket player. One of his characteristics is his concentration upon the thing at hand, whether it be sport or business, and his enthusiasm, directed by sound judgment, has brought about valuable results.

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#### HARRY C. BROWN

Harry C. Brown, who since 1924 has engaged in the retail coal business in New Britain, his native city, has found, as all others do, that "there is no royal road to wealth" but has also found, as many others fail to do, that industry and perseverance will win success. Mr. Brown was born in 1871, his parents being John and Maria (Bergin) Brown. The father was employed by the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company and was a resident of New Britain from 1850 until his demise. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was serving as a member of the city council when he passed away in 1890. To him and his wife were born four sons and three daughters of whom two sons and a daughter are yet living.

Harry C. Brown, having attended the public schools until he completed his course by graduation from the high school in 1890, entered the employ of the New York & New England Railroad as a billing clerk, acting in that capacity for two years. He was afterward in a clerical position in the United States post office department but resigned in 1912, at which time he was filling the office of superintendent of mails, having won various promotions through intermediate positions. Later he was associated with the Traut & Hine Manufacturing Company of New Britain as purchasing agent and so continued until 1924, when he became a director of the company and on the 15th of November of that year, in association with Sam Schneider, he bought out the business of the Universal Coal & Wood Company, the successors of the Sovereign Trading Company. Since that time he has been engaged in the retail coal business as secretary, treasurer and a director of the company, with Sam Schneider as president. Their yards are located at 477 West Main street and are among the largest of the coal and wood yards of this part of the county. Their reliability and progressiveness in business have secured to them a gratifying patronage, for their trade is now one of extensive proportions.

In 1917 Mr. Brown was married to Miss Elizabeth Stack, of Conway, Massachusetts. They are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church and Mrs. Brown is active in church and social affairs. She belongs to the Daughters of Isabella and



also to the Sunshine Society, while Mr. Brown is well known as the president of the Lions Club and as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He votes with the republican party and withholds his support from no project which he deems of vital worth to the community. He has acted as chairman of the civil service commission which was established some years ago and at one time was a member of the city fuel commission. His public spirit has been manifest in many tangible ways, while his sterling personal worth constitutes one of the elements in his make-up that has brought him warm friendships and kindly regard.

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#### B. C. PORTER SONS

B. C. Porter Sons is the name under which is conducted one of the progressive business enterprises of New Britain. In the fall of 1839, almost nine decades ago, Abijah Flagg, an expert cabinetmaker of Berlin, Connecticut, came to New Britain with his son and opened a small furniture store. After the death of the elder Flagg the business was carried on by the son under his own name, W. H. Flagg, until he sold out to Joseph G. Thompson in 1857, and Mr. Thompson in turn disposed of the business to Bryan C. Porter in 1869. The latter was the grandfather of Maxwell S. Porter, now the manager of the business. Bryan C. Porter was also an expert cabinetmaker who had been employed by the Seth Thomas Clock Company, making cases at Thomaston, Connecticut. After he had had some experience in Kansas among the free soil immigrants to that state he brought his family to New Britain and began to build up the business which he had acquired. His delightful personality, his generous nature, his honesty and his progressive spirit won him a host of loyal friends and owing to his pronounced business ability he was able to serve the growing community well. The original Flagg store soon became too small, so that in 1885 Mr. Porter built a fine brick block on Main street, consisting of five floors and equipped with two elevators. With the passing years the business has expanded and the store has been enlarged to meet the demands of the trade. Mr. Porter soon won a liberal patronage by his efforts to please his customers and his thoroughly reliable method and continued at the head of the business until his death in 1891. His two sons, Frank J. and Eugene J., then formed the present partnership under the name of B. C. Porter Sons, and the third generation of the family is now represented in the management of the business by Maxwell S. Porter, who is active in control at the present time. From its small beginning to the present time, covering a period of eighty-nine years, the business carried on under the style of B. C. Porter Sons has steadily grown until the establishment is well known throughout the state as "Connecticut's best furniture store."

The steady development and growth of the business is indicated in the fact that in 1928 additions were opened which doubled the previous floor area. This new building is equipped with modern automatic electric elevators and has a total area of sixty-nine thousand square feet of floor space. There is also a complete automatic sprinkler system, with an outside water curtain, and a new heating plant with oil burners. The decorations are in colonial style in the woodwork and trim and are of beautiful simplicity. All windows on every sales floor are draped with natural color mohair casement cloth. The old idea of displaying furniture and rugs in imitation room setting has been abandoned and the new method adopted of showing furniture and rugs in the "wide open spaces," which allows a purchaser to view articles from all angles and of judging their appearance in relation to other furnishings. Everything for the home is here to be found from the linoleum for kitchen floors and all kitchen utensils to the finest that can be produced in furnishings and rugs for the living apartments of the best homes.

Frank J. Porter, who became one of his father's successors in business, was born in Thomaston, Connecticut, July 11, 1861, his parents being Bryan C. and Ann Mariah (White) Porter. As previously indicated, he became an active factor in the conduct of the business which had been carried on by his father and as the years passed he also extended his efforts into other fields, becoming a director of the New Britain Trust Company and a director of the Union Manufacturing Company. In his political views he has always been an earnest republican and has taken an active part in



FRANK J. PORTER





civic affairs of New Britain, supporting all projects having to do with the city's upbuilding and substantial development. He was president of the Business Men's Association, is a member of the Masonic lodge, the New Britain Club, the Shuttle Meadow Club, the Farmington Country Club and Rotary Club of New Britain and he has always found great delight and interest in travel, in which he has indulged extensively. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church and its teachings have guided him in all the relations of life. He married Sarah Hale Brown, who was born in New Britain, and their son, Eliot Hale Porter, who was born in 1888, died in 1916.

Another son, Maxwell S. Porter, born in New Britain in 1895, attended the public schools, continued his education in Phillips Exeter Academy and in Yale University, where he was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in the class of 1918. During the World war period he was with the civil service in connection with the ordnance department, working for Billings & Spencer in the employ of the government. Since 1918 he has been connected with his father in business, and thoroughly acquainting himself with every phase of the trade, he has been made manager of B. C. Porter Sons. Thus for three generations the family has carried on the business, which is today the oldest in New Britain and which through all the passing years has steadily grown and developed, maintaining an unsullied name by reason of methods which have neither sought nor required disguise. He is also a director of the New Britain Trust Company and is thus actively associated with the financial interests of the city.

In 1920 Mr. Porter was married to Miss Rachel Estelle Parker, of New Britain, and they have two children: Eliot Hale (II), who was born in New Britain in 1923; and Maxine S., in 1926. The father is a member of the First Congregational church and the mother of the South Congregational church. She attended the Connecticut College and she is active in church and social circles, belonging also to the Daughters of the American Revolution and to the New Britain Woman's Club. Mr. Porter is identified with the Masonic lodge, the New Britain Club, the Yale Club of New York city, the Shuttle Meadow Club and the Rotary Club. During his college days he became a member of the Phi Gamma Delta, a Yale fraternity, of the Yale Glee Club and the freshman tennis team. His social qualities and his genial manner make for popularity wherever he is known and he has an extensive circle of friends who esteem him highly.

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#### EDWARD MARVIN DAY

Edward Marvin Day, for more than thirty years recognized as a distinguished member of the Hartford bar and regarded as one of the foremost corporation lawyers of the capital city, is now practicing as senior partner of the firm of Day, Berry & Reynolds. He has not only interpreted but has also aided in framing the laws of the commonwealth, and his legal knowledge has been of benefit and value to various business interests of the state, which he represents as a member of their directorates. Born in Colchester, Connecticut, on the 20th of August, 1872, Edward Marvin Day is a son of Erastus S. and Catherine (Omsted) Day, who were also natives of that place. For many years the father was prominent politically and exerted a widely felt influence over public affairs.

The son, having graduated from Bacon Academy at Colchester, graduated from the Yale University in 1894 and the Yale Law School as a member of the class of 1896. The same year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon active practice in Hartford. He practiced alone from 1897 until 1919 and in the latter year the firm of Day & Berry was established, while the admission of a third partner led to the adoption of the firm style of Day, Berry & Reynolds—a connection that has since been maintained. Throughout his entire professional career Mr. Day has enjoyed a most liberal share of the legal business of Hartford and among his clients are now numbered a gratifying percentage of the big corporations. He has likewise been connected with many important cases that have come for trial before the courts and has won many notable verdicts favorable to the interests which he has represented. He possesses comprehensive knowledge of corporation law with its many intricacies and in this field his analytical power and the readiness with which he assembles facts

are of great worth to him. His name is on the membership roll of the American Bar Association.

Aside from his intense activity in the field of his profession, Mr. Day has become well known in other lines of business, being a director of the Phoenix Insurance Company, the Aetna Life Insurance Company, the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, the Automobile Insurance Company, the Hartford Courant Company, the J. B. Williams Company, the J. R. Montgomery Company, the New Britain Machine Company and the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company.

Mr. Day made a splendid record in the legislature, to which body he was chosen from Colchester in 1897, and he served as executive secretary for Governor George E. Lounsbury in 1899 and 1900 and for Governor Henry Roberts during the years 1905 and 1906. He has never withheld his interest nor active assistance from movements or projects having to do with the public welfare and served as counsel for the water board commission during its litigation resulting in the case being carried before the United States supreme court. He is treasurer of Hartford county and his devotion to the general welfare is pronounced.

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#### WILLIAM H. ALLEN

Building operations in New Britain find a substantial representative in William H. Allen, well known as a contractor here. He was born March 23, 1882, in the city which is still his home, and is a son of John W. and Hattie E. (Fisher) Allen, the former born in Vernon, Connecticut, and the latter in Greenfield, Massachusetts. The father became a building contractor and continued in that field of business throughout his entire life. He was quite active in both local and state politics as a supporter of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles as factors in good government. He served as city alderman and he also represented his district in the state legislature. Fraternally he was connected with the Elks and with the Knights of Pythias and he attended the First Congregational church. He passed away in August, 1923. His family numbered a son and three daughters, of whom one is now deceased.

William H. Allen is indebted to the public school system of New Britain for the early educational opportunities which he enjoyed. After leaving high school he attended the Morse Business College of Hartford in 1900 and thus further qualified for life's practical responsibilities and duties. On the 10th of August of that year he became actively associated with his father in the contracting business in New Britain, acquainted himself with the trade and in 1901 was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of John W. Allen & Son, an association that was maintained until 1918. They were awarded many important contracts and were closely associated with building operations in this city. In 1919 the business was incorporated as the William H. Allen Company, with offices at 12 Glen street, and through the intervening period to the present Mr. Allen has continued in the business at the same location. At the present writing he is engaged in the construction of the Masonic Temple. He is one of the oldest if not the oldest firm in this line in New Britain and a liberal patronage is accorded the company because of excellent workmanship and responsibility in fully meeting the requirements of every contract. Among the splendid structures which stand as monuments to the enterprise, skill and efficiency of Mr. Allen and his representatives are the Elks Home, the Young Men's Christian Association building, the New Britain Machine Company plant and a number of the largest factories and some of the largest apartments in the city. He continues as president, secretary and general manager of the company, with George Y. Cheney as vice president and C. A. Bence as treasurer. His high standing in business circles is indicated in the fact that he is now president of the Independent Builders and Contractors Association of New Britain.

Mr. Allen has been most pleasantly situated in his home life since his marriage on the 8th of December, 1916, to Miss Rena Mary Kilbourne and the household is brightened by the presence of two interesting little children, Marna and Marion, aged respectively nine and seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Allen attend the South Congregational church, of which she is a member. They reside in Maple Hill and their home is the center of many attractive and pleasing social activities. Politically



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WILLIAM H. ALLEN





Mr. Allen is an earnest republican and served on the town plan commission having in charge new developments. Fraternally he is an Elk and the nature of his interests is further shown in the fact that he is a director of the mercantile bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Lions Club, the Shuttle Meadow Club, the New Britain Club, the Middletown Yacht Club and the New Britain Driving Club. A social, genial nature has gained for him warm friendships and kindly regard, while an enterprising and progressive spirit has brought him to the front in the building circles of his native city.

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#### EARLE MALCOLM TABER

Earle Malcolm Taber, vice president and general manager of Russell P. Taber, Inc., owners of a Reo agency which not only embraces Hartford but other cities, was born in Billings, New York, March 23, 1892, and is a son of Charles W. and Sarah Ophelia (Peet) Taber. His public school education was supplemented by study in the Newtown Academy and in the Newtown high school, from which he was graduated in 1909. He initiated his business career as an employe of F. W. Woolworth & Company at Danbury, Connecticut, and gradually working his way upward, was filling the position of assistant manager at the time he left their employ in 1911. In the same year he came to Hartford and joined his brother, Russell P. Taber, in the automobile business. Again he started out in a humble position in order that he might thoroughly acquaint himself with every phase of the business and gradually he has advanced until he is now vice president and general manager of Russell P. Taber, Inc., which has one of the largest Reo agencies in New England, their annual sales reaching an extensive figure.

On the 17th of June, 1917, Mr. Taber enlisted in the Yale contingent of the United States Army Ambulance Corps and was called to service on the 5th of July, going to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he remained until March 18, 1918, when he went overseas on the Steamship Olympic, landing at Brest, France, being among the first two hundred thousand to enter upon active duty in Europe. His work from that time until July was in doing air raid duty in Paris, for he was mustered into the French army soon after his arrival in France and from July, 1918, did front line ambulance work in some of the most severe of the major engagements on the entire western front from the Swiss border to Belgium. From November 15, 1918, until May 1, 1919, he saw service with the Fourth French Army of Occupation in the lower Rhine valley and was mustered out of the French army at Versailles about the 5th of May.

Returning home, Mr. Taber arrived in Boston on the 19th of May, 1919, after which he took up his abode in Hartford and resumed his work in connection with the automobile business, in which he has made steady progress.

On the 31st of December, 1919, Mr. Taber was united in marriage to Miss Mary W. MacDermid, of Hartford. They are the parents of three children: Earle Malcolm, Jr., born January 16, 1921; Thomas Charles, born May 17, 1922; and Russell P. (II), born February 17, 1924. The family residence is at East Windsor Hill.

Mr. Taber is well known in the membership of the leading clubs, belonging to the Hartford, City, Advertising, Sequin Golf and Shelter Harbor Country clubs. He is numbered among the charter members of the Sequin Golf Club and for three years served as its secretary. He is a Mason, identified with Tuscan Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M.; and with Gideon Wells Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., of East Hartford. He is secretary of the school board of the town of South Windsor and his interest in community affairs has been manifest in many other tangible ways.

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#### JOHN AUGUST ERICKSON

John August Erickson, who is engaged in the undertaking business in New Britain, was born in Sweden in 1877 and remained a resident of his native land until 1896, when he came to the new world, arriving on the 26th of March. He lived for a time in South Manchester, Connecticut, and in 1903 took up his abode in New Britain. He thoroughly acquainted himself with the undertaking business by studying in the Cincinnati Col-

lege of Embalming, from which he was graduated in 1907, being the first man of Swedish birth or descent to complete the course there. He had previously been employed as a salesman by the Empire Piano Company of New York city and in 1903 he became associated with the Humphrey Real Estate Company, with which he continued until 1906. He then spent six years with the firm of John Andrews & Company, undertakers, and on the expiration of that period, in 1912, formed a partnership with A. W. Carlson, buying out the Porter Company, Inc. They conducted the business at that place until 1920, when they bought out the undertaking establishment of W. J. Dunlay, located at 377 Main street, and here they handle a complete line of furniture as well as undertaking supplies and in both branches of their business have built up a trade of gratifying proportions. Mr. Erickson is the president and assistant treasurer of the firm of Erickson & Carlson, Inc., with A. W. Carlson as secretary and treasurer. They have every equipment necessary to their line of business and in the furniture store carry an attractive stock for which they find a ready sale owing to their progressive methods and unfaltering diligence. In addition to his other interests Mr. Erickson is a director of the City National Bank. That he keeps in touch with the highest standards and innovations of his profession is indicated in the fact that he belongs to both the local and the state embalmers' associations.

In 1901 John A. Erickson was married to Miss Anna Anderson, of South Manchester. Their family numbers four daughters, namely: Mrs. Jarl Elmgren, of Quincy, Massachusetts; Mrs. A. W. Cavins, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Helen, eighteen years of age, who is a high school graduate; and Erma, twelve years of age. The daughters are all members of the First Lutheran church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Erickson also belong and in which he is serving as a trustee. He also belongs to the Masonic lodge, to Harmony Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Vega Society, to the Svea Social Club and other organizations which hold to high standards in manhood and in citizenship. He is likewise identified with the Chamber of Commerce and interested in its projects for civic development and improvement, and he is a member of the Singers Society, taking keen interest and enjoyment in music.

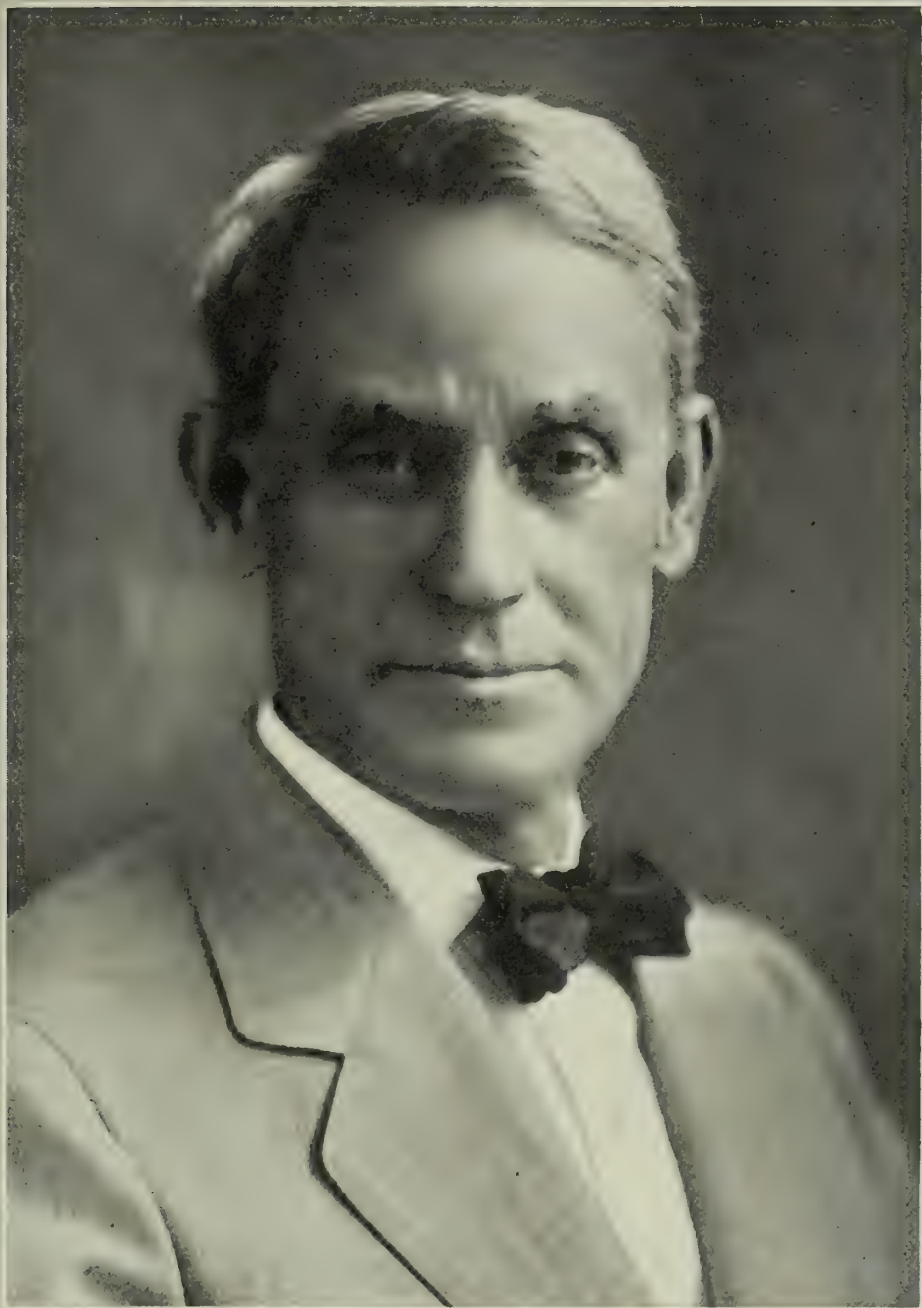
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#### JESSE MOORE

Jesse Moore, well known as a representative of the investment business in Hartford, is a member of the brokerage firm of Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Company. A native of Virginia, he was born in Ararat, that state, August 25, 1866, a son of Henry Jefferson and Caroline Matilda Moore, both of whom were of English descent. On emigrating to America, one branch of the family settled in Virginia and another in New England.

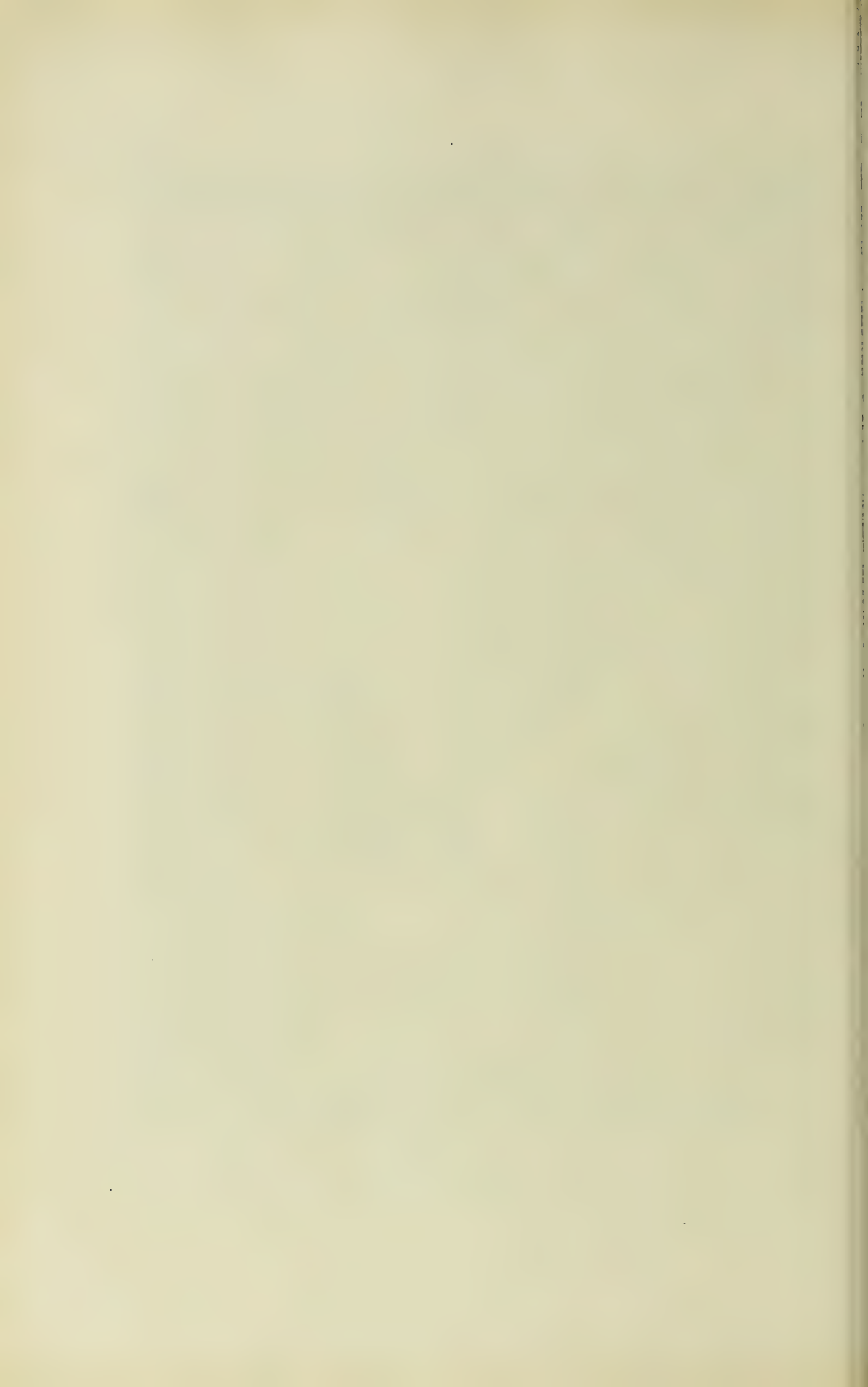
Jesse Moore acquired his early education at Mount Airy, North Carolina, and was trained for the profession of teaching in a college on University place in New York city, founded by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. He taught school in the famous log-cabin schoolhouse in Virginia for a time and on leaving for New York took up his abode later in Farmington, Connecticut. For several years he worked in the business office of the Hartford Courant and acted as Farmington correspondent of the paper. It was in 1912 that he entered the brokerage business in association with Roy T. H. Barnes & Company, while subsequently he was identified with Richter & Company for a number of years. In 1922 he formed the firm of Fuller, Aldrich & Company, with which he has remained continuously to the present time and which is now known as Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Company. Mr. Moore formed the Southern Society of Hartford which at one time had over one hundred members. For two years he was an assistant to George M. Hersey, who was the secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. He afterwards engaged in the newspaper business and entered the counting room of the Hartford Post. He subsequently entered the employ of the Hartford Courant in the advertising department. While with the Courant he was associated with the late General Arthur D. Goodrich and Frank Carey. \* \* \* Mr. Moore has a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the state and particularly in the first congressional district. When Mr. Moore entered the business department of the Courant, Congressman Fenn, who will be his republican opponent in the event of his nomination by the democratic convention, was employed in the news depart-





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JESSE MOORE



ment of the Courant. Mr. Moore, who takes a civic interest in the affairs of Farmington, ran for representative on the democratic ticket in 1926. His opponent was Adrian R. Wadsworth. Though the town was strongly republican in its politics, Mr. Wadsworth was elected by a majority of only thirty-five.

In early manhood Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Louise L. Lyon, of Farmington, formerly of New York city. They reside at Farmington and have a son, David L. Moore, who is also associated with the brokerage house of Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Company and who for many years has been deeply interested in radio. Mr. Moore is a member of the Hartford Club, the Country Club of Farmington and the City Club of Hartford. His position in both business and social circles of his adopted city is an enviable one and his success in the investment field is well deserved.

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#### ERNEST N. HUMPHREY

The material development and substantial growth of every community depends upon its business enterprises and their wise and careful management. Ernest N. Humphrey is active in the commercial circles of New Britain, where as the head of the Humphrey Manufacturing Company he is engaged in the production of kitchen ware. His residence in Connecticut covers the entire period of his life, for he was born in Waterbury in 1870. His parents were Horatio N. and Anna (Mason) Humphrey, the former a native of England, whence he came to the United States in 1849, settling at Waterbury, where he engaged in the manufacture of pearls, following that business throughout his remaining days. He passed away in 1888, while his wife, who was born in New York city, died in 1898.

In his early youth Ernest N. Humphrey became a pupil in the Waterbury public schools, completing his studies in the high school, after which he began learning a trade by entering upon an apprenticeship at machinist work and tool making with the firm of Cross & Spears at Waterbury. He continued with that concern for four years or until 1892 and then came to New Britain, where he entered the employ of Traut & Hine, manufacturers of sheet metal and wire novelties. He became associated with that enterprise as foreman and when the business was closed out in 1895 he was filling the office of vice president. In the previous year he had established a business of his own, which he incorporated in October, 1924, under the name of the Humphrey Manufacturing Company, opening a plant for the manufacture of kitchen ware, which is distributed through jobbers, retailers and wholesalers. He has always followed this line of manufacturing since starting out in the business world and he is now president and treasurer of the company, which is controlling a steadily growing business, its trade relations constantly reaching out over a broader territory, for the output fully meets modern-day requirements and therefore finds a ready sale on the market. Associated with Mr. Humphrey in this undertaking is Lavern Bordwell, who is the vice president and sales manager of the company.

In 1892 Mr. Humphrey was married to Miss Mary Gray Robertson, a native of Maryland, and their family numbers two daughters and a son; Eunice, who is the wife of Burton Hildebrant and lives in New Britain; Virginia, who completed the high school course here; and Ernest, a pupil in the Junior high school.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Humphrey has recognized the duties and obligations of citizenship and has measured up to every requirement in that connection. In early manhood he served in the National Guard under Captain Burpee. He feels it the duty and obligation of every citizen to exercise his right of franchise and has always given stalwart support to the republican party and formerly served as chairman of the republican township board. He has been a councilman and alderman, a member of the water board, the finance board and the board of public works, and to the discharge of his political duties he has brought the same thoroughness and efficiency which have characterized his business affairs. Mr. Humphrey is a member of the Baptist church, while his wife belongs to the South Congregational Society. She also has membership in the Woman's Club of New Britain and is widely and favorably known in social circles. Fraternally Mr. Humphrey is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was one of the incorporators of the New Britain Hospital, was made chairman of the homecoming committee to welcome



the service men of the World war, and there is no project which has to do with the city's interests, upbuilding and civic activities which does not call forth his support. His labors are far-reaching and his sound judgment makes his work at all times effective and resultant.

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#### MONROE S. GORDON

Monroe S. Gordon, attorney at law, well endowed with those qualities which make for success at the bar, is practicing in New Britain, where he was born on the 3d of October, 1904, his parents being George and Anna Gordon. They make their home in New Britain and the father is extensively engaged in the wholesale fruit business in New Britain and in Hartford. He is a native of Russia but came to America about 1890, as did his wife, who was born in Austria. From that time to the present he has been active in business circles and has allowed neither obstacles nor difficulties to bar his path as he has attempted to reach the goal of success. The years have chronicled his steady advancement and he is now a leading figure in business circles as a wholesale fruit dealer. To him and his wife were born three sons and two daughters: Myron L., who is engaged in the insurance business in New Britain; Israel, a high school student; Betty, the wife of Judge Samuel Rosenthal, of Hartford; and Merle, at home.

The other member of the family is Monroe S. Gordon, who supplemented his high school education, acquired in New Britain, by study in the academic department of Syracuse University. Afterward he there pursued his law course and was graduated in 1926 at Boston University law school, being admitted to the bar the same year and to the Massachusetts bar in 1926. On the 26th of September, 1926, he opened a law office at 338 Main street in New Britain, later removing to 300 Main street, where he has since been in general practice and is also associated with Judge Samuel Rosenthal, with offices at 750 Main street in Hartford.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Gordon has voted with the republican party and is interested in all that makes for its success because of his firm belief in its principles. He has membership in the Jewish synagogue of New Britain and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Boston, the Kappa Epsilon Phi, a legal fraternity, the Tau Delta Phi and Upsilon Lambda Phi. He is likewise a member of the Probus Club, the Professional Business Men's Association and of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. In the strict path of his profession he is connected with the New Britain and Hartford County Bar Associations, being the youngest member of the former. While his years are yet few, he has made steady advancement in his chosen field of labor and is today accounted one of the most promising of the young attorneys of Hartford county.

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#### DANIEL DOANE BIDWELL

Few citizens of East Hartford are better known or enjoy a higher reputation than Daniel Doane Bidwell, historian and journalist. During the conflict with Germany he won international renown as a war correspondent, facing death on more than one occasion, and his life has been replete with interesting and thrilling adventures. A native of East Hartford, he was born August 7, 1866, and is a son of Charles Marcus and Emma W. (Brewer) Bidwell, who were of English lineage, the former being of sturdy Devonshire stock. His great-grandfather, Daniel Bidwell, fought for American independence during the Revolutionary war, and the name Daniel has been a favorite one in the Hartford branches of the family for eight generations.

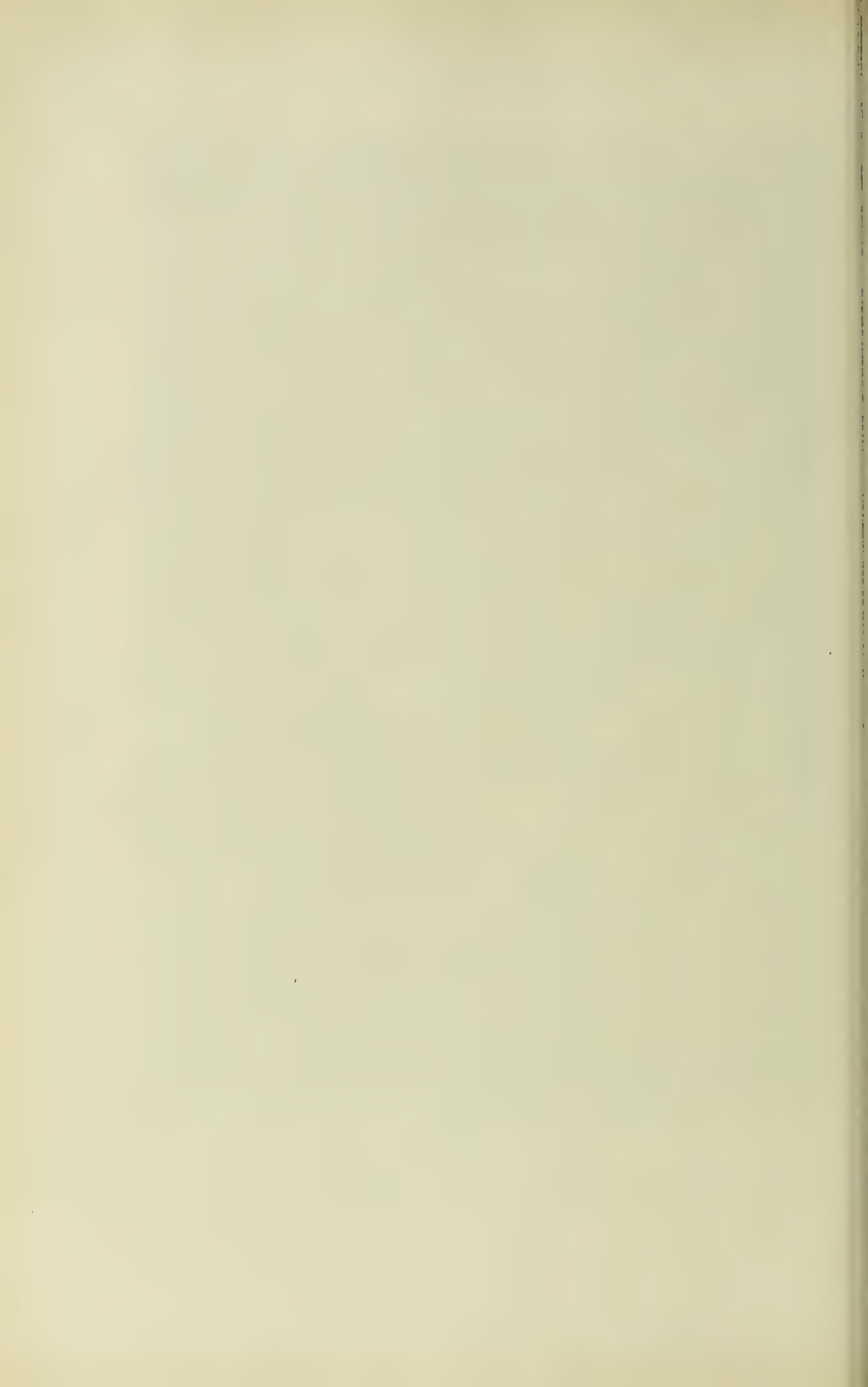
Daniel D. Bidwell received his public school education in Hartford and was graduated from Yale College in 1886 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He excelled in mathematics and in Latin prose composition, winning three prizes, and was an editor of the Yale Record and a contributor to the Yale "Lit."

In 1886 he began his journalistic career in Hartford and late in the same year became associated with the Springfield Union. He assumed the duties of news editor



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MONROE S. GORDON





of the Florida Times-Union in 1887 and in the following year became an editor of the New York Ledger, to which he contributed stories, poems and historical articles as well as editorial work. In 1894, while in New York city, he joined the staff of the United Press, but toward the close of that year allied his interests with those of the Hartford Evening Post and two years later became one of the editorial staff of the Hartford Times.

During his student days Mr. Bidwell was a cadet in Trinity Military Institute at Tivoli-on-the-Hudson, New York, serving later in a Yale republican battalion, and in 1901 was a landsman in the Second Division, Naval Battalion, of the Connecticut National Guard. Merit won him promotion through five grades and eventually he became pay clerk, the highest warrant officer on the staff.

His journalistic experiences in Europe are best described by Mr. Bidwell, who says: "In March, 1914, I went to Ireland on a free lance foray and, striking into the Ulster situation, wrote for the New York Sun and papers in Hartford, Boston and Springfield. When, less than four months later, the World war 'broke,' I hastened on a chance into France. I contrived to be in Lille when von Odel and the Germans entered and wrote for the New York Times and a press service. By good luck I secured several 'beats' and at various times wrote for the Irish Times, the London Daily News, the New York Times, the Paris-New York Herald and a number of American papers. Was at one time tried as a supposed German spy and had adventures and angles with Scotland Upper Yard. After an air attack near Udine, Italy, I interviewed Cardinal La Fontaine, the patriarch of Venice. During the war I was on various fronts and twice under fire."

Mr. Bidwell is a director in the East Hartford Trust Company and also in small local companies. By instinct a journalist, he has that rare gift of perception which amounts almost to intuition, enabling him to sense a "story" in the very air. He is a master in the expression of thought and an editorial writer of large industry, equipped to deal vigorously and convincingly with vital questions and issues of the day. Under the direction of State Librarian George S. Godard, Mr. Bidwell wrote what is said to be the only monograph on the part played by soldiers from Hartford and northern Connecticut in the two battles of Saratoga in 1777. This was a task requiring long and extended research work and wide and diligent correspondence with town officers and specializing antiquarians, and copies of the history are now on file in the state library and many historical libraries. Mr. Bidwell conducted the exercises at the dedication of a memorial to a soldier of the Revolution, Captain Zebulon Bidwell, in East Hartford on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first battle of Saratoga. On April 19, 1923, he represented the city of Hartford and the state of Connecticut at the laying of the cornerstone of the Connecticut memorial on the battlefield of Seicheprey, France, where the Connecticut regiment of the Yankee division had its first important engagement. In 1926 he joined the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, and went on its historic trip with the Second Company, the Putnam Phalanx and the Richmond "Blues" to France and Belgium, the first journey of the kind ever taken by American military units.

Mr. Bidwell was married April 18, 1891, in Brooklyn, New York, to Edith Mary Mines, a native of Broad Brook, Connecticut. Her father, John E. Mines, was chaplain of the Third Regiment of Maine infantry, commanded by Colonel Birnie, and later held the rank of colonel. He was a well known newspaper man of New York city, serving as editor of the Mercury, and contributed a number of articles to the North American Review. Under the nom de plume of Felix Oldboy he wrote for the New York Sun and was the author of "A Tour about New York" and other old-time books of much literary merit. Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell have two children. Their daughter, Pauline, is the wife of William J. Hickmott, Jr., and lives in West Hartford. The son, Joseph Barry Bidwell, was bugler and orderly for a time for General Lucien F. Burpee of the Connecticut Home Guard, and later for Francis R. Cooley, commander of the River Patrol attached to the Naval Battalion of the Connecticut Home Guard. Subsequently he was a member of the United States Naval Reserve Force and is credited with being the youngest boy contributed by Hartford county to the navy during the World war, enlisting soon after he attained the age of sixteen. He married Miss Marion Evelyn Lewis, by whom he has two children, Joseph Daniel and Shirley, and the family resides in East Hartford with the parents of Joseph B. Bidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Bidwell are affiliated with St. John's Episcopal church

of East Hartford and manifest a keen interest in its work. Mr. Bidwell belongs to the Men's Club of the church, and his wife is connected with St. Agnes' Guild. She is a member of the republican town committee of East Hartford and also of the League of Women Voters. Mr. Bidwell adheres to the same political faith and joined the progressive wing of the party in 1912. At local elections he casts an independent ballot, supporting the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office, and in public affairs his influence is always on the side of reform, progress and improvement. In 1905 he was chosen to represent East Hartford in the state legislature, to which he was returned in 1907, and figured prominently in the proceedings of those sessions, serving on the military affairs committee and others. For some time he was a member of the town school board of East Hartford. He was nominated by a republican caucus and endorsed by a democrat. He has filled a number of minor offices, manifesting his public spirit by political courage and independence. Mr. Bidwell is a director of the Development Company of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the committee that built the Second North school in East Hartford. His fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. He is also a member of the Grange, and his hobby is historical research work in local and colonial lines.

His bent toward history is shown in a travel work, "As Far as The East is from The West," describing a trip around the world to the east in 1910 on a long voyaging ship, the first to take a large international party on a continuous journey, writing for itself a chapter in nautical annals. Mr. Bidwell is also author of a history of Hartford Naval Militia. Both works are in many libraries, the former having been purchased by librarians as far distant as Manila, Honolulu, and Colombo, Ceylon. He wrote also a sixteen page newspaper history of the Yankee Division, A. E. F., filed by many libraries. He has given energy and devotion to work for Disabled Veterans, to the American Legion War Orphan endowment and especially to a World War Memorial in East Hartford, for which he personally obtained three hundred and forty-six contributors. In 1911 he took a second trip "around"—around the world—this time to the west, making it in forty-six days and earning a record (to the west) which stood for nearly seventeen years, the speedsters traveling in the other direction. This trip he described for a newspaper syndicate.

That he is a broad-guaged man is indicated by the nature and scope of his activities, which have touched the general interests of society to their betterment. His talents led him into newspaper lines and he has always maintained a high standard of journalistic veracity and accuracy in the many stories of travel and world-wide interest he has handled. Mr. Bidwell has left the deep impress of his individuality upon his work, which has brought him a wide acquaintance, and his friends are legion, including newspaper men in Ireland, London, Paris and Berlin, as well as in this country.

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#### FRANK B. SKIFF

For many years Frank B. Skiff has been a forceful personality in business circles of Hartford, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control, and is widely known as a manufacturer of canvas goods, while he has also figured prominently in military affairs. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, January 31, 1867, and his parents, Cornelius B. and Josephine A. (Braisted) Skiff, were natives of New York city. The father was a prosperous clothing merchant of that city and there resided until his death in 1914.

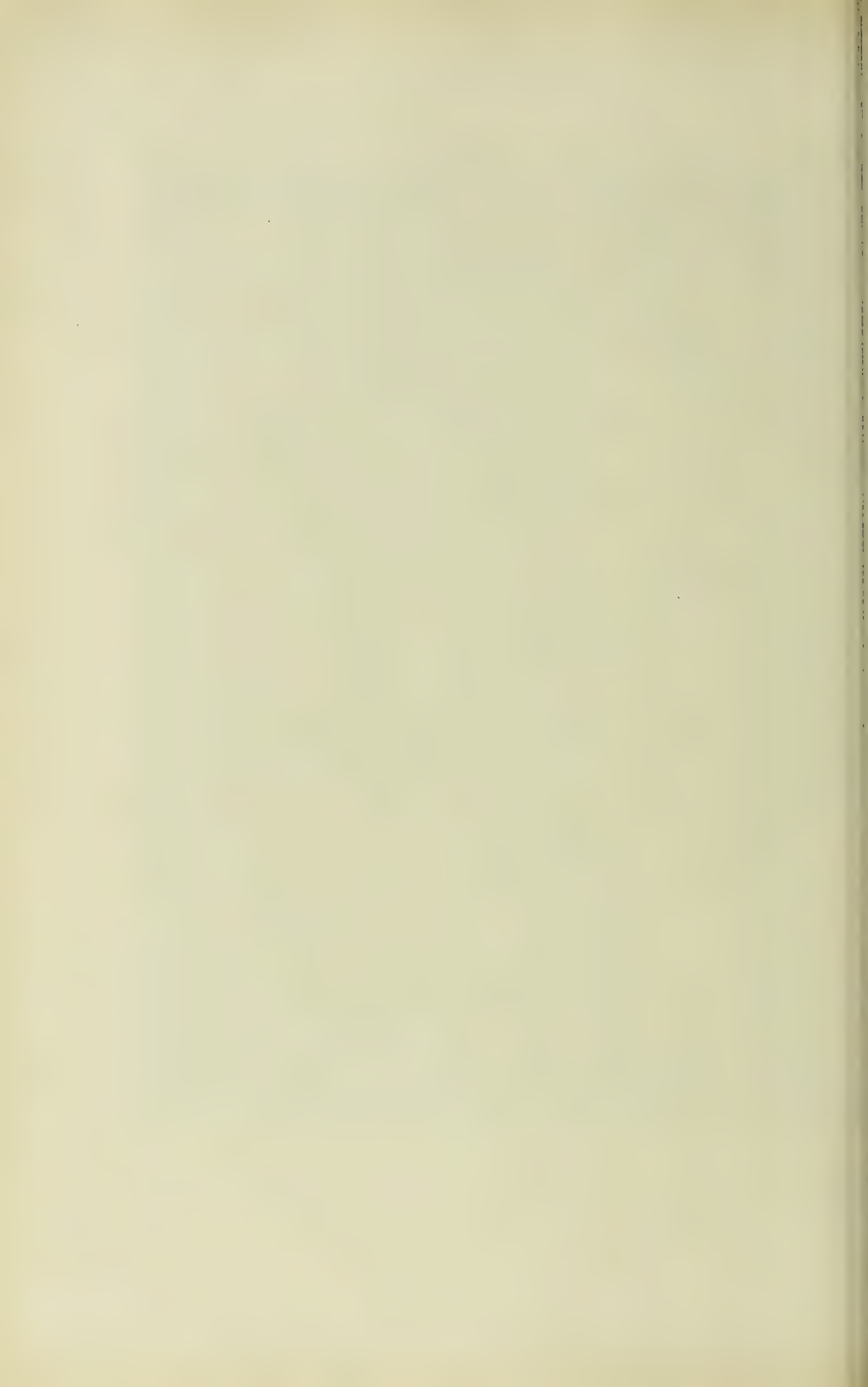
Frank B. Skiff attended the public schools of Brooklyn and also had the benefit of a course in a business college. For a short time he was engaged in business in that city, devoting his attention to the painting of signs, and in 1884 joined the New York militia, with which he was identified until 1901, when he became a member of First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, still continuing in its service. In 1897 he came to Hartford as foreman for James Pullar & Company, filling the position for three years, and in 1890 embarked in the sign business at No. 3 Asylum street. During the Spanish-American war he was called upon for service and spent some time in the south. On his return to Hartford he resumed his activities as a sign painter and was thus engaged until about 1909, when he entered a new field, turning



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FRANK B. SKIFF





his attention to the manufacture of canvas goods. In the intervening period he has built up a large industry and there is a heavy demand for the output of his plant, which is of high quality. Since November, 1920, the business has been operated under the style of F. B. Skiff, Inc., of which Mr. Skiff is the president and treasurer. Joseph F. Coombs fills the office of vice president and William H. Angevine discharges the duties of secretary. No detail of the work escapes the keen observation of Mr. Skiff, who employs only skilled labor and manifests keen sagacity in the conduct of the business. The plant is located at No. 10 Clinton street and operated with marked efficiency.

Mr. Skiff was married April 13, 1886, to Miss Minnie Estelle Bailey, and they have two sons, Walter R. and Vincent. The following account of the achievements of the elder son was written by Albert W. Coote and appeared in the Hartford Courant under date of August 17, 1928:

"When he left the Hartford public high school in his senior year to get married about twenty-two years ago, Walter R. Skiff started work here as an assistant sign painter at twelve dollars a week. Tomorrow he will leave Cleveland for New York to accept a one hundred thousand dollar a year job. At forty-one years of age Mr. Skiff has signed a five-year contract to become general manager in charge of sales and production of the Rainbow Light, Inc., of Long Island City, New York. Without a college or even a business school education to help him, Mr. Skiff has worked himself up swiftly from the ranks. As a boy he used to work with his father in the sign-painting business. 'Walter was lucky, that's all,' his mother says of him. Mr. Skiff's last job was with the General Outdoor Advertising Company. He was general manager of this company's Cleveland branch. Before signing his contract with the Rainbow concern he stipulated that it must pay him in advance a year's salary in full, plus twenty thousand dollars. In addition to his keen knowledge of sales and production of new type signs, Mr. Skiff is a mechanical genius. He helped install the first broadcasting station in Cleveland, and before that aided in setting up some of the first stations in the east. He is said to have owned the best radio set in Cleveland, having built it himself.

"Last week Mr. Skiff came to Hartford in his power yacht *Acacia* to visit friends here. He is a member of the Bayside Yacht Club of Long Island. Mrs. Skiff is the former Mollie Cook, of Wilson Station. They have a son, Braisted Skiff, eighteen, who is a graduate of the Toledo high school and has attended the Sheffield School in Connecticut. He leaves this fall on a round-the-world trip in one of the 'floating colleges.'"

Frank B. Skiff is quartermaster of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard and holds the rank of captain. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He has conscientiously discharged life's duties and obligations and is esteemed for his business ability and enterprise as well as for his integrity and public spirit.

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#### JOHN ROSS STEWART

John Ross Stewart, who in 1927 was chosen secretary of the Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, his advancement being based upon broad knowledge gained through wide experience in the insurance field from 1904 to the present, was born in Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada, December 5, 1878, a son of Alexander Ross and Sarah (Cook) Stewart, of that place. His youthful days were largely devoted to the duties of the schoolroom as he pursued his studies in the public and high schools of Uxbridge. It was in 1904 that he first entered the insurance field by obtaining a position as rating inspector with the Canadian Fire Underwriters Association of Toronto, there continuing until 1909. He was next associated with the Royal Insurance Company of Montreal as an inspector for western Ontario and so remained until 1912, when he became a representative of the Aetna Insurance Company, being made a special agent at Toronto with jurisdiction over the entire territory from Nova Scotia to Manitoba. That he proved thoroughly efficient in that office is manifest in the fact that he there remained until 1923, when he was called to the home office in Hartford and made assistant secretary of the company. He had served in that capacity for four years when in 1927 he was elected secretary and accordingly assumed larger

responsibilities and duties in connection with the successful direction of an important business that for many years has been a chief feature in the material upbuilding of this city.

On the 6th of November, 1907, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Rella May Sims, of Toronto, Canada, and they are parents of one son, Peter Ross, born July 28, 1914.

Mr. Stewart belongs to the Hartford Golf Club, to the Canadian Club of New York and to the Mississauga Golf and Country Club of Port Credit, Ontario. His cordiality and social qualities make for warm friendships and he has become widely and favorably known during his residence in Hartford.

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#### HAROLD C. ALVORD

Entering the field of finance at an early age, Harold C. Alvord has steadily advanced, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities, and is now a forceful figure in banking circles of South Manchester. He was born February 14, 1891, and has spent his life in this community. His parents were John A. and Ada (Clark) Alvord, natives respectively of Bolton, Connecticut, and Dudley, Massachusetts. The father engaged in merchandising and served as postmaster of Manchester for forty years, holding office longer than any other man in the state. In 1926 he was called to his final rest and the mother died in the same year.

Harold C. Alvord acquired a public school education and in 1906, when a youth of fifteen, began to provide for his own livelihood, becoming a messenger for the Manchester Trust Company. Energetic, conscientious and capable, he worked his way through the various departments of the institution and in 1919 was elected treasurer of the company. For nine years he has filled that important office and is also a director of the corporation. He has progressed with the bank and is one of its most efficient and popular representatives. The Savings Bank of Manchester also numbers him among its directors.

On September 20, 1919, Mr. Alvord married Miss Marion Saunders, of Manchester, daughter of Walter M. and Edith (Abbey) Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. Alvord have two children: John S., who was born in 1921; and Robert C., born in 1927. The parents attend the Congregational church and Mr. Alvord gives his political allegiance to the republican party. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce he is working for Manchester's best interests and also belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club, the Manchester Country Club and the City Club of Hartford. He is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and shapes his conduct by the beneficent teachings of the order. In business, thoroughly dependable and trustworthy, he has given his best efforts to the institution which he represents and the qualities to which he owes his success in financial affairs have won for him the confidence, respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### CHRISTIAN PETERSEN

Christian Petersen, a dealer in dairy machinery and supplies at 128 Kent street in Hartford, has back of this a broad and practical experience and a wide knowledge of the dairy business in all of its phases and connections, so that his thorough understanding of the trade is manifest in his capable management of his present day interests. Mr. Petersen was born in Denmark, November 2, 1880, and is a son of Peter and Maria (Anderson) Petersen, also natives of that country, where the father followed the occupation of farming.

Christian Petersen was educated in the schools of Denmark and when eighteen years of age sailed alone for the United States, having determined to test the reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities of the new world. He landed in New York city and arrived in Hartford on the 11th of March, 1899, totally unfamiliar at that time with the English language. He was met, however, by his two brothers and three sisters, who were then living in Hartford, so that he did not find himself without some link that connected him with both the old world and the new. Going to West Hartford, he began working on the Ellsworth farm and while thus employed





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CHRISTIAN PETERSEN



gained considerable knowledge of the English language. He was given Sunday-school books to read and thus he slowly and laboriously conquered his adopted tongue. He also occupied another position for three years and continued in business as a farmer and milkman until 1912, when he built his present office and began the sale and delivery of milk, butter and other dairy products. In January, 1914, he turned his attention to the dairy machinery and supply business, in which he has developed a very substantial, gratifying and growing trade. As he advanced in that field he gave up the milk business entirely and concentrated his attention upon his present interests. He is numbered among the most successful men of Hartford who have come from Denmark and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in that his advancement is the direct reward of his labors, his adaptability and his sound judgment.

On the 1st of November, 1901, Mr. Petersen was married to Miss Ane Elise Nielsen, a native of Denmark, and they now have three children: Anna, Raymond and Violet. They own and occupy a home on Ridgefield street.

In public affairs Mr. Petersen has manifested a deep and helpful interest and in 1926 was appointed street commissioner, while at the present time he is efficiently and acceptably filling the office of president of the board and secretary of the contract and supply committee. He is well known in Masonic circles inasmuch as he holds membership in Tuscan Lodge, No. 126, A. F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S.; Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine; and the Eastern Star. He likewise has membership in Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the United Commercial Travelers, and Hartford Lodge No. 314 of the Danish Brotherhood of America, of which he is past president. He belongs to the Republican Club of Hartford and, though foreign born, is thoroughly American in spirit and interests.

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#### HOWARD L. SANBORN

Howard L. Sanborn has long been closely and prominently identified with banking operations in Collinsville and is an officer in one of the oldest and strongest financial institutions in Hartford county. He was born in Collinsville in 1885 and is the only surviving member of the family of Joseph L. and Anna Sanborn, the former a native of New Hampshire, while the latter was born in Hartford county, Connecticut. His father was a skilled mechanic and for twenty-eight years was in the service of the Collins Company. Death summoned him in 1872 and the mother passed away in 1912.

The public schools of Collinsville afforded Howard L. Sanborn his educational advantages and his first commercial experience was gained as a clerk in a store. For a time he engaged in merchandising independently and then became an employe of the Collins Company. He remained with the firm until 1908 and has since been connected with the Collinsville Savings Society, Inc., which was organized in 1854 by Charles Blair and others. Many difficulties were encountered at first but since 1869 the business has prospered. The present bank building was erected in 1891 and the funds were stored in a large iron safe until 1926, when a modern vault was installed. For a number of years Samuel M. Coddington was treasurer of the society, which he represented in that capacity until his death in 1891, when John D. Andrews was chosen as his successor, and served until his resignation in 1908, passing away two years later. Howard L. Sanborn, one of the directors of the bank, then became treasurer and has filled that office for twenty years. During this period the business of the institution has been more than doubled and he is also one of its trustees. Thoroughly understanding the complex details of modern finance, he has labored earnestly and systematically to promote the interests of the bank and his efforts have been manifestly resultant. Its president, Charles A. Farnham, has been the incumbent of that office since July, 1917, and is also a financier of broad experience and proven ability.

In 1883 Mr. Sanborn was united in marriage to Miss Frances H. Case, of Simsbury, and both are prominent in social affairs of Collinsville. Mrs. Sanborn is a member of a colonial family of the east and belongs to Phoebe Humphrey Chapter, of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a member of the Congregational



church and closely follows its teachings. Mr. Sanborn is a republican and in 1895 was called upon for legislative service, becoming state representative from Canton. For thirteen years he was town clerk and acted as tax collector for a period of eight years. His public duties were discharged with characteristic thoroughness and fidelity and his work was highly commended. His connection with the Masonic order dates from 1898 and for twenty years he has been a member of Washington Commandery, K. T. Mr. Sanborn endeavors to fulfill the beneficent teachings of the order and is honored and respected because of his integrity, public spirit and breadth of mind.

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#### EUGENE J. PORTER

Eugene J. Porter was born in Plymouth, Connecticut, December 5, 1865, and is a representative of a family long associated with the history of New England. His parents were Bryan C. and Ann Mariah (White) Porter and the father became the owner of the business which is carried on in New Britain under the style of B. C. Porter Sons. Their furniture and undertaking establishment is the oldest of the kind in the city and for eighty-nine years the business has been conducted here with growing success.

Eugene J. Porter pursued his early education in his native city and after attending the Camp school he started out in the commercial world in connection with his father, who was well known as a furniture dealer and undertaker in New Britain. In young manhood he studied under Professor Sullivan, who taught embalming in Boston, Eugene J. Porter completing his course there in 1890. He also had thorough business training under his father's direction and he has always handled the funeral house and the business connected therewith. About five years ago he purchased property at 19 Court street, where he now maintains a complete funeral home, having two assistants to aid him in the business. He has large display quarters and he utilizes motor equipment for transportation. His tactfulness, care and consideration feature largely in the success of the enterprise and he has the gratitude of many in recognition of his kindness in an hour of sorrow. Mr. Porter is also a director of the Burritt Hotel and in business affairs his judgment is sound and his vision broad.

On the 10th of March, 1893, Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Florence E. M. Morgan, a niece of Washington L. Morgan, who was prominently and widely known in New Britain, where he filled the office of chief of police. Mrs. Porter was born in Voluntown, Connecticut, but was reared in New Britain. By her marriage she became the mother of one daughter, Beatrice M., now the wife of Howard J. Bruemmer, of New Britain, who has charge of export sales in connection with the firm of Landers, Frary & Clark. Mrs. Porter was very active in church work and lived a consistent Christian life as a member of the Congregational society. She belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution, which indicated her ancestral connection with the early history of the new world. She also had membership in the Woman's Club and she was very active in hospital work and in the Klingberg Home for Children. In a word she did everything she could to benefit the children who were homeless or needed assistance, and the poor, the needy and the unfortunate indeed lost a friend when she passed away February 13, 1921, and was laid to rest in the Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Porter makes his home with his daughter and his son-in-law and the other members of the family are the two grandchildren, Bryan Churchill and J. Porter Bruemmer. He is identified with the various branches of Masonry, including the York and Scottish Rite bodies and the Mystic Shrine, and he likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He has membership in the New Britain Club and he is active in local affairs not only as a private citizen but as a member of the Rotary Club. He is also serving on the finance committee of the new Masonic Temple. He votes with the republican party, believing firmly in its principles but not seeking public office. He has membership in St. Mark's Episcopal church and aids largely in its activities, serving as warden of the church and doing all in his power to further moral advancement in the community. That he is a scion of one of the old New England families is indicated in the fact that ancestral connection makes him eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, to which society he now belongs. He is a



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typical American citizen, justly proud of the long association of the family with the state, interested in all that makes for civic development and in all that promotes higher standards of manhood as exemplified in the various relations of life. Mr. Porter has taken an active and helpful part in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was formerly president and is now a director. For the past five years he has served on the embalming board of the state of Connecticut, which numbers five members. Moreover, he is one of the oldest members of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, of which he is a past president, and is likewise among the oldest members of the Putnam Phalanx, a military organization of Hartford which he joined forty years ago.

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#### EDWARD S. GOODWIN

Edward S. Goodwin is senior partner in the firm of Goodwin-Beach & Company, owning and controlling one of the leading investment houses in Hartford. He was born in East Hartford, May 14, 1882, and is a son of Samuel O. and Elizabeth H. (Godry) Goodwin, his ancestral line being traced back to Ozias Goodwin, who was one of the first settlers of Hartford, his public-spirited devotion to the general good being manifest through succeeding generations in which representatives of the family have gained distinction and success, the family record being inseparably interwoven with the history of this city and state.

Having completed his education by graduation from the East Hartford high school, although he has since learned many valuable lessons in the practical school of experience, Edward S. Goodwin started out in business life as statistician with the Travelers Insurance Company, occupying that position continuously from 1899 until 1917, or for a period of almost two decades. He grew in knowledge and power during that time, having thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the business with which he was associated, and he then became statistician and salesman with Francis R. Cooley & Company, remaining with that organization until 1919. Desirous that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, he then became senior partner in the firm of Goodwin-Beach & Company and from the beginning their business has steadily grown in volume and importance until in handling investment securities theirs has become one of the leading houses in their line in the capital city. As his ability has received public recognition the cooperation of Mr. Goodwin has been sought in various other fields and he is now vice president, a director and a member of the executive committee of the Insuranshares Management Corporation and likewise a director and member of the executive committee of the Insuranshares Corporation of New York. He is president and is a member of the executive committee of the East Hartford Trust Company, and he is also serving as director, treasurer and member of the executive committee of the Land, Mortgage & Title Company of Hartford, as director and member of the finance committee of the Home Bank and Trust Company, as director and member of the executive committee of the Park Street Trust Company and as director of the Universal Pattern and Model Company. Intricate and involved financial and business problems find ready solution at his hands. He quickly discriminates between the essential and the non-essential and makes the former an effective force in the attainment of growth, expansion and success in all business matters with which he is associated.

In the field of public affairs, too, Mr. Goodwin has rendered valuable service. He is on the executive committee of the board of commissioners of the East Hartford fire district and a member of the finance committee of the town of East Hartford. A recognition of his obligations and responsibilities in connection with public life has ever been one of his strongly marked characteristics and because of this his work of a public nature has been most effective and beneficial. He acted as chairman of the Soldiers and Sailors Liberty drive and of the Red Cross canvass and was delegated to supervise various Liberty Loan drives in East Hartford and adjacent territory, in which connection his powers of organization and control stood him in good stead.

Mr. Goodwin is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial and Statistical Society of America and a member of the American Statistical Association. He is well known in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar, a thirty-second degree member of the

Scottish Rite, a Shriner and a member of the Eastern Star. He is a past master of Orient Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., and past worthy patron of Bigelow Chapter, No. 33, O. E. S. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge and the rules which govern his conduct find their basis in his faith as a member of the Congregational church. Socially he is connected with the Hartford, Wampanoag Country, Wethersfield Country and the City clubs of Hartford and his recreation, like his other interests, covers broad scope, including automobiling, fishing, hunting, golf and photography. In a word his interests and activities, whether in the field of business, pleasure or public service, have been varied and of an important character and at all times his community and his commonwealth have been greatly benefited by what he has undertaken.

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#### DANIEL EDWARD SHEA, M. D.

Dr. Daniel Edward Shea, a well known representative of the medical profession who has attained distinction in the field of urological surgery, was born in Hartford, January 18, 1893, his parents being Michael J. and Catherine (Gearin) Shea, of this city. He supplemented his public and high school course by attendance at St. John's Preparatory College in Danvers, Massachusetts, and later he pursued a pre-medical course in St. Bonaventure College in Allegany, New York, while his more specifically professional course was taken in Loyola University of Chicago, where he won his M. D. degree in 1917. He gained valuable practical experience through serving as interne in St. Francis Hospital in Hartford and in the Alexian Brothers Hospital of Chicago, spending two years in those institutions and thereby gaining the valuable knowledge and experience that can be acquired in no other way as rapidly as in hospital practice. Later Dr. Shea filled the position of resident urologist in the Los Angeles General Hospital for eighteen months, but preferring residence in New England rather than on the Pacific coast, he returned to Hartford in 1919 and was engaged in general practice here until 1922. The latter year was devoted to postgraduate work in the University of Vienna, after which he returned to his native city and again opened an office, but has since limited his practice to urological surgery, in which field he has displayed marked ability and gained wide recognition as an eminent representative of that department of medical practice.

On the 14th of June, 1924, Dr. Shea was united in marriage to Miss Mary Nash, a daughter of John and Anna C. Nash, of Chicago, and they have one son, Daniel Edward, Jr., born March 15, 1925, and one daughter, Mary Lorraine, born April 1, 1928.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Shea is an Elk and he also has membership with the Knights of Columbus. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but he concentrates his time and energies upon his professional duties, which he discharges with a sense of conscientious obligation to his fellowmen. He has constantly promoted his knowledge and skill by reading and study and he also keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and discovery through his membership in the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations, the American Urological Association and the American College of Surgeons. He is ever actuated by the high purpose of making his service of the greatest value to his fellowmen and his professional standing is indeed one of prominence and honor. He is now the secretary of the Hartford City Medical Society.

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#### CLARK BELDEN

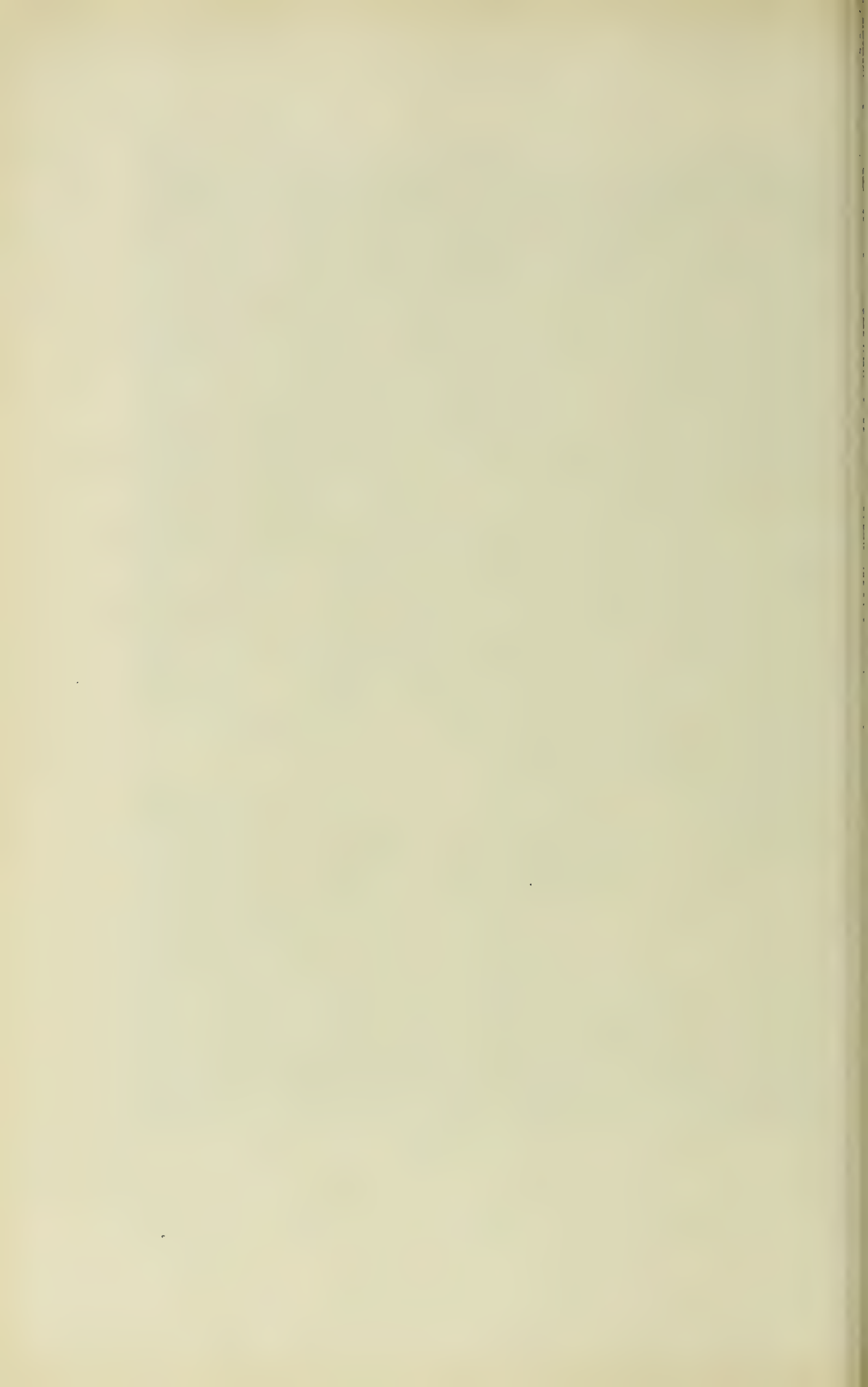
By way of the advertising, journalistic and insurance fields Clark Belden has arrived at his present position as executive vice president of the State Chamber of Commerce of Connecticut. His activities en route have not only included the routine business duties along the lines indicated but also much public speaking and the preparation of many newspaper and magazine articles. Mr. Belden is among the best informed men in the state on the general business, political and civic situations. Born in Falls Village, Connecticut, April 4, 1896, he is a son of John H. and Frances M.





CLARK BELDEN





(Clark) Belden. He completed the high school course in Hartford with the class of 1914 and the same year matriculated in Brown University, which he attended through the two succeeding years, following a summer course in Cornell University in 1914. He also further studied in the Northwestern University during the summers of 1926 and 1927, but his collegiate training has not covered the scope of his studies, as throughout his entire life his studious habits have been manifest, leading to research along many lines of knowledge. He initiated his business career by becoming a reporter on the Hartford Courant in 1914 and afterward was a special reporter on the Providence (R. I.) Journal in 1916-17. In 1919 he entered upon active connection with the publicity department of the Travelers Insurance Company and so continued until May, 1923, after having previously received instruction in the fundamentals of various kinds of insurance in the training school of that corporation. On leaving the Travelers, he devoted six months to service in the publicity department of the Affiliated Aetna Companies and from June 1, 1924, until November 20, 1924, was a representative of the advertising department of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. These connections in the insurance field covered a broad scope, including the writing of insurance articles for the various company publications, the preparation of sales folders and booklets regarding insurance for distribution to the public, the writing of trade paper advertisements on insurance and the instruction of insurance agents in the best methods of using newspaper advertising. His articles regarding insurance, advertising and popular subjects have appeared in the Chemical Age, Printers' Ink, Advertising and Selling Fortnightly, The Printing Art, Judicious Advertising, Motor Life, Elks Magazine, Barron's, Independent, Collier's and others. These articles have been the subject of editorial comment in several leading insurance journals, while the one which he prepared for the Elks Magazine was reprinted in part in The Literary Digest. The article published in The Printing Art that dealt with the vocational phases of insurance advertising work was adopted for use in the advanced advertising classes of the New York University by Professor George Burton Hotchkiss, chairman of the advertising department and author of standard books on advertising.

Mr. Belden's activities with the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce date from 1924, when he was made manager of the legislative bureau, and the following year he was appointed assistant secretary. On the 1st of March, 1926, he was elected acting secretary when George B. Chandler, then secretary, severed his connections with the Connecticut Chamber to become secretary of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. His initiative in helping to pay off an old debt of the organization and in mapping out a program of work resulted in his unanimous election as secretary and since 1927 he has been executive vice president, secretary and a director. The Connecticut Chamber comprises over one thousand members, twenty committees with a personnel of over one hundred and sixty and a board of directors numbering one hundred and three. In his present connection Mr. Belden is planning, directing and executing the research and survey program of the State Chamber, directs the publicity campaigns on behalf of legislation and other matters and handles committees and conferences composed of Connecticut's leading business men to study public questions, business problems and legislative matters. He is also a director of the Connecticut State Fair.

Mr. Belden was in charge of a part of the army paper work at the replacement camp at Le Courneau, France, in 1918-19. This work was carried on for fifteen hundred men, with as many as twenty assistant clerks. His entire activity has practically been in the line of public service. He served as secretary of the general committee of the New England Advertising Convention at Hartford in 1924 and in the same year he was a member of the publicity committee of the Hartford Community Chest. In 1926 he was on the publicity committee of the New England Conference at Hartford. His appointment as secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce came through his connection with the Hartford Advertising Club when he was sent to represent that body at an important business meeting in Waterbury, having been selected for the task because none of the club officials were able to attend. While he was supposed to make only a verbal report at the next club meeting, Mr. Belden prepared an analytical summary of the meeting, submitting a copy to George B. Chandler, then secretary of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, who, unknown to Mr. Belden, had been quietly looking for an assistant and was so impressed by the carefully arranged report that Mr. Belden submitted to him that he offered the latter the

position of his assistant. Mr. Belden belongs to the National Association of Commercial Organization Societies, the National Association of State Chamber of Commerce Officials and the New England Association of Commercial Executives. He has membership with the Sons of the American Revolution and has been chairman of its national publicity committee. Aside from his membership in the Hartford Advertising Club, of which he was secretary in 1924-25 and vice president in 1925-26, he belongs to the Newspaper Club of New York. He has become widely known through the many public addresses which he had delivered previously on insurance questions and in later years on various subjects vital to the commonwealth in which the Chamber of Commerce has manifested an active interest. The years have chronicled his steady development until he is today recognized as a forceful factor in the public life of the state and one whose wide reading and study enables him to speak with authority upon questions of general concern.

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#### THOMAS J. CROCKETT

Thomas J. Crockett, filling the office of town treasurer of the town of Farmington, is proving a capable official through prompt and intelligent service, and he is also well known throughout the community by reason of the successful real estate business which he has established. A native of South Manchester, Connecticut, he was born in 1892, his parents being Thomas and Catherine (Meade) Crockett, who came to South Manchester from the uppermost part of Ireland about 1878. The father was employed by Cheney Brothers, well known silk manufacturers, for a period of forty-two years—a fact indicative of his marked loyalty and excellent workmanship. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

In the public schools of his native city Thomas J. Crockett began his education and in due course of time was graduated from the high school with the class of 1906, while later he pursued a commercial course in Hartford. He came to Unionville to learn the cutlery business with the Union Cutlery & Hardware Company and continued with them until 1917, when America having entered the World war, he enlisted in the naval reserve force. He was in the War College at Newport, Rhode Island, and he was the first man to leave for active duty from Unionville. He engaged in personnel work under the command of Professor Marion Eppley, chemistry expert at Princeton University, and after eight months was sent overseas with Commander Whitting about April, 1918. He landed on the east coast of England, the vessel in which he sailed docking at Hull in the North sea. He was active in aviation circles and was also assistant paymaster. On the 30th of May, 1919, he returned to the new world and was mustered out. After the armistice was signed he had been on duty in the office of Admiral Sims in London from the 5th of January until May, 1919, and his discharge was granted in 1921.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Crockett returned to Unionville, where he again became connected with the cutlery business and was made secretary of the firm, with which he was associated until October, 1926, when he sold out. It was at that time that he turned his attention to the real estate business in Unionville and also established an insurance agency. He has thus become well known in the field of finance and his enterprise and industry have carried him steadily forward to success.

Mr. Crockett has also figured quite prominently in political circles and has always been a stanch advocate of republican principles. In 1920 he was elected town treasurer and is still holding that position, proving an able custodian of the public funds. On June 11, 1928, he was appointed postmaster of Unionville by President Calvin Coolidge. For twelve years he was treasurer of the fire department and he has always been most faithful in the discharge of his official duties, doing everything in his power to advance the welfare of city and county. In 1919 Mr. Crockett organized and was the first commander of Hanrahan Post, No. 32, of the American Legion. In 1927 he became master of the blue lodge of Masons and is also identified with the chapter and council, while on the roll of Odd Fellows his name likewise appears. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and he is a director of the Unionville Bank & Trust Company as well as president and director of Crockett & Clancy, Inc.

In 1920 Mr. Crockett was married to Miss Agatha Hollinger, who was born in





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Unionville, and they now have three children: Thomas J., William Kirwan and Patricia Mary. Mrs. Crockett is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and Mr. Crockett belongs to the Congregational church. They are well known in Unionville, where they have many friends and where his work as a business man and public official has gained for him high place in the esteem of those who know him.

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#### RICHARD JOHN KINSELLA

With the history of civic activity and progress in Hartford the name of Richard John Kinsella is closely associated inasmuch as he filled various public offices with credit and ability and at one time filled a four years' term as mayor. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, October 5, 1857. His father, Matthew Kinsella, was born and reared in County Wexford, Ireland, and there learned the ship carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. Crossing the Atlantic to become an American citizen, he located in Hartford about 1846 and devoted his attention to general carpenter work. He married Helen Gough, who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and they had three children: Richard John, Catherine and William.

The first named, after pursuing a public school education, served a two years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, during which time he worked on the state capitol. He did not find that occupation congenial, however, and after being employed for a time in a grocery store he became a traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery house of Foster & Company, which he thus represented for twelve years. In 1886 he established a wholesale and retail business in butter and eggs in Hartford, in partnership with Thomas A. Smith, under the firm style of Kinsella & Smith, and with the passing years the little enterprise grew into a large and profitable venture, so that in 1902 they opened a second store in Hartford, making extensive sales to the retail trade, while their wholesale business likewise reached gratifying proportions.

In politics, too, Richard J. Kinsella became prominent as a supporter of the democratic party. He served on the common council for a year, on the board of aldermen for four years, was fire commissioner three years, member of the water board three years and in 1915 was the defeated mayoralty candidate owing to internal strife in party ranks. For eight years he was a member of the south school district and in these various offices rendered effective services in maintaining the city's welfare and promoting its progress. Again he became the democratic nominee for the mayoralty and was elected for the term from 1918 to 1920 and also for the term from 1922 to 1924. He gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration, introduced needed reforms and improvements and maintained the work of his office at a high standard, discharging his duties fearlessly and faithfully.

On the 27th of February, 1890, Mr. Kinsella was married to Catherine Scott, who was born in Hartford in 1870, a daughter of John Scott, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsella became parents of seven children: John M., William G., Helen M., Pauline S., Richard John, Jr., George Francis and Marian G. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when in 1925 the husband and father passed away. He had been a member of the Knights of Columbus, of Nathan Hale Tent of the Maccabees and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. There was also an interesting military chapter in his life record inasmuch as he served for thirteen years in the state militia and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company B, First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard. His sterling worth was widely recognized, the public press speaking of him as "a man of large ability in business and conscientious when entrusted with a public service."

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#### GEORGE FRANCIS KINSELLA

George Francis Kinsella is making an excellent record as a public official as a member of the board of assessors of Hartford and is thus following in the footsteps of his father, Richard John Kinsella, an honored citizen who was mayor of Hartford and who in many ways contributed to the development and progress of the city. He was born in Hartford, February 22, 1900, and pursued a public school education,



completing his course by graduation from the grammar school with the class of 1914. He then made his initial step in the business world by becoming an inspector in the employ of the United States Tire Company. After a short time he entered the automobile business, in which he continued for four years. On the 4th of April, 1928, he was elected a member of the board of assessors on the democratic ticket. His father had long been active in the public life of the community, capably serving as an official, and those who remembered his excellent service did not hesitate to give their support to his son, who is making a most creditable record in office, proving that public confidence has not been misplaced.

On the 6th of April, 1920, Mr. Kinsella was united in marriage to Miss Dorothea Mooney, of Hartford, and with their four children—Catherine Scott, Richard J., James H. and George B.—they reside at 316 West Preston street. Mr. Kinsella is widely known in the city in which he has always lived and many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

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#### REV. THOMAS HENRY TIERNAN

Rev. Thomas Henry Tiernan is one of the strong individual forces in the spread of the Catholic religion and an influential factor for good in Unionville, which for nine years has been the scene of his pastoral labors. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, September 4, 1879, and his parents, Thomas Francis and Rose Ann (Winters) Tiernan, were natives of Ireland. The father was born in October, 1846, and the mother in May, 1852.

Father Tiernan attended the public schools of his native city and studied in St. Charles College during the fall term of 1893. In June, 1899, he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and three months later went to Detroit, Michigan, matriculating in the Seminary of SS. Cyril & Methodius, which he attended for two years, in the department of philosophy. Going to Austria, he entered the University of Lemberg as a student of theology at the Latin Seminary and on June 5, 1904, was ordained to the priesthood at Kochawina, Austria. He then returned to the United States and from July until October, 1904, held a curacy at Rockville, Connecticut. In November, 1904, he filled a curacy in St. Mary's parish, New London, Connecticut, and remained there until February, 1914. He then went to Moodus, Connecticut, where he labored successfully until August, 1919, at which time he was called to Unionville, and here his religious activities have since been centered. Father Tiernan has been the counselor and friend of his parishioners, always ready to assist them in solving the problems and perplexities of life, and during his pastorate the numerical and financial strength of the church has been materially augmented. He belongs to Seaside Council, No. 17, of the Knights of Columbus at New London and is also a member of the Avon Country Club. His powers and talents have been unselfishly dedicated to the moral uplift of humanity and his sincerity and devotion to his high calling have awakened the admiration and respect of all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence.

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#### MELANCTHON WILLIAMS JACOBUS

Melancthon Williams Jacobus, whose life has been devoted to the gospel ministry and the interests of education, is now dean emeritus of the Hartford Theological Seminary, in whose service he has been actively engaged since 1891. Born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1855, he is a son of Melancthon Williams and Sarah (Hayes) Jacobus, the father having been an educator and an eminent divine of the Presbyterian church. The history of the family is closely interwoven with American annals from the colonial epoch down to the present. There is every evidence that Roelff Jacobus was a native of Holland. At all events he was a resident of America prior to 1650 and established his home in Essex county, New Jersey. In the maternal line Melancthon W. Jacobus of this review traces his ancestry from Obadiah Bruen, who came from England and settled in Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1640. He belonged to an organization called "Governor and Company of the English



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Colony of Connecticut," to which King Charles II granted the Charter. In 1655 he was a commissioner for New London, was a deputy at Hartford, and a clerk of the New London county court.

Melancthon Williams Jacobus, D. D., LL. D., who attained notable influence in educational and church circles, was moderator of the last general assembly of the Old School branch of the Presbyterian church and in association with Dr. Philemon Fowler, last moderator of the New School branch, presided over the first assembly of the reunited Presbyterian church. He contributed largely to the literature of his profession and was the author of "Notes on the Gospels," prepared originally for Sunday school teachers but because of their value widely used by the ministry and others for Bible study.

Liberal educational advantages were accorded Dr. Jacobus of Hartford, who pursued his preparatory course in the Newell Institute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was a pupil of William Milligan Sloane, the historian. He then entered the Western University of Pennsylvania, at that time a preparatory school but which has since become the University of Pittsburgh. There he continued until 1873. In that year he was enrolled as a student in Princeton University, then known as the College of New Jersey, from which he was graduated with honors in 1877. Already he had considered the advisability of entering the ministry, his nature and serious purpose strongly inclining him in that direction. When he had resolved upon this course he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, which he attended from 1878 until his graduation in 1881. During the succeeding three years he was abroad, giving his time to postgraduate study in Göttingen and Berlin, Germany, and it was following his return to his native land in 1884 that he accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Oxford, Pennsylvania, there continuing his labors successfully through a period of seven years. In 1891 he resigned to accept the proffered position of Hosmer professor of New Testament exegesis and criticism at the Hartford Theological Seminary. In 1903 he was appointed dean of the faculty, preferring that office to the presidency which had been offered him at the conclusion of a term of two years as acting president, succeeding the retirement of President Hartranft from office. He is regarded as one of the foremost educators in his field in New England and he has done much important work outside the path of his labors with the Hartford institution.

For more than a year while carrying on his duties at the Seminary he assumed the acting pastorate of the Center church, Hartford, following the death of Dr. Lamson. He was urged to accept the permanent position of pastor of the church, but declined for the purpose of developing his educational work. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Hartford Hospital Social Service, since merged in the corporate administration of the hospital, of which institution Dr. Jacobus is a managing director. He is one of the founders and president of the board of directors of the Kingswood Country Day School for Boys, one of the permanent educational institutions of Hartford and is also on the advisory board of the Oxford School for Girls, another Hartford institution.

Following the death of Judge Samuel O. Prentice, he was chosen president of the board of trustees of the Watkinson Library, founded in 1858 under the will of David Watkinson, and now recognized as one of the most richly treasured libraries of reference in New England.

His earnest, effective and truly beneficial service has also extended far beyond the confines of Hartford. While at Oxford, Pennsylvania, he was elected a trustee of the Lincoln University in 1887 and filled that office until 1904. In 1890 he was made a life trustee of Princeton University, in which position he stands today among the most influential members of the board. In 1892 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Lafayette College of Pennsylvania. In 1897 he was appointed lecturer on the Stone Foundation at Princeton Theological Seminary and his lectures have since appeared in book form under the title "A Problem in New Testament Criticism." In 1901 and again in 1903 and 1904 he lectured on the New Testament at Mount Holyoke College and from 1902 until 1904 he was contributing editor of the New Testament department of the New International Encyclopedia, which work he resumed in connection with the publication of the second edition in 1914 and 1915. In 1909 he was chosen chairman of the editorial board of the Standard Bible Dictionary, the second edition of which appeared in 1926. In 1909 he also edited the English translation of Zahn's "New Testament Introduction." His authorship

includes a commentary on the Gospel of Mark in the series known as "The Bible for Home and School," published in 1915. In 1910 Yale University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On the 8th of January, 1896, Dr. Jacobus was married to Miss Clara May Cooley, the youngest daughter of Hon. Francis B. and Clarissa A. (Smith) Cooley of Hartford, a representative of one of the old New England families. They have three children living. Dr. Jacobus has always been interested in patriotic organizations and their work and has membership in the Sons of the Revolution, the Holland Society of New York, and the Swedish Colonial Society. Along more strictly social lines his connection is with the Century Club of New York, the Monday Evening Club, and the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford, of which he was president in 1905 and 1906. He was also one of the founders of the University Club of Hartford and became its first president. In politics he has always maintained an independent course but has been a student of the times, and his support has always been given to the furtherance of the welfare of Hartford. An event in which he recently had active participation was the reunion of his University class, which in 1927 commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation from Princeton. On that occasion he was chosen by his class to preach the sermon of their last and concluding formal reunion; his classmates in a body attending the service at the First Presbyterian church of Princeton. For over thirty-seven years his interest in Princeton has been manifest in valued service on the board of trustees and as a member of three of the most important committees of the board. Speaking of this John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, said: "Dr. Jacobus' connection with the board of trustees of Princeton University has extended over a period of thirty-seven years. He was elected a life member of the board in November, 1890. During this period Dr. Jacobus has been constantly active as a member of the board and has been of particular value in his duties as chairman of the curriculum committee. To the many problems of the University curriculum Dr. Jacobus has given his earnest and serious study and has always been particularly helpful in his wise counsel and suggestions. As chairman of the curriculum committee he has been ex-officio a member of the administrative committee of the university, which corresponds to an executive committee of a business corporation. In this field Dr. Jacobus' services have been of inestimable value in contributing of his wisdom and experience to the solution of many difficult problems of the university administration. He has commanded not only the respect and grateful appreciation of his colleagues on the board, but their affection as well.

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#### MAJOR LOUIS H. STANLEY

Major Louis H. Stanley, supervisor of the south district public schools of Hartford, is well known in educational circles, having devoted many years of his life to the profession of teaching. He has also figured prominently for many years in connection with the military affairs of the state and won the title by which he is usually known in command of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard. Born in Brooklyn, Connecticut, August 22, 1874, he is a son of Edward and Mary Stanley, who were natives of Killingly, this state. He acquired a public school education and then attended the State Normal Training School at Willimantic, Connecticut, from which he was graduated, later becoming a student at Yale College. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was made principal of the East school, now the Alfred Plant school in West Hartford, under Charles D. Hine, there remaining for three years. In 1899 he became identified with the Chauncey Harris school as an instructor in the upper grade, preparing children for high school. He taught there for two years and subsequently became vice principal of this school, so continuing to serve from 1902 until 1906, when he was made principal of the Lawrence street school in the same district, there remaining from June, 1906, until 1910, when he was elected supervisor of the South school district, having charge of all the schools in this district to the number of seven, with six thousand, four hundred and sixty-five children in attendance. His entire life has been devoted to educational work and he is regarded as one of the foremost representatives of the profession in this part of Connecticut. He has closely studied the most advanced educational methods and his

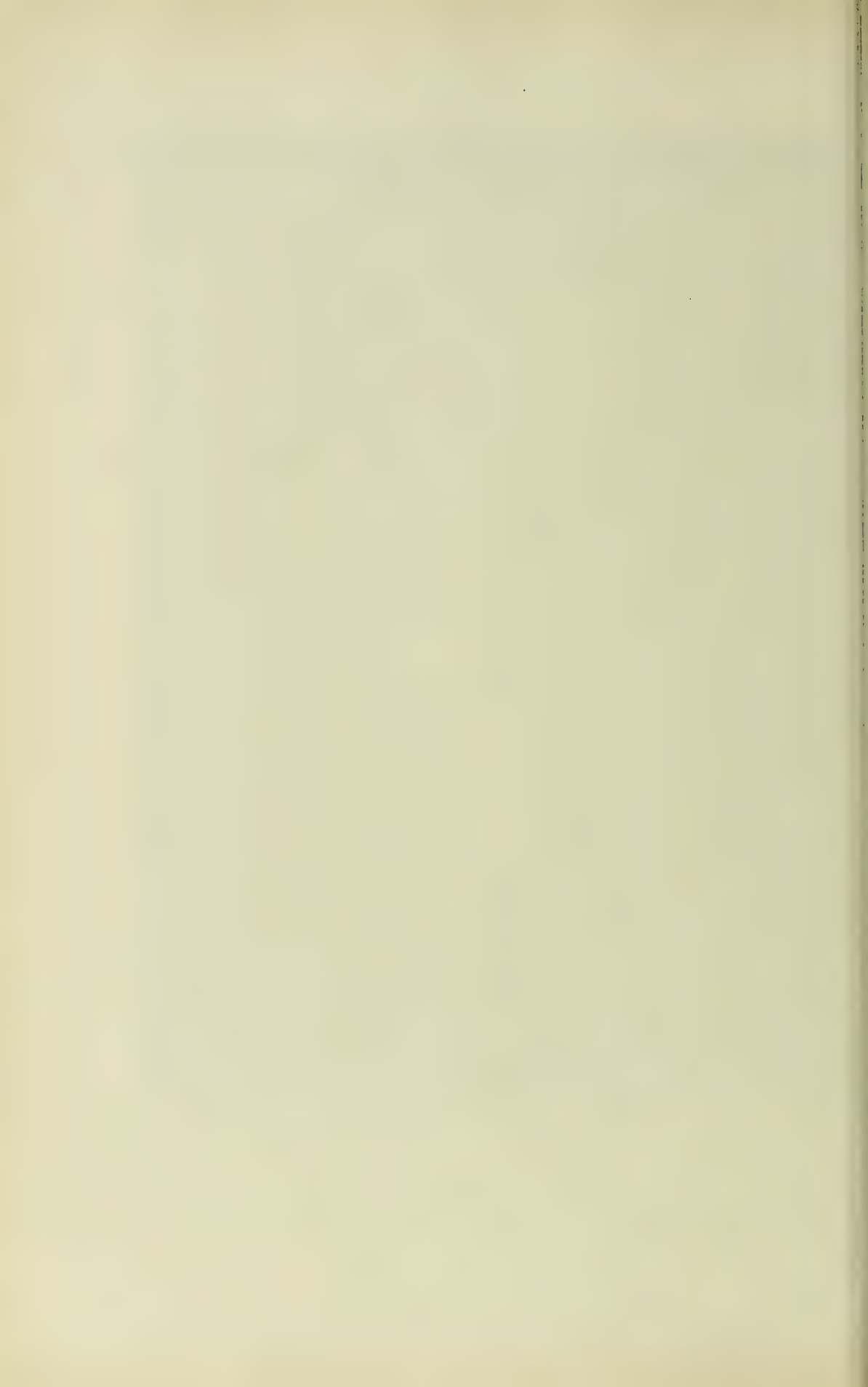




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initiative has enabled him to meet all conditions and institute many improvements. He represents Hartford as one of the ten delegates of the State Teachers Association and for some time has been president of the Hartford County Teachers Association. From the outset of his professional career he has shown marked ability in imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired and, moreover, has that quality which has enabled him to inspire teachers and pupils under him with much of his own interest and zeal.

On the 15th of October, 1902, Major Stanley was united in marriage to Miss Lucy W. Dunlap, of Hartford. They are members of the South Congregational church and Major Stanley also belongs to the Automobile Club of Hartford, which honored him with election to the presidency in January, 1928. His military record is a most interesting one. He enlisted as a private in the First Company on October 1, 1900, and on the 18th of February, 1906, became a corporal. Four years later he was advanced to sergeant and in November, 1915, became first sergeant. It was while he was serving in that capacity that the Governor's Foot Guard participated in a memorable parade in Baltimore. In 1916 he was made ensign and on the 11th of March, 1918, was commissioned fourth lieutenant, while the 6th of May, 1918, brought him to the position of third lieutenant and on the 26th of January, 1920, he became second lieutenant, followed by his election on the 8th of August as first lieutenant and captain. He served as adjutant while ensign and through his connection with each of the lieutenant grades, being adjutant for Majors Charles E. Stedman, Lucius B. Barbour and Clarence S. Wadsworth. On the 26th of June, 1922, he was appointed a personnel officer on the major's staff with the rank of captain. On the 26th of March, 1923, he was commissioned major and held that rank for four years, when he resigned, much to the regret of the governor, who urged him to reconsider his resignation. He felt, however, that he had given a full term of service to Connecticut military organizations, inasmuch as he had served for twenty-seven years, and he asked to be placed on the retired list. After his election to the command the Foot Guard participated in many notable events here, including the trip to Europe in the spring of 1926; the participation in the exercises opening Connecticut's building at the Sesquicentennial exposition in Philadelphia in June, 1926, when the guard was ordered there by the state; the trip to Lexington in 1925 to take part in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle which opened the Revolution; the visit of the Richmond Blues to Hartford in 1925 as guests of the First Company, at which time Governor Trinkle of Virginia and the Blues were entertained extensively for two days here; the visit of the Foot Guard to Richmond as the guests of the Blues in May, 1924, when likewise they were lavishly entertained by their southern hosts; the stop-over in Washington and the parade reviewed by President Coolidge, Governor Templeton, Congressman Fenn and others, from the White House steps. All of these various undertakings were managed successfully as far as the First Company was concerned, by Major Stanley, as well as annual summer encampments and two inaugural balls, one for Governor Bingham and the last one for Governor Trumbull. Major Stanley's interest in the Governor's Foot Guard and the military affairs of the state has not ceased even though he has resigned his office. In all matters of citizenship he manifests a progressive spirit and he gives hearty cooperation to all projects for the general good. His has been an active and useful life in which he has rendered valuable service to the state in the development of its military organization and in the establishment of higher and more effective standards of education.

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#### ERNEST R. PENDLETON, M. D.

As a talented surgeon Dr. Ernest R. Pendleton has become an outstanding figure in professional circles of Granby and is widely and favorably known as the owner of the fine sanitarium which bears his name. A native of Russell, Massachusetts, he was born in 1879 and is a son of Arthur and Catherine Pendleton. His father operated a sawmill and also engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Dr. Pendleton attended the public schools of Russell, Massachusetts, and received his higher education at Boston in the College of Physicians & Surgeons, from which he was graduated in 1904. Afterward he served as an interne in Sacred Heart Hos-

pital at Manchester, New Hampshire, and then returned to Westfield, where he practiced for a number of years. In 1909 he became a member of the staff of Noble Hospital of Westfield and for four years was engaged in surgical work for H. B. Smith. Owing to the condition of his health Dr. Pendleton was obliged to seek a change of climate and in 1916 journeyed to the west, where he spent five years, regaining his strength and vigor. In 1921 he returned to the east, locating in Granby, and is now regarded as one of the foremost surgeons, of this part of the state. He has an extensive practice and is also the proprietor of "Dr. Pendleton's Sanitarium," an ideal place for convalescents. This quiet, restful and home-like institution is situated fifteen miles from Hartford, on the College highway, in what is regarded as one of the most picturesque spots in New England. The sanitarium contains well furnished single rooms which are heated by steam and all are light and airy. There are large sun porches where patients can read and lounge and listen to radio concerts. Among the important features of the institution are an X-ray room and a technical laboratory for diagnosis, as well as facilities for the treatment of cases which require occupational therapy. This is one of the most important forms of therapy and has been developed to a high standard. Instruction is furnished in basketry, loom weaving of rugs and scarfs, leather tooling, raffia, net weaving, etc., and all departments are under the direction of trained technicians. A fine nine-hole golf course, tennis and croquet grounds and woodland walks all aid in restoring health to patients who need exercise and recreation. A rustic clubhouse has been provided and in equipment, facilities and efficiency of operation this sanitarium is equal to the best in the country. The rates are reasonable and make it possible for people in moderate circumstances to secure the best sanitarium treatment. Every detail of the work has been carefully planned and closely supervised by Dr. Pendleton, who has perfected a model institution which is a great asset to Granby and to this section of the state.

In 1913 Dr. Pendleton was married in Westfield to Miss Emma Nelson, who passed away February 28, 1925, leaving a daughter, Ruth, born in 1922. On March 26, 1926, Dr. Pendleton was again married, his second union being with Miss Hazel Nelson, a sister of his first wife. The Doctor is a Mason and his wife is connected with the Eastern Star and the Woman's Club of Granby. He owns the Salmon Brook Country Club, which has an eighteen-hole golf course and is under the direction of Dr. Pendleton's Sanitarium. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and his professional affiliations are with the Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Through practical experience and close study he has constantly broadened his knowledge and augmented his skill and his pronounced success indicates that he has chosen the vocation for which nature intended him.

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#### WILLIAM ROSS MCCAIN

The name of William Ross McCain occupies an outstanding position on the roster of those who represent insurance interests in Connecticut and he is now the vice president and secretary of the Aetna (Fire) Insurance Company. Born in Monticello, Arkansas, October 15, 1878, he is a son of William Simonton and Eliza (Chesnutt) McCain. He is a southern man by birth and training, although he has found in the north the opportunities for the attainment of notable success in business. He pursued his early education in the grade and high schools of Little Rock, Arkansas, and next entered the Washington and Lee University of Lexington, Virginia. At a later date he returned to his native state and became a student in the University of Arkansas, from which he was graduated in 1898 with the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts. When his college days were over he went abroad and spent two years, from 1898 until 1900, in travel and study in Europe, spending some time in the University of Bonn in Germany and at the Sorbonne in Paris. He then returned to Little Rock, Arkansas, and took up the study of law under the direction of his father, a prominent attorney of that city who passed away there in 1908.

William Ross McCain was admitted to the bar in 1903 but did not enter upon active practice at that time, his attention being directed to other duties. He became clerk of the civil division of the circuit court and also served as deputy circuit clerk





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in Little Rock. He made his initial step in the field of insurance in 1907 when he became associated with the firm of A. B. Banks & Company, who conducted the Home Fire Insurance Company at Fordyce, Arkansas. He continued with that company in Fordyce for two years and then became representative for the firm in Texas as special agent with headquarters in Dallas. In 1909, however, he resigned his position to become assistant special agent for the Phoenix Insurance Company of Hartford, his territory covering northern Texas and Arkansas. He remained with that corporation until 1911, when he became associated with the Aetna Insurance Company as special agent for Arkansas, with headquarters in Little Rock, and occupied that position until July, 1919, when he was made assistant secretary of the Aetna Insurance Company and removed to Hartford. Here he measured up to the demands of executive service and administrative direction and in 1923 was elected secretary of the corporation, while in 1927 the duties of vice president were added to his secretarial work and he is now filling both positions. Thus step by step he has advanced to an eminent position among the leaders of insurance in the country and his high standing is further indicated by the fact that in June, 1927, he was elected president of the Southeastern Underwriters Association at its annual meeting in Briarcliff Lodge, New York.

Mr. McCain was married April 11, 1917, to Dorothy May Foster, a daughter of H. H. and Elizabeth (Wallin) Foster, of Little Rock. Their children are: Elizabeth, born in December, 1918; and William Ross, Jr., born in July, 1921.

Mr. McCain has always voted with the democratic party. He rendered efficient service as a member of the city planning commission and is now serving as a commissioner on the fire board, for he maintains deep interest in everything relating to the welfare and progress of the community and municipality with which he is now identified. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Psi, dating from his college days, and has membership in the Hartford, University, Civitan and Wampanoag Country Clubs, to the social activities of which he devotes much of his leisure time. That he is a representative of one of the early American families is indicated in the fact that he has membership with the Sons of the Revolution, and the commendable course of his ancestors in loyalty to country is continued in the record of William Ross McCain.

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#### EDGAR SMITH YERGASON

Never content save with the best, Edgar Smith Yergason in his business career steadily advanced until his record was one of notable achievement. Thoroughness and efficiency marked all that he did and he ever held to the highest standards and ideals in connection with his work as an interior decorator. This brought him a patronage which made him known throughout the entire country. He also possessed many admirable personal qualities which gained for him the friendship and high regard of many men eminent in various walks of life. Connecticut numbered Mr. Yergason as a native son, for he was born in Windham, September 10, 1840. His father, Christopher Yergason, was born at Norwich, Connecticut, and served as a lieutenant in the state militia. He married Charlotte Ann Smith, a native of Windham, Connecticut, and a descendant of Elder and Love Brewster.

Having completed his early education in the public schools, Edgar S. Yergason continued his studies in the Pine Grove Seminary in South Windham and when his textbooks were put aside came to Hartford, where he secured a clerkship in the dry goods house of Talcott & Post, being there employed until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he volunteered for service and donned the blue uniform as a private of Company B, Twenty-second Connecticut Volunteers. After receiving his honorable discharge he resumed connections with Talcott & Post, there remaining until the partnership was dissolved in 1881, when Mr. Yergason became a partner of Mr. Post in the organization of the firm of William H. Post & Company. They took up the business of interior decorating and ere long had become well established in this field, owing to excellent workmanship and thoroughness in meeting their contracts. The entire department of decorating was personally supervised by Mr. Yergason, who not only displayed marked executive ability as manager but superior taste in directing his workmen and in advising his patrons. So widely did his work become known that he was chosen to do interior decorating in the White House under Presidents



Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley and also in the state capitol at Albany. He had contracts for work in many of the most magnificent homes in Washington and other sections of the east and it was through one of his patrons, William Windham, then secretary of the treasury, that he secured his first White House contract. After he had decorated the apartment of Captain George E. Lemon, of Washington, who was owner of the Washington National Tribune, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and the wives of four of the cabinet members visited the apartment and were so thoroughly pleased with the work that Mr. Yergason was invited to come to the White House on the following day and suggest changes for the Blue Room. This he did and was accorded a very sizable commission for interior decorating in the executive mansion, including not only the Blue Room but other parts of the building, and it was he who installed the first electric light system there. Between the years 1890 and 1892 President Harrison frequently called him to the White House to suggest desired improvements and his patronage steadily increased among the leading citizens of the Capital and of other sections of the east. He had charge of the furnishing of the home of General John A. Logan, then United States senator from Illinois, and that mansion was afterward leased to William Jennings Bryan when he became secretary of state under President Wilson. It is still regarded as one of the most elegantly furnished of the palatial residences in Washington and many of the draperies and carpets put there by Mr. Yergason in 1892 are still in use. With the passing years Mr. Yergason not only obtained as patrons but won as friends many of the most notable men of the country, including Joseph Jefferson, Admiral George Dewey, Thomas A. Edison, Richard J. Gatling, who perfected the first gun bearing his name, General Horace Porter, James G. Blaine, General W. T. Sherman, General Philip H. Sheridan and others of equal note.

In early manhood Mr. Yergason was married to Emeline B. Moseley, a daughter of D. B. Moseley, of Hartford, and they became the parents of two daughters and a son, the latter being Dr. Robert M. Yergason, a distinguished orthopedic surgeon of Hartford, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Yergason not only gained distinction as one of the foremost interior decorators of the entire country but was also widely known in other connections. He took the keenest interest in politics, regarding it the duty and obligation of every citizen to support the measures which he deemed vital to community and country. He belonged to the Republican Club of New York and the Amen Corner Republican Headquarters of New York state and he was the first of five young men who originated the Wide Awake Torch Light Marching Campaign Club to further the election of W. A. Buckingham, who was the candidate for governor. He was not only one of the first five Wide Awakes but he invented and, with his own hands, made the first five Wide Awake capes, which were the distinctive badge of the movement, which attracted such attention and interest that it became a national one. Dr. R. M. Yergason has in his possession the original cape of cambric which his father wore and which is the only one of the first five capes in existence. He also has his cape of mackintosh material worn in the fall campaign of Lincoln's election year. After the organization of the first Wide Awake Club. Other similar clubs were formed throughout the state and the enthusiasm aroused resulted in Buckingham's election. In the fall of the same year the torch light processions were a feature of the republican campaign throughout the entire country when Abraham Lincoln was elected to the presidency. Many years later President McKinley named Mr. Yergason for a position as colonel on his staff at the time of the inauguration on the 4th of March, 1897, and he served in a similar capacity at the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt on the 4th of March, 1901. His activity as colonel in this connection did not entirely cover his military service aside from the Civil war, for he was made an honorary member of Company K, First Regiment, Connecticut State Militia, and was an honorary member of the Old Guard in Washington, D. C., in July, 1890. He held membership with the Society of Sons of the American Revolution, in Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., and in the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut. The breadth of his interests is further indicated in the fact that he was a member of the Amaranth Dramatic Club of Brooklyn, New York, and of the Aldine Merchants Club of New York. It is said that every man has a hobby and Mr. Yergason's was the collection of valuable relics, which included some of the rarest and most unusual in the country. Among the most interesting of his possessions of this character was a flag used to drape the box in Ford's Theatre in which President Lincoln sat on the night that Booth fired the fatal

shot that caused the death of the Great Emancipator. As the assassin jumped from the box the spur on one of his boots caught in the silken emblem, which was torn in half, and one half of this flag is now preserved in a glass box in the hall of the treasury building in Washington. The flags of the Treasury Guard consisted of two American flags similar in all respects except that one had been decorated by having an eagle and ribbons painted upon it, which was the emblem or insignia of the Treasury Guard. Both flags were hung on the box in the theatre. Booth's spur tore a large piece out of the flag which did not bear the insignia of the Guard. After the event both flags and the torn piece were returned to the treasury and were rolled up for many years. Mr. Cobaugh, a great friend of Mr. Yergason and for a number of years chief officer of the Treasury Guard, brought out these flags and gave to Mr. Yergason the flag which bore the insignia of the Guard (mate to the flag actually torn). He also gave him a large remnant from the flag actually torn and a small piece clipped from the section which Booth's spur tore out. The flags were very rotten with age at the time. The larger portion of the flag actually torn by the spur is now mounted in a glass case on the wall of the treasury building. The untorn flag, together with the two remnants above mentioned, was mounted and placed in a glass case by Mr. Yergason. After his death Dr. Yergason presented this case, with its contents, to the Connecticut Historical Society, where it may be seen. Mr. Yergason possessed in notable measure those qualities which made him the esteemed friend and companion of many of the outstanding Americans of his day and generation, although he never sought, as did many of them, to figure in public life. He found in his business a congenial field and one which enabled him to give expression to an artistic nature. He had interest in all that made for intellectual progress, for cultural advancement and for uplift among humankind, and his entire record was such that Connecticut had every reason to number him among her most honored citizens.

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#### ROBERT MOSELEY YERGASON, M. D.

Since 1912 Dr. Robert Moseley Yergason has been a representative of the medical profession in Hartford. He continued in general practice for five years and since that time has gained wide reputation as an orthopedist, having developed his skill and efficiency in this field until his position is now a most enviable one. Dr. Yergason has spent his entire life in the city which is still his place of residence, having been born here October 3, 1885, his parents being Edgar Smith and Emmeline Bingham (Moseley) Yergason. His public and high school education was acquired in Hartford and for a year thereafter he was a student in Trinity College, while in preparation for his professional career he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, the medical department of Columbia University, which granted him his M. D. degree in 1909. Thus having qualified by comprehensive and thorough courses of study for the calling which he wished to make his life work, Dr. Yergason gained his initial practical experience as interne in the Lying-in Hospital of New York, serving for four months. He then went to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Brooklyn, New York, where he remained for two years, and in 1912 he returned to Hartford to engage in general practice. He was more and more attracted to orthopedics, however, and studied along that line, so that in 1917 he decided to give up general practice and has since limited his attention to bone and joint surgery, keeping always abreast of the times in his knowledge of the latest scientific researches, methods and discoveries. He not only has an extensive private practice but is also consulting orthopedic surgeon of the Manchester Memorial Hospital and visiting orthopedic surgeon of St. Francis and Mount Sinai Hospitals of Hartford. He maintains pleasant relations with his professional brethren through his membership in the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations. He is likewise a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons.

There is also an interesting military chapter in the life record of Dr. Yergason, who enlisted as a private in Headquarters Company, First Infantry, Connecticut National Guard, in 1914. He was later transferred, with commission of first lieutenant, to the Medical Corps and was assigned to the First Connecticut Ambulance



Company, with which he did duty on the Mexican border until the fall of 1916, when he resigned from the National Guard. On the 10th of July, 1917, the United States having entered the World war, he was commissioned a captain of the Medical Reserve Corps, was called into active service January 4, 1918, and was for three months stationed at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, during which time he took a course in bone and joint surgery. Subsequently he was on duty at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, and at Camp A. A. Humphreys in Virginia. On the 21st of December, 1918, he was transferred to Embarkation Hospital No. 4, in New York and received his honorable discharge August 7, 1919, holding the rank of captain. He is now a major in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps.

On the 4th of January, 1919, while still in military service, Dr. Yergason was married to Miss Helen Marion Seidler, of Hartford, and their children are: Marion Louise, born November 22, 1921; and Elinor Jane, born March 3, 1924.

In his political views Dr. Yergason is a republican, having always supported the party. He belongs to several of the patriotic societies, including the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Sons of the American Revolution and Griffin A. Stedman Camp of the Sons of Veterans, while along strictly fraternal lines he is a Mason, having taken the degrees of both York and Scottish rites. He is a past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 4 F. & A. M. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and in the field of social activity he is known as a member of the Exchange Club of Hartford. His personal qualities, as well as his professional skill and his service for his country in her time of need, entitle him to the high regard in which he is uniformly held. He has accomplished much for his fellowmen along various lines and is regarded as a man of ripe scholarship in his chosen profession.

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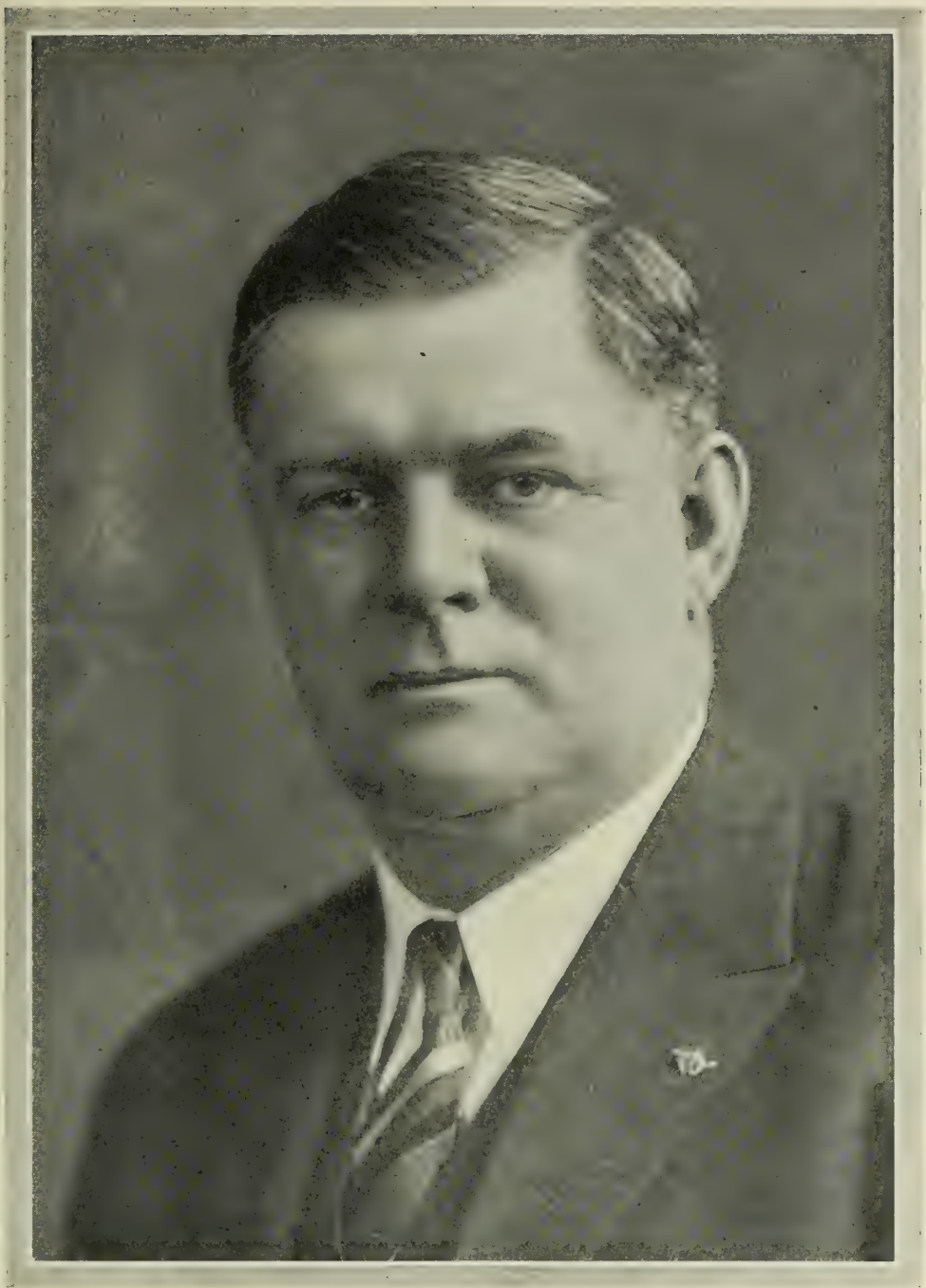
#### FRED B. GRIFFIN

Fred B. Griffin, a well known representative of the tobacco trade of Hartford, with offices at 81 Commerce street, was born in Granby, Connecticut, June 16, 1873, and is a son of Gilbert B. and Margaret Gray (Fleming) Griffin. The father was also a native of Granby, but the mother was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He devoted his life to farming and continued a resident of his native locality until called to his final rest.

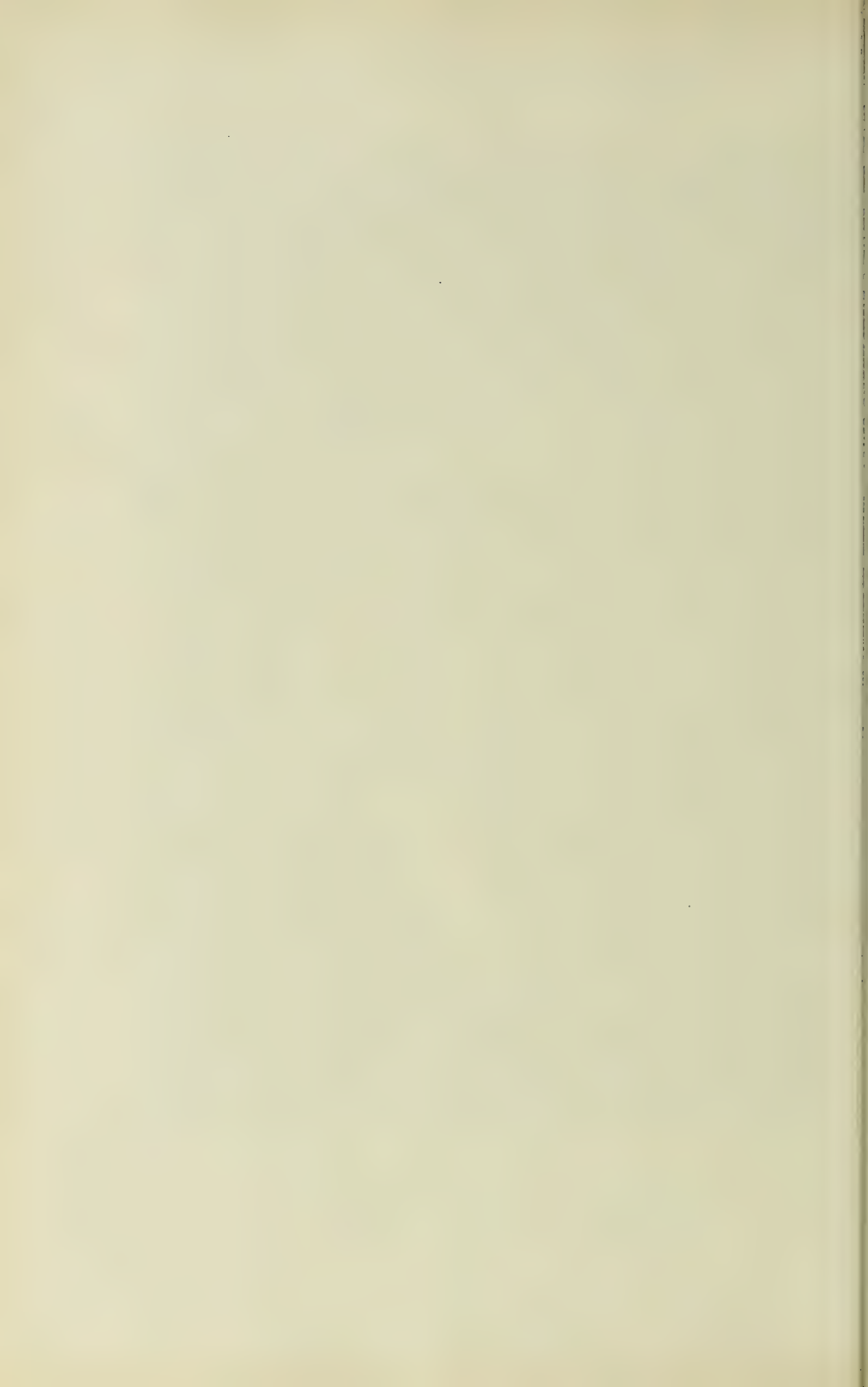
The public schools accorded Fred B. Griffin his educational opportunities and he started out in business life as an employe in the general store of Loomis Brothers at Granby in 1889, there remaining for about eleven years. In 1901 he turned his attention to tobacco raising, taking up the business of growing shade tobacco and other grades, and through the intervening period he has built up the largest tobacco plantation in Connecticut, operating in the towns of Windsor and Bloomfield, where he has about seventeen hundred acres of land, plowing about seven hundred acres for use in tobacco growing. He has cleared more land for this purpose than any man in New England. In 1919 he sold out to the American Sumatra Tobacco Company, of which he was elected a vice president and director, but resigned his official connections with that company in 1922 and went back to the tobacco business on his own account, purchasing two plantations, one in South Windsor and the other adjoining in East Windsor. He has been growing tobacco for many years and his long experience and success enables him to speak with authority upon the methods of production and the manner of handling the product. He is now associated with Cullman Brothers, Inc., of New York, of which company he is vice president. He likewise owns and controls a number of warehouses and deals in all kinds of leaf tobacco. He was president of the Hartford Leaf Dealers Association for a number of years, and for some time was vice president of the National Leaf Dealers Association. He is regarded as one of the most capable and successful tobacco men of New England, being actuated at all times by a spirit of enterprise that enables him to overcome any obstacle or difficulty in his path.

On the 11th of September, 1895, Mr. Griffin was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Shattuck, of Granby. They are the parents of five children, namely: Marion Margaret, Freda Bertha, Donald Colman, Charles Gilbert and Carol Barbara. Mr. Griffin and his family reside at No. 41 Bloomfield avenue in Hartford, where he is well known





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in fraternal and in club circles. He has served as master of St. Marks Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, is a past potentate of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine and has been elected an honorary member of Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Philadelphia. His social qualities make for popularity and he is therefore a valued member of many of the leading clubs, including the Hartford, Hartford Golf, Madison Country, Farmington Country, Old Newgate, Coon and Hartford Yacht clubs, the Automobile Club of Hartford and the Republican Club. The last named indicates his political preference and in 1907 he was elected on the republican ticket a member of the Connecticut general assembly from Granby. He is also a member of the Reform Club of New York city and his interest centers in those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number. His attitude on civic, social and commercial affairs is one of progress and his career is one of outstanding achievement.

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#### ALPHONZO BRIGGS PORTER

Alphonzo Briggs Porter, the secretary and treasurer of the G. E. Prentice Manufacturing Company of New Britain, is a son of Isaac and Julia Elizabeth (Fairchild) Porter. The father was for twenty-five years town clerk of New Britain and later engaged in the furniture business to the time of his death. His wife was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and belonged to one of the old New England families.

Alphonzo B. Porter became associated with the G. E. Prentice Manufacturing Company in 1913 in the dual official capacity of secretary and treasurer and is likewise one of the directors of the concern, having been very active in the business for the past fifteen years. In 1903 he was married to Miss Harriett Disbrow, of Plainville, and they now have three sons: Gordon, who is a graduate in economics of Clark University at Worcester, Massachusetts; Daniel, attending Harvard College; and Richard, who is a student in Dartmouth College.

Mr. Porter is a member of the New Britain Club, the Shuttle Meadow Club, the Sons of Veterans and the South Congregational church of New Britain, while his wife belongs to the Episcopal church and to the Woman's Club of New Britain, of which she is secretary. They take an active part in the social life of the community and are prominently known.

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#### GEORGE H. WILCOX

For eleven years South Manchester has benefitted by the well directed activities of George H. Wilcox, who has devoted his talents to educational work and conducts a thoroughly modern institution, devoted to the training of young men and women for positions of responsibility in the world of commerce. A native of Middletown, Connecticut, he was born in 1880 son of Horace A. and Mary D. (Roberts) Wilcox, who have passed away. He attended the public schools of Middletown and in 1903 was graduated from the Rochester (N. Y.) Business Institute. Having made thorough preparation for his chosen field of labor, he located in Hartford and established the Connecticut Business College in the Connecticut Mutual building, where he remained until 1917. Mr. Wilcox then allied his interests with those of South Manchester, opening the Connecticut Business College in the Odd Fellows building, and has built up an institution which is a decided asset to the city. About fifty students are enrolled in the day school and the night school has an average attendance of fifty. The courses are complete, thorough and modern. They include the maximum of essentials and eliminate to the last degree the unessentials. The three instructors are specialists, not only proficient in the art of transmitting knowledge, but also capable of doing well themselves the things that they teach.

On the 22d of August, 1906, Mr. Wilcox married Miss Jane Baldwin, daughter of Lewis and Jane (Roberts) Baldwin, of Middletown, Connecticut, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have four children: Mary E., who was born in 1909 and attended Boston University is now a public stenographer in Manchester; Rodney B., who was born in 1911, graduated from high school in 1928; Lois E., who was born



in 1914, is also in high school; and George H. Jr., who was born in 1916, is a grammar school pupil.

The parents are earnest, helpful members of the Center Congregational church and Mrs. Wilcox is connected with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Wilcox is a Kiwanian and one of the enterprising members of the Chamber of Commerce. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias and Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M. In politics he is a strong republican and for five years has been chairman of the third district school board. Mr. Wilcox is president of the New England Business Educators Association and a member of the Connecticut Business Educators Association. As a citizen he is loyal, progressive and public-spirited and his worth to the community is uniformly conceded.

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#### WILLIAM WARNER ROBERTSON

Men of efficiency and strong character are the type of workers the commercial world of today is eagerly seeking, and in this classification belongs William Warner Robertson, a dominant figure in the management of one of the large productive industries of South Manchester. A native of Connecticut, he was born February 5, 1882, in Glastonbury. His parents were John T. and Jessie F. (Brown) Robertson and the former died in 1922.

When William W. Robertson was a child the family moved from Glastonbury to South Manchester and in the public schools of this locality he completed his education. In 1901 he entered the employ of the Bon Ami Company, of which his father was an officer, and conscientiously performed the tasks assigned him. His diligence and trustworthiness were rewarded by promotion and in 1921 his ability led to his appointment as general manager of the plant. Mr. Robertson still acts in that capacity and in the operation of the factory he has secured maximum efficiency at a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material. He is a director of the corporation, whose product is nationally known, and his name also appears on the directorate of the Manchester Trust Company. Moreover, he is chairman of the board of directors of the J. T. Robertson Company of Syracuse, New York, treasurer of the J. T. Robertson Company of Canada and chairman of the board of trustees of the Manchester Hospital.

In 1906 Mr. Robertson was married in Manchester to Miss Isabella A. Saunders, daughter of Charles M. and Sophia (Burns) Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have three children: Marion E., John Douglas and Eleanor M.

Mr. Robertson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is one of the selectmen of the town of Manchester, working at all times for its best interests. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., to the chapter and council, to Washington Commandery, K. T., to the consistory and also to Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His name is also on the membership rolls of the City Club of Hartford, the Chemists Club of New York city and the Citizens Club of Syracuse, New York. His rapidly maturing powers have carried him into important relations and the principles by which his life is governed are such as constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity.

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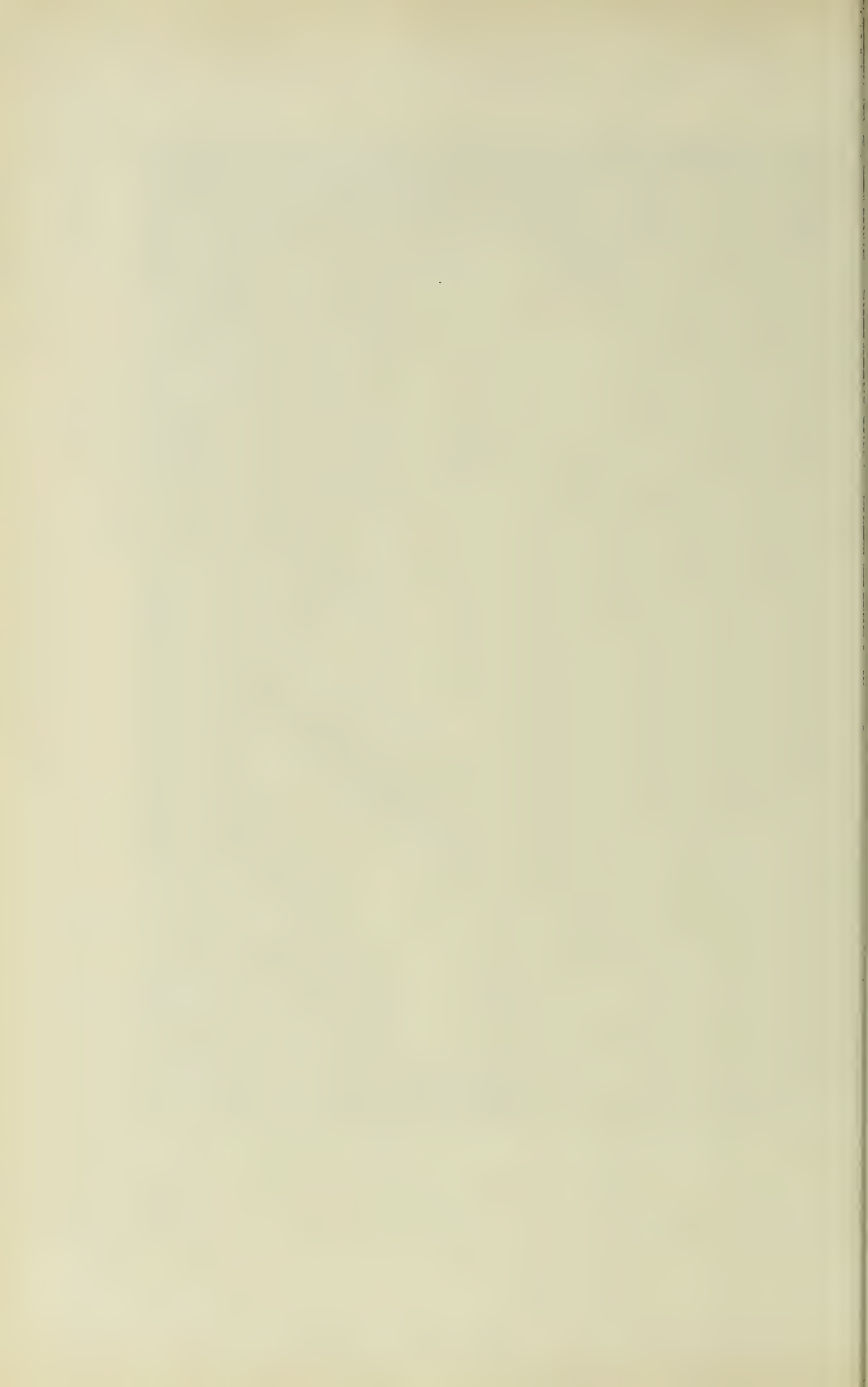
#### STILLMAN FOOTE WESTBROOK

One of the strong elements in the continued expansion and prosperity of the Aetna Life Insurance Company is found in its official personnel, for there has been built up an organization controlled by men of highly developed powers, in which class Stillman Foote Westbrook, vice president, deserves specific mention. He was born in Ogdensburg, New York, May 15, 1888, and is a son of James G. and Jennie (Foote) Westbrook, residents of Ogdensburg for many years. In the acquirement of his education he attended the public schools of his native city, also the Ogdensburg Free Academy and Williams College. His start in the business world was made with the Temagami Lumber Company at Callander, Ontario, Canada, and while thus asso-



(Photograph by Pirie MacDonald)

WILLIAM W. ROBERTSON





ciated he acquired an intimate and comprehensive knowledge of the lumber business. He afterward became associated with the Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Lumber Company of New York as a salesman and so continued until 1911, when he was instrumental in organizing the Guernsey-Westbrook Company of Hartford, which is a lumber concern, with Mr. Westbrook as the secretary and active in its management, his previous experience having well qualified him for his duties in this connection, whereby he is contributing in substantial measure to the success of the firm. In 1926 he entered the field of insurance by joining the Aetna Life Insurance Company as assistant treasurer of the organization and in this field, too, he is doing most effective work. He is likewise a trustee of the Society for Savings, is a director of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company, while in the field of public service he is acting as trustee of the American School for the Deaf.

On the 16th of May, 1917, Mr. Westbrook was married to Miss Frances Collins Dunham, a daughter of Samuel G. Dunham, chairman of the board of directors of the Hartford Electric Light Company, and their children are: Stillman Foote, Jr., born February 9, 1920; and George Dunham, who was born August 26, 1926.

In the club circles of his adopted city Mr. Westbrook is well known, his membership relations extending now to the Hartford Club, the Williams Club of New York, and the Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club, and it is in outdoor sports and activities that he finds his most pleasurable recreation. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is now serving on the board of park commissioners. One of the most interesting chapters in his life record covers his military experience. He enlisted April 26, 1911, in Troop B of the Connecticut Cavalry, with which command he went to the Mexican border in 1916. He was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in November of that year and became first lieutenant in 1917. When Troop B was inducted into the federal service in August, 1917, it became Company B, One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion, and Lieutenant Westbrook was with that command when it sailed for France, October, 9, 1917. In February, 1918, he was transferred to the machine gun company of the One Hundred and Fourth Infantry and was commissioned captain in June, 1918, while in 1919 he was advanced to the rank of major and transferred to the command of the First Machine Gun Battalion, receiving his discharge April 29, 1919, at Camp Devens, as major. He served throughout the war with the Twenty-sixth Division overseas and his experiences made him familiar with every phase of modern warfare. He maintains the same spirit of loyalty to country in days of peace and in the varied relations of life his course has ever been such as to command public confidence and regard and the good will of a large circle of warm personal friends.

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#### HECTOR H. WEST

Development work in South Manchester has been stimulated by Hector H. West, a member of one of its well known contracting firms and a business man of proven worth and ability. He was born in Marlboro, Connecticut, in 1873 and his parents were Addison and Mary West. His father was also a native of Marlboro and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. Hector H. West received a public school education and worked for four years at Gilead Hill. Later he was in the employ of George Barber, a contractor, and in 1913 was admitted to a partnership in the business, becoming a member of the firm of Barber & West, which existed until 1920. At that time the firm of H. H. West & Son, general contractors, was formed and the business has developed rapidly in the intervening period of eight years. They employ a large force of men and are prompt, reliable and efficient in the execution of contracts. The firm specializes in heavy construction work and has erected several substantial business blocks in Manchester, also building many fine homes in this locality. The high reputation gained during this period has brought them into still wider fields of activity and thus they have contributed materially toward the growth and improvement of this section.

In 1898 Hector H. West married Miss Marietta Tryon, a native of Glastonbury, Connecticut, and a daughter of Charles W. and Hattie (Phelps) Tryon. Mr. and Mrs. West have one child, Harold T., born in 1900, who was graduated from the South Manchester high school. Since 1920 he has been identified with the firm of

H. H. West & Son, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and his well directed efforts have constituted an essential element in the upbuilding and management of the business. The name of H. H. West & Son is closely associated with the Centennial celebration of Manchester in 1923. The firm took an active part in promoting the celebration and in originating, manufacturing and placing the Mayflower signs which the town has adopted as its coat of arms. Mr. West and his son are identified with the Masonic order as members of Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., and he also has membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the Manchester Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. West belongs to the ladies auxiliary of the American Legion, the local chapter of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She is active in the work of the Center Congregational church, which her husband and son also attend. In all matters of citizenship they are loyal and public-spirited and as business men they enjoy an enviable reputation.

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#### FRED GIDEON WINSLOW

There is perhaps no record in this history which indicates more clearly that the subject thereof is a self-made man than does the life story of Fred Gideon Winslow, who from an humble position in the business world has steadily climbed to success, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path by determined, persistent and honorable effort. He was born in Hartford, January 20, 1879, his parents being Gideon D. and Clara (Charter) Winslow. The father was a man of prominence in business and commercial circles, becoming president and treasurer of the Spring Brook Ice Company of Hartford, which was his position at the time he passed away September 14, 1914.

When a lad of about six years Fred G. Winslow entered the public schools and in course of time had mastered those branches of learning that constituted the work of successive grades and of the high school. He was a youth of eighteen when on the 7th of August, 1897, he entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company as a clerk. At the outset he realized that industry and perseverance are strong elements in the attainment of success and those qualities have characterized his entire business career. His faithfulness soon won the recognition of those whom he served and from time to time he was promoted, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. At length he became assistant cashier and so continued for a number of years, gaining that valuable experience which enabled him to readily take up and master the duties of cashier when elected by the company to the more important office in 1922. He has since served in that connection and as one of the executives of the company aids in shaping its plans and directing its policy, his labors at all times being attended with gratifying and far-reaching results.

On the 19th of December, 1901, Mr. Winslow was married to Miss Katharine Forbes, a daughter of Henry C. and Mary (Smith) Forbes, of Manchester, Connecticut. They occupy an enviable social position, the hospitality of many of the best homes of Hartford being freely accorded them. Mr. Winslow's name is on the membership rolls of the Hartford Club, the City Club of Hartford, the Wethersfield Country Club and the Sons of the Revolution, the last named indicating something concerning the antiquity of his ancestral line in the new world. His political belief is that of the republican party and for four years, from 1906 until 1909 inclusive, he served as a member of the city council, giving thoughtful consideration to vital problems concerning municipal welfare, improvement and progress. At all times he measures up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

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#### FRANKLIN GRAY WHITMORE

The record of Franklin Gray Whitmore touched life at many points of interest. He was a representative of one of the old and honored families of New England, had the opportunity of acting as secretary to Mark Twain, controlled important business interests and in the long years of his residence in Hartford county gained a wide acquaintance and the sincere regard of all who knew him. He was born at 162 Henry



FRED G. WINSLOW





street in New York city, September 18, 1846, his parents being Isaiah and Elizabeth Ann (Culver) Whitmore. He traced his ancestry back in direct line to Francis Whitmore, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who was born in 1625 and was a descendant of John Whitmore, who was a resident of Wethersfield, Connecticut, as early as 1638 and in 1641 became one of the founders of Stamford, Connecticut. There are few families that antedate the arrival of the Whitmore family in New England, and in the mother country the ancestral line is traced back to 1215, which was practically the first century in which surnames were used in England. The name is derived from *wid*, meaning spear, and *mar*, meaning famous, the entire name signifying "famous with the spear" and was the name of a Gothic king. The Encyclopedia of Biography gives the following: "When King John signed the Magna Charta at Runymeade, the name of Whitmore appears. The early proprietors of the Manor were called Lords of Whytemore, and John De Whytemore was mayor of Chester from 1369 to 1372. Whitmore Hall is situated in the village of Whitmore in Staffordshire, one hundred and forty-six miles from London. Up to this time the connection of the American family with the Whitmores of Staffordshire has not been established, but the similarity in the Christian names of the family in different generations leaves little doubt that it is of Staffordshire origin. Tradition says that two brothers, Sir George and John, emigrated to America in the early part of the seventeenth century, the former locating in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he served as a government officer.

"The name of John Whitmore, sometimes called 'the lost brother,' appears on the Wethersfield, Connecticut, records in 1638, when Robert Treat purchased fifty-eight acres of land belonging to him. In 1641 John Whitmore became one of the founders and settlers of Stamford. In the first distribution of land he was allotted ten acres and was admitted as freeman in 1642. He was chosen deputy to the general court, October 27, 1643, and representative to the New Haven assembly in 1647. He was killed by the Indians in 1648. He was married in England, but the record of his wife's name has been lost. He was married a second time in this country. The following children were born from the first marriage: Thomas, in 1615; Anne, in 1623; Francis, in 1625; and John, in 1627.

"There can be no reasonable doubt that Francis, the fourth child, is the same man who married Isabele Parke in Cambridge, Massachusetts, about 1648, as he gave the date of his birth in an affidavit as 1625. He died at Cambridge, October 12, 1685. His wife, who was the daughter of Richard and Margery (Crane) Parke, died there March 31, 1665."

John Whitmore, the third child of Francis and Isabele (Parke) Whitmore, was born at Cambridge, October 1, 1654, and was married to Rachel, widow of John Poulter, of Cambridge. They made their home in Cambridge and at Medford, Massachusetts, and John Whitmore participated in the battle with the Indians at Saco. He acquired land holdings in Medford, Billerica and Charlestown and was town treasurer and deacon of the First Parish church.

His son, John Whitmore, was born August 27, 1683, and died at Billerica, March 26 or 27, 1753. In 1706 he married Mary Lane, who was born May 15, 1686, and died March 27, 1783. She was a daughter of Colonel John and Susan (Whipple) Lane and a granddaughter of Job Lane, a native of Rickmansworth, England, who came to the new world before he had reached the age of twenty years. On the 2d of July, 1660, Hannah Reyner or Rayner, of Malden, became his wife. She was born in 1632 and died April 30, 1704. Her father, the Rev. John Reyner, a native of Gildersomme, Yorkshire, England, and a graduate of Magdalen College, Oxford, was married in 1631 to Sarah Bayes and in 1635 they crossed the Atlantic on the ship "James." Rev. Reyner became pastor of the First church at Plymouth in 1636 and in 1654 went to Dover, New Hampshire, where he was pastor of the church until his death in 1669. Job Lane always followed carpentering. He removed from Malden to Billerica, Massachusetts, about 1667 and was a selectman there in 1683 and 1686. In 1680 he returned to Malden. His son, Colonel John Lane, was born in October, 1661, and on March 20, 1680, married Susannah Whipple. He served as selectman in 1693, from 1696 to 1704 and again in 1709. His daughter, Mary Lane, became the wife of John Whitmore.

Their son, Francis Whitmore, was born at Medford, October 4, 1714, and on the records in the middle part of the century he made various purchases and sales of land in the vicinity of Reed's Point on the Kennebec river in Maine. He was probably the pioneer lumberman of that section, as evidence of milling is found on his land. He traded extensively with the Indians. In 1763 he was moderator of the meeting

held to incorporate the town of Bowdoinham and mention is made of him as "Captain" Francis Whitmore. He was married January 1, 1739, to Mary Hall, who was born April 17, 1719, and died October 20, 1791, while Francis Whitmore passed away April 27, 1794.

Their son, John Whitmore, born at Medford, November 25, 1754, was married April 12, 1781, to Hulda Crocker, who passed away at Bath, Maine, February 19, 1812, while he died in Bath, November 29, 1820. They were the parents of Isaiah Whitmore, who was born at Bath, February 21, 1792. He removed to New York city, where he was extensively engaged in the shipping business, owning a large number of vessels used in trade with West Indian and South American ports. After many years of activity he turned his business over to his sons, Henry and Frederick. His wife, Elizabeth Ann Culver, was born March 29, 1803, and she died December 4, 1860, while Isaiah Whitmore passed away July 1, 1865.

Their son, Franklin Gray Whitmore, enjoyed the advantage of educational training in Charles N. Anthon's private grammar school in New York city and in the private boarding school conducted by Edward L. Hart at Farmington, Connecticut. He was a youth of sixteen when he matriculated at Columbia College in 1862 and was but eighteen years of age when in 1864 he joined the Sixth Company, Seventh Regiment, of the New York National Guard, under Captain Bird. This regiment was detailed to act as guard when the remains of President Lincoln were lying in state in the city hall in New York. In 1867 he was married and afterward spent some years abroad. Later he resided during the summer months on a large stock farm which he owned in Fairfield county, Connecticut, and which was devoted to the breeding of trotting horses. He owned some very fine stock. The winter months were passed in Hartford until 1880, when he established his permanent home in West Hartford. He afterward established a real estate office in Hartford and several years later admitted his son, Harold B., to a partnership under the firm style of F. G. Whitmore & Son. A most interesting experience came to him through his connection with Samuel L. Clemens, to whom he served as secretary for several years, having the most intimate acquaintance with Mr. Clemens, so that none could speak with greater authority upon America's foremost humorist. He lectured and wrote extensively on Mark Twain and was the possessor of a large collection of his letters. In 1896 Mr. Whitmore was chosen secretary of the board of park commissioners and filled the office for several years. He was also a director of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, for thirty-eight years.

In the year 1867 Mr. Whitmore was married to Miss Harriet Eliza Goulden, a daughter of William S. Goulden, of Fairfield, Connecticut, and they became parents of six children: William Franklin; Frederic Culver, deceased; Harriet Eliza, the wife of John O. Enders; Franklin G., who has also passed away; Harold Burton, who became his father's successor in the real estate business; and Ruth, the wife of Robert P. Parker. The wife and mother passed away June 30, 1915. She was a lady of most liberal culture and high ideals and was a leader in the intellectual life of her community. She exemplified the highest type of wifehood and motherhood and her influence extended broadly in the field of benevolence and philanthropy. She was identified with the Blind Asylum, the Women's Aid Society, the Hartford Art School, the Connecticut Historical Society and the Colonial Dames of Connecticut, serving for several years as vice president of the last named and declining the presidency on account of her health. She was widely known as a writer of magazine articles on historical subjects and she devoted much time to the preparation of a volume entitled: "A Memorial of the Kindred and Ancestry of Harriet L. Sturges Goulden, of Fairfield, Connecticut, Compiled in Loving Memory by Her Daughter, Harriet E. Goulden Whitmore." In this volume she traced the ancestral lines of the Sturges, Barlow, Judson, Sherwood, Bradley, Dimon, Ward, Pinkney, Burr, Redfield, Davis, Hull, Jones and Sanford families. Her interest in the annals of New England was most pronounced and for some years she served as historian of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Hartford. Mr. Whitmore survived his wife for more than a decade, he passing away at Hartford, June 15, 1926. His activities touched life at many points, for his interests were indeed broad and varied. He was a member of the advisory board of the Hartford Art Society and of the advisory board of the Women's Aid Society and he had membership with the Sons of Colonial Wars. A man of liberal education and culture, of broad experience and of manifold activities and interests, he ranked with the honored and representative men of New



England. He held membership in St. John's Episcopal church and a memorial window in that edifice was placed there by him in honor of his deceased children. He was an outstanding member of a family that has figured prominently in the history of New England since the earliest chapters in American history were written.

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#### HAROLD B. WHITMORE

Thoroughness and close application in the conduct of an insurance and real estate business are bringing Harold B. Whitmore steadily to the front and Hartford now numbers him among her representative citizens. He is also classed among her native sons, for he was born here May 8, 1877, his parents being Franklin G. and Harriet (Goulden) Whitmore, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He attended the Hartford schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, and when his educational training was over he entered the insurance field at an early age, receiving his training under his father, with whom he was thus associated in business for several years. He is now operating independently and has gained a large clientele as a representative of insurance interests. He likewise operates successfully in real estate, knows the property upon the market and is thus able to wisely direct the investments of those whom he represents.

On the 7th of November, 1906, Mr. Whitmore was united in marriage to Miss Maria C. Pearce, of Washington, D. C., and they are the parents of a daughter, Frances P., born January 18, 1909.

In club and social circles Mr. Whitmore is well known and something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Hartford Golf Club. He is also identified with the City Club and the Hartford Club and he has membership in Wyllys Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M., of West Hartford. He is a communicant of St. John's church and is interested in all those forces which make for civic development and intellectual and moral progress in his community. Along the lines of his chosen life work his membership connections are with the Hartford Real Estate Board and the Connecticut Association of Insurance and he holds to the highest standards of service promoted by these organizations.

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#### JAMES L. D. KEARNEY

James L. D. Kearney, vice president and general manager of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company and widely and favorably known in insurance circles in Connecticut's capital, was born in Cumberland, Maryland, June 6, 1878. His parents, M. M. and Helen M. (Dwen) Kearney, were likewise natives of that state, where the father, who engaged in business as a wholesale grocer, died in 1887, while his wife passed away in 1894.

A course in Loyola College at Baltimore, Maryland, supplemented the early education of James L. D. Kearney, acquired in private schools. He won his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation from college in 1898 and next entered the University of Maryland, as a law student, gaining his LL. B. degree in 1903. The same year he was admitted to the Maryland bar and also in that year he became secretary to Hon. Charles E. Phelps, a jurist, with whom he continued until 1906. From April of the latter year until July, 1911, he was with the American Bonding Company of Baltimore, first as manager of the city department and later as manager of its New York city office. He was then made vice president and New York manager of the Equitable Surety Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and continued to act in that official connection until February 1, 1914, when he joined the newly organized Hartford Accident Company. In March following he was elected secretary of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, in February, 1920, was elected vice president, and on September 4, 1928, he was elected vice president and general manager and a director of the corporation. He is likewise secretary and a director of the Hartford Live Stock Company of New York and thus has important association with insurance activities and in this field is making gratifying progress as the result of close application, thoroughness, capability and intelligently directed labor.

On the 17th of December, 1907, Mr. Kearney was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Tilden Owings, of Baltimore county, Maryland. They are the parents of a daughter and two sons—Margaret Dwen, James L. D., Jr., and Franklin P.

Mr. Kearney is a member of the Insurance Institute of America, of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Farmington Country Club, and he finds interest and recreation in outdoor sports, to which he devotes his attention when his duties in the insurance field are so arranged as to permit of leisure.

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#### JAMES H. BREWSTER, JR.

James H. Brewster, Jr., vice president and treasurer of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, was born in this city, June 7, 1882, a son of James H. and Mary E. (Folts) Brewster, mentioned elsewhere in this work. His education was acquired in public and high schools of Hartford and in Yale University, from which he was graduated with the B. A. degree in 1904. In the same year he entered the employ of Vermilye & Company, conducting a leading banking and brokerage business in New York city, his connection with that house continuing until 1907. He then entered the service of Kissell-Kinnicutt Company of New York, there remaining until 1910, when he became associated with E. B. Smith & Company, also well known in banking and brokerage circles in the metropolis. From 1912 until September, 1925, he was a partner in the firm of Rhoades & Company, bankers and brokers of New York, and then came to Hartford to accept the vice presidency of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, with which he has remained in this executive position to the present time. He is also a director of the Rye Trust Company of Rye, New York, and a director of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company and of the Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hartford.

On the 1st of June, 1910, Mr. Brewster was married to Miss Margaret Barstow, a daughter of George E. and Clara (Symonds) Barstow, of Providence, Rhode Island. Their children are: Mary Drew, born November 15, 1911; and James H. (III), born March 23, 1914. Mr. Brewster belongs to the Downtown Association, the University Club and the Yale Club, of New York, the Manursing Island Club of Rye, New York, the Apawamis Club, also of Rye, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club and the Wampanoag Country Club of Hartford.

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#### LE VERNE HOLMES, M. D.

Since 1910 Manchester has been the scene of the professional activities of Dr. Le Verne Holmes, who also has to his credit an excellent military record. In the time of greatest need he stepped forth for national service and has proven his patriotism and devotion to country both by word and deed. He was born in Richmondville, New York, August 22, 1879, and is a son of Reuben R. and Sarah (Pitcher) Holmes. His father followed agricultural pursuits for many years and is now living retired in Blenheim, New York.

Dr. Holmes was reared on his father's farm and in 1896 completed a course in the high school at Oneonta, New York. His first military experience was gained in May, 1896, when he enlisted in Company G, First Regiment of the New York National Guard, with which he served for five years. This company was mustered in during the Spanish-American war and saw service in the Hawaiian Islands, Dr. Holmes remaining with the command until mustered out of the federal service in February, 1899. With his return home he resumed his studies and was graduated from the State Normal School at Oneonta in 1900 and 1904 was graduated from the Boston University Medical College. For two years he was connected with the Homeopathic Hospital at Boston and commenced practice at Arlington, Massachusetts. After about one year he located in West Stewartstown, New Hampshire, where he followed his profession for a year. In 1910 he came to Manchester and practiced here until October, 1917, when he volunteered for service in the World war. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the medical corps of the United States Army and was assigned to the department of orthopedic surgery. Dr. Holmes was stationed at



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Camp Upton, New York, and other training points maintained by the government in this country and in August, 1918, was ordered overseas with Base Hospital No. 64. In February, 1919, he was detailed for duty at Evacuation Hospital No. 19 and in August, 1919, sailed for the United States. Merit won him promotion to the rank of captain and he now has the rank of major in the Medical Reserve Corps, being the commanding officer of Hospital Battalion, Three Hundred and First Medical Regiment. After receiving his honorable discharge Dr. Holmes returned to Manchester and has since specialized in orthopedic surgery. His skill was greatly enhanced by his military experience and his pronounced ability has brought him an extensive practice. He is a member of the medical staff of the Memorial Hospital of Manchester and physician for school districts 1 to 8.

In 1907 Dr. Holmes married Miss Ruth C. Wiswall, of Wellesley, Massachusetts, daughter of Edward F. and Elmina B. (Townsend) Wiswall. They have one child, Esther W., who was born in 1913 and is attending high school. The parents are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the Doctor is a trustee, and he is allied with the republican party. His public spirit is expressed through his service as school physician, which position he has filled continuously since 1914 save for the period of his service in the World war. He is also identified with the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and along fraternal lines he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of The Maccabees. He is a member of Dilworth Cornell Post, No. 102, of the American Legion, the Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Dr. Holmes has chosen for his life work a field of broad usefulness and ranks with the foremost specialists of this part of the state. He is deeply interested in the humanitarian as well as the scientific phases of his work and enjoys the esteem and respect of all with whom he has been associated because of his devotion to duty and admirable qualities of heart and mind.

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#### SAMUEL A. FASSLER

In those trade circles where tobacco growing and packing engage the efforts and attention of its representatives Samuel A. Fassler is well known, having developed a substantial business since starting out independently in January, 1925. Through the intervening period of a little more than three years he has developed his interests and enjoyed the profits that result from close application and intelligently directed effort. Born in New York city on the 1st of July, 1880, he is a son of William L. and Razie (Tellerman) Fassler, who were natives of Austria but crossed the Atlantic to the new world about 1879, establishing their home in New York city, where the father engaged in business as a clothier. He there passed away in 1913 but is yet survived by his widow, who still makes her home in New York at the advanced age of ninety years.

It was there that Samuel A. Fassler pursued a public school education and later attended the City College of New York, devoting one year to study in the school of Social Economics. At the age of eighteen he engaged in the tobacco trade as a representative of the firm of P. & S. Loewenthal of New York, remaining with that house until 1910, when he entered into partnership with Colonel Andrew N. Shepard under the firm style of Fassler & Shepard, with offices in the metropolis. On the 7th of April, 1914, the business was moved to Hartford and the firm continued its existence until January, 1919, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Fassler was then joined by Alfred Silberman under the firm style of Fassler & Silberman, Inc., and this connection was continued until January, 1925, when Mr. Fassler established an independent business, remaining as sole owner until June, 1927, when he admitted his son, Victor Fassler, to a partnership. They raise shade, broadleaf and Havana seed tobacco and have several warehouses conveniently situated for the trade, which has steadily grown, making theirs one of the important enterprises of the kind in Hartford.

On the 22d of May, 1904, Mr. Fassler was united in marriage to Miss Kate Faeder, of New York city. They are the parents of two daughters and a son, namely: Victor, who is a graduate of the Noah Webster school and the Hartford high school and who was graduated from Yale College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927; Ruth,

who is attending St. Joseph Academy; and Annette, a student in the Hartford high school.

Mr. Fassler is a director of the United Jewish Charities and takes active and helpful interest in promoting the benevolent work of the city. He is also one of the directors of Mount Sinai Hospital and is found frequently but unostentatiously extending a helping hand where aid is needed. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Tumble Brook Country Club and during the period of his residence in Hartford has not only won a place among the substantial business men but has also reached an enviable social position.

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#### THOMAS FERGUSON

A pioneer newspaper man of Manchester, Thomas Ferguson has long occupied an enviable position in local business circles and is also well known through his activities in the field of public service. He was born January 3, 1871, in Belfast, Ireland, and when a boy of eight came to Connecticut with his parents, James and Elizabeth (Templeton) Ferguson, who settled in Talcottville. There he attended the public schools and on October 1, 1889, he began learning the printer's trade in the plant of the Manchester Evening Herald, then a weekly journal issued each Saturday. He advanced as the business grew, becoming a solicitor for the paper, of which Elwood A. Ela was the founder and for many years its treasurer and general manager. In 1905 Mr. Ferguson was elected secretary of the Herald Publishing Company and also became mechanical engineer of the plant. After the death of Mr. Ela in 1924, Mr. Ferguson became general manager. He understands every phase of the newspaper business, which has constituted his life work, and his name is inseparably associated with the history of the Herald's growth and prosperity. The paper is a valuable news and advertising medium, embodying the best elements of modern journalism, and has a wide circulation.

Mr. Ferguson was married December 25, 1894, in Manchester to Miss Elizabeth Hall, a daughter of Alexander and Ellen Hall. They have a son, Ronald H., who while attending Cornell University joined the Students Army Training Corps and after the World war took a course in Amherst College. Since leaving that institution he has devoted his talents to journalism and is city editor of the Manchester Herald. He married Miss Bernice Burke and they have become the parents of two sons, Thomas and Walter.

During the conflict with Germany, Thomas Ferguson took an active part in local Red Cross campaign and also promoted the sale of Liberty bonds. In local politics he has long been a recognized leader, acting as treasurer of the republican town committee for twenty-eight years and as registrar of voters for twenty years. He was made deputy judge and clerk of court for the town of Manchester and for twenty-three years was tax collector of the eighth school district, discharging these varied duties in a manner which won for him strong commendation. Mr. Ferguson belongs to the Kiwanis Club and his fraternal affiliations are with Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Throughout life he has been faithful to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### RALPH B. COX, M. D.

Dr. Ralph B. Cox, one of Hartford county's best known physicians, has successfully followed his profession in Collinsville for many years and is also classed with its leading business men. A native of Canada, he was born in the province of Nova Scotia in 1876, a son of Daniel D. and Anna (Borden) Cox. His father was an iron worker and was also employed for many years as a ship builder. About 1895 he crossed the border into the United States and located in Collinsville, Connecticut, becoming identified with the Collins Company.

After the completion of his high school course Dr. Cox attended Dalhousie College of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was next a student in McGill University, from





DR. RALPH B. COX



which he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of M. D. He served as an interne in hospitals in New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut, and in the winter of 1903 opened an office in Collinsville. Here he has engaged in the practice of medicine and emergency surgery for a quarter of a century and in years of continuous service is the oldest physician in this locality. In 1915 he took a postgraduate course in New York city and has utilized every opportunity to perfect himself in his profession. His ministrations have been attended with gratifying results and his services are in constant demand. During the World war he was for two years in the medical corps of the Canadian army and won a captain's commission. He was attached to a base hospital for seven months and for nine months was stationed on a hospital ship. In addition to his professional duties he successfully conducts the business known as Cox's Shops, Inc., of which he is president and treasurer, while George Grondin fills the offices of vice president and general manager. The firm manufactures ukuleles and other musical instruments, machete handles and folding chairs, all of which are made with care and skill. The plant is completely equipped and its products are shipped to many parts of the country. Dr. Cox is a forceful executive and his business is conducted with system and efficiency.

In 1905 Dr. Cox was married in Collinsville to Miss Florence Hough, a native of the town, and they have one child, Sarah, now a senior in McGill University at Montreal, Canada. Mrs. Cox is a Congregationalist and a church worker, also figuring prominently in social affairs. The Doctor is a republican and lends the weight of his support to all worthy civic projects. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1927 he was elected president of the Avon Country Club, of which he is now a director, and also belongs to the Canadian Club of New York city, the Alumni Association of McGill University and Edith Cavell Post of British World War Veterans. He is a member of the Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Holding to high standards in the field of professional service, Dr. Cox has established an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon and his industrial activities have also been of direct benefit to Collinsville, which numbers him among its most useful, influential and valuable citizens. He has a wide acquaintance and is endowed with those qualities which inspire esteem and friendship.

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#### EDWARD H. HEZLETT

Edward H. Hezlett, vice president and actuary of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, who at all times has been prompt and accurate in the solution of the oftentimes complex problems which have to do with the management of insurance interests, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 19, 1892. His parents, Andrew J. and Lottie B. (Ayers) Hezlett, are also natives of Cambridge. The Hezlett family is of Holland descent and the first of the name in America came in 1830. The Ayers line is traced back in the new world to about the year 1630, when settlement was made in Maine, while the Hezlett family took up their abode in Massachusetts, and the Ayers were represented in the Revolutionary war. Andrew J. Hezlett is now residing in Boston, Massachusetts, where he is conducting business as a decorator.

In the schools of his native city Edward H. Hezlett acquired his preliminary education and afterward matriculated in Harvard College, from which he was graduated as honor man in mathematics in 1913, when the Bachelor of Science degree was conferred upon him. In the fall of the same year he became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, doing clerical work, and there remained until December, 1915, when he secured a situation with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. Again he worked in a clerical capacity until October, 1917, when at the call to arms he enlisted for service in the World war. He had applied for entrance into the aviation service in July of that year and had enlisted in October, being called for active duty in February, 1918, while in July, 1918, he was made a second lieutenant in the Reserve Military Aviation branch of the army. He traveled over the country while with the army and left the service in December, 1918, after which he returned and resumed his clerical connection with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. Later he became an associate of the Actuarial Society of America in 1918 and was made a fellow of the society in 1921, passing his last exam-



ination in Texas while in the army service. He was elected a member of the council in 1928. He was elected assistant actuary of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in 1921, was made associate actuary in 1924 and actuary in 1926, while in 1928 he became vice president and actuary.

On the 20th of September, 1921, Mr. Hezlett was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Whitworth, of Somerville, Massachusetts, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lefevre) Whitworth. They are the parents of two children: Edward H., born August 13, 1924; and Elizabeth, who was born September 6, 1925. Mrs. Hezlett is president of the Radcliffe Club of Hartford and also secretary of the College Club, taking a keen and helpful interest in affairs of that kind. Mr. Hezlett belongs to the University Club of Hartford and to the West Hartford Post of the American Legion. He is also serving on the finance board of West Hartford and is interested in the welfare of the city, cooperating in all those measures which feature in the development and progress of the community. In days of peace he manifests the same spirit of loyalty that he displayed in war times and his victories are now those of mind over matter.

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#### FRED N. TILTON

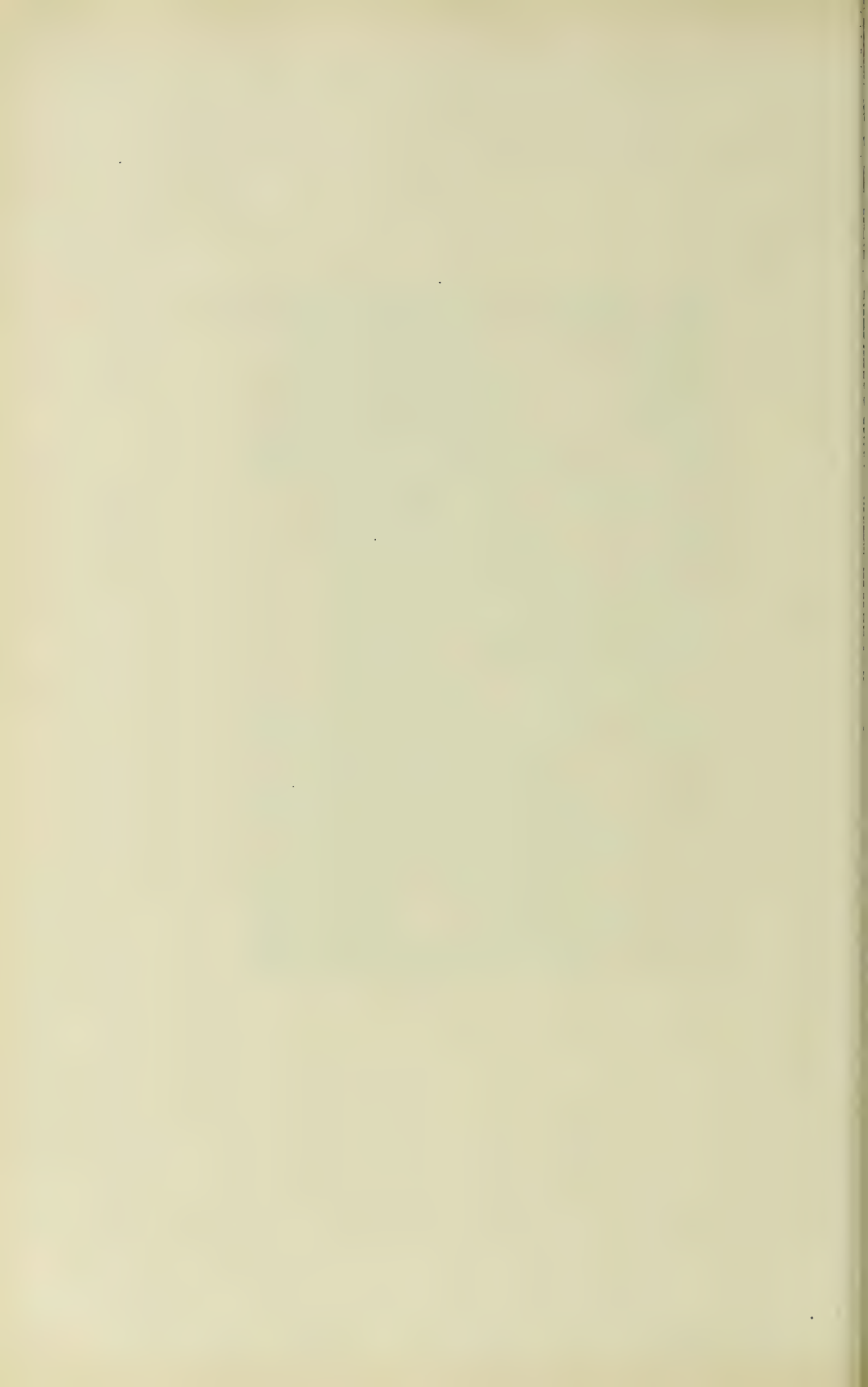
In assuming the presidency of the Atlantic Screw Works, Inc., Fred N. Tilton became the executive head of an important industry of Hartford, located at 85 Charter Oak avenue. He is proving adequate to the exacting requirements of the position and his wise management is manifest in the successful control of the undertaking. He was born August 30, 1868, in the city in which he still makes his home, and is a son of David and Mary Jane (Russell) Tilton, the former a native of Meredith, New Hampshire, and the latter of Manchester, New Hampshire. About 1861 they became residents of Hartford. The father, who was born November 29, 1834, had gone to Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1853 to learn the machinist's trade in the shops of the famous Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. He became connected with the Atlantic Screw Works about 1879. Four years before the Castleton Screw Company began the manufacture of wood screws at Castleton-on-the-Hudson, New York, and struggled along for two years, losing about seventy thousand dollars of their own money and thirty-five thousand dollars more borrowed from George W. Bruce, a wholesale hardware merchant of New York city. In 1877 Mr. Bruce took possession in order to secure his loan and the machinery was destroyed. In the meantime David Tilton, the superintendent of the plant, had made various special improvements in the original Castleton threading machine, of which Mr. Bruce approved, and he decided to develop this machine and start in the business anew. He had unlimited confidence in Mr. Tilton and in his machine, a model of which was built and fully tested in Brooklyn, New York, with a daily inspection of the product for quality and quantity. This resulted in more machines being built like it and in November, 1879, a factory was opened under the name of the Atlantic Screw Works, where the daily manufacture for nearly ten years exceeded the original promises of the inventor and gave Mr. Bruce confidence to such an extent that he spent about three years in Europe, at large expense, taking out foreign patents. He also induced Mr. Tilton to spend nine months in France and Belgium exhibiting this threader, sometimes under very trying circumstances. Mr. Bruce had a duplicate plant built to locate abroad that he might demonstrate the merits of the machine but because of ill health he was forced to return to New York, where he died November 14, 1887, his will providing for the sale of the plant to David Tilton, who had been his superintendent all these years. The sale was consummated and under his immediate ownership and guidance the business was carried on by Mr. Tilton, who in 1902 erected the present commodious factory on Charter Oak avenue. Much of the machinery now utilized was the result of his inventive genius and well devised plans. He remained at the head of the business until April, 1908, when he retired and was succeeded by his son, Fred N. His remaining days were passed in well earned rest until his death, on the 26th of April, 1914. He was survived by three children, the daughters being Mrs. Morton F. Miner and Lela A.

The son, Fred N. Tilton, pursued his early education in the Charter Oak school and the old Dwight school. When his textbooks were put aside in 1887, and when a youth of nineteen years, he entered the factory of the Atlantic Screw Works and



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FRED N. TILTON





bent his energies to the task of thoroughly acquainting himself with and learning the business in all of its departments. He gained a thorough knowledge of the enterprise both as to the methods of manufacture and as to the disposal of the product on the market, and was therefore well qualified to take charge when his father turned the business over to him in 1908. Following his father's death he incorporated the business in 1915 and has since been president of the company. They manufacture wood screws exclusively, and something of the volume of their trade is indicated in the fact that they employ about one hundred people and their product finds a market throughout the entire United States.

On the 16th of July, 1892, Mr. Tilton was married to Miss Alice Belle Curry, of Hartford, and they have one daughter, Doris Belle, who is the wife of Roy Johnson, of Palmer, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton make their home at 82 Charter Oak avenue, where he has resided since 1891. He holds membership in the Farmington Club and the Wethersfield Golf Club and is also a member of the East Haddam Fish and Game Club, largely turning to the out-of-doors for his recreation when his business permits of leisure. He has proven a man of excellent executive power, clear business foresight and keen discrimination, and the enterprise with which he has been associated through practically his entire business life is today one of the important productive industries of Hartford.

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#### HON. ALEXANDER T. PATTISON

Various business interests have felt the stimulus of the cooperation of Hon. Alexander T. Pattison, whose intelligently directed effort has brought about notable results. He has been closely associated with mercantile interests, with tobacco growing and with dairying and his efforts have ever been of a character that have contributed to general prosperity as well as to individual success. Simsbury therefore numbers him among her most valued residents. He was born in East Weatogue, in the town of Simsbury, March 26, 1861, his parents being Joseph and Delilah (Sceery) Pattison. The father was born in County Antrim, Ireland, October 16, 1833, and was a son of Joseph and Mary (Brown) Pattison. In the spring of 1855 he came to the United States, settling in Simsbury, where he married and reared his family. He followed farming in this vicinity, making a specialty of the growing of tobacco and of the dairy business. He died in 1915, while his wife, who was born October 31, 1838, passed away in January, 1928. In their family were seven children, four sons and three daughters, who are yet living.

Reared under the parental roof, A. T. Pattison devoted his youth largely to the acquirement of an education, supplementing his district school training by study in the Granby Academy and in Professor McLean's school in Simsbury. His elementary business training was received under his father's direction and in the spring of 1880 he secured a clerkship in a store in Simsbury, thus becoming connected with the business of which he is now the head. The business had been established by Mr. Wilcox in 1851 and was conducted under the firm style of Wilcox & Company until January 1, 1927, when it was incorporated and the name changed to Pattison & Company. Not only is a large line of general merchandise handled, but the company also includes in its activities the sale of lumber, lime and cement. This is probably the largest merchandise business in the valley and the substantial development of the trade is largely attributable to the efforts and enterprise of Mr. Pattison, who has long been in charge and upon the incorporation of the business became president and general manager, with George E. Pattison, George S. Hart, Minor E. Stoddard and Mrs. Minnie S. Pommeau as his associates in the undertaking. To speak of Mr. Pattison, however, merely as a merchant would be to give a one-sided view of his active career, for he has been connected with various enterprises and projects which have featured largely in the commercial, agricultural and financial development of this part of the state. He is a director of the Simsbury Electric Company, of which he was formerly president. He now occupies the position of director of the water company, is a director of the Simsbury Bank & Trust Company, is president of the board of trustees of the library and secretary of the Simsbury Cemetery Association. He is probably one of the largest individual shade tobacco growers of the state, owning and operating about five hundred acres of land. He is likewise the owner of a fine dairy

herd and his sound business judgment is regarded as a valuable asset to any organization or to any business with which he has become associated. Obstacles and difficulties in his path have ever seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part and he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purposes.

On the 7th of October, 1885, Mr. Pattison was united in marriage to Miss Ella Ruth Wilcox, who was born in Simsbury, October 23, 1862, and is a daughter of Judson and Nancy S. (Chapman) Wilcox, representing one of the oldest families of this section of the state. The ancestral line is traced back to William Wilcox, of Stratford, Connecticut, who was born at St. Albans, in Hertfordshire, England, in 1601 and came to the new world when thirty-four years of age. He established his home in Massachusetts but in 1639 removed to Stratford, Connecticut. His son, Sergeant Samuel Wilcox, removed from Stratford to Meadow Plains in 1667 and died March 12, 1713. He was the grandfather of Lieutenant William Wilcox, who was born in 1727 and at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war left Simsbury for Lexington. He died in 1775. His son, Dan Wilcox, was born March 25, 1772, and married Esther Merritt, who was born March 8, 1771. He spent the latter part of his life in Weatogue, where he died November 10, 1860. He reared a large family, including Judson Wilcox, who was born at Barkhamsted, March 18, 1808, and died at Simsbury, June 6, 1879. Judson Wilcox early learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for several years. On the 20th of April, 1831, he married Ruth Tuller and a few years later removed to Illinois. Subsequently he resided in Ohio and then returned to Hartford county, where he engaged in peddling and other work until he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to open a store in Simsbury Center. This was in 1851 and he thus became the founder of the business now carried on under the style of Pattison & Company. His first wife died in Simsbury, December 19, 1860, and on the 9th of October, 1861, he married Nancy S. Chapman. Of this marriage was born a daughter, Ella Ruth, who became Mrs. Pattison. By her marriage she had four children: Mrs. Lucy Wilcox (Pattison) Hart, who was born October 14, 1886; Stella Chapman, now deceased; Julia E., who was born October 26, 1890; and Mrs. Ruth Francis Stoddard, born June 8, 1903.

In his political views Mr. Pattison has always been a stalwart republican, giving unflinching support to the principles of the party. He has figured prominently in the public life of the community and was chairman of the committee that recommended the establishment of the high school in Simsbury and which built and turned over to the town without cost a substantial high school building. In November, 1896, he was elected to the state legislature and he loyally supported every measure which he deemed vital to the community. He was a member of the house in 1897, of the senate in 1903 and was reelected in 1905. He served as chairman of the appropriation committee during both sessions and when he again became a member of the house in 1927 was also again made a member of the appropriation committee. He was appointed on the arsenal and armory commission by Governor Roberts and thus served until the building was dedicated and turned over to the state. For more than fifty years he has been a member of the Congregational church, taking a very active part in church work, serving for an extended period on its official board and in other offices. He is a member of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and chairman of its finance committee, which handles the trust fund for ministers. No plan or project for the general good has sought his aid in vain and his activities have been a vital force in the upbuilding and progress of this section of the state.

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#### HON. SHERMAN W. EDDY

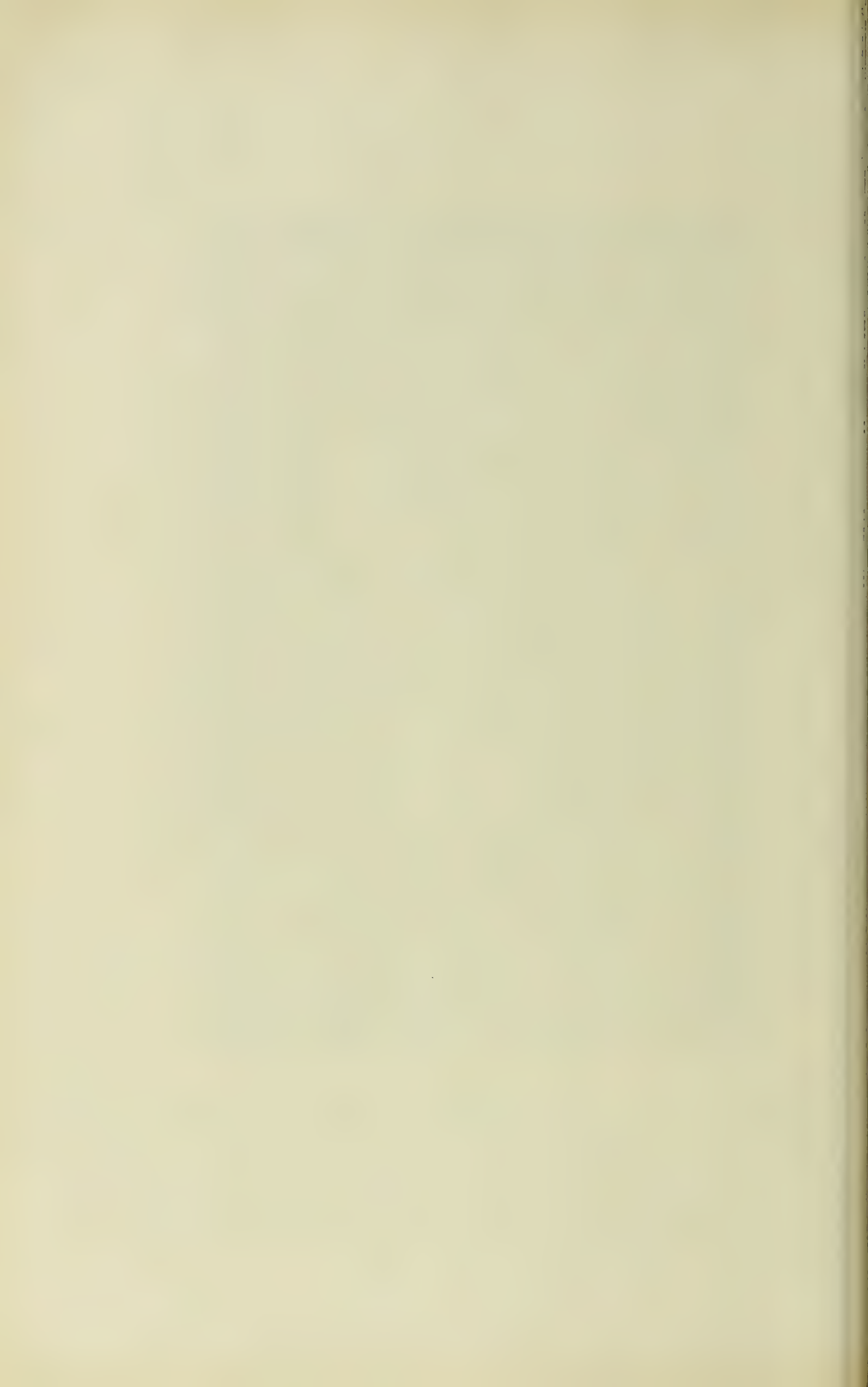
Hon. Sherman W. Eddy, who represents Avon in the state legislature, has influenced the agricultural progress of Connecticut to a notable extent, at the same time achieving success in business affairs, and he is also a prominent clubman. He was born in Troy, New York, in 1879, and after the completion of his high school course matriculated in the Connecticut Agricultural College, from which he was graduated in 1905. Soon after the explosion which wrecked the Avon plant of the Ensign-Bickford Company in 1905, he entered the employ of the corporation and for twenty-two years has been superintendent of operations here. This is an office of large responsibility and his long retention therein is an eloquent testimonial to the



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HON. SHERMAN W. EDDY





quality of his service. He is a director of the Avon Water Company and has long been active in agricultural affairs. Mr. Eddy developed Towpath Gardens, a large project which was later taken over by Avon College, and he supervises the operation of a large sheep and trout farm in the vicinity of East Hartland, Connecticut. He is now developing a sheep ranch known as the Moosehorn Farm at East Hartland. This ranch has one of the most unusual sheep barns, which was especially designed by Mr. Eddy and is not only unique in its architectural beauty but is of a very practical worth. He was the designer of the very attractive Avon Country Club and also had supervision of its construction.

In 1900 Mr. Eddy was married in Stratford, Connecticut, to Miss Grace Blackman, who died in 1917. She had become the mother of three sons: Bernard B., who was born in 1903 and after his graduation from the University of Michigan became associated with the firm of Desmond, Eddy & Warner, well known landscape architects of Simsbury, with whom he still continues; Julian B., born in 1909; and Donald B., who was born in 1913 and is attending the Simsbury high school. In 1919 Mr. Eddy married Miss Marion Sparker, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of two children: Barbara Ann, who was born in 1924; and James Henry, born in 1926.

Mr. Eddy is a member of the Congregational church and chairman of its board of trustees. In politics he is a republican and occupies a seat in the lower house of the general assembly of Connecticut, lending the weight of his support to all constructive legislation. He is a Royal Arch Mason; a director of the State Agricultural Society; a member of the local and state bodies of the Grange, in which he has held office; a member of the Hartford County Farm Bureau; chairman of the executive committee of the 4 H Boys' Club; president of the building committee of the Avon Country Club; vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Hartford and a member of its agricultural committee. Mr. Eddy has been the recipient of important trusts and in every instance has acquitted himself with dignity, fidelity and honor. His activities have touched life at many points and his worth as a man and as a citizen is uniformly acknowledged.

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#### H. RUSSELL TRYON

Endowed by nature with a special talent for mathematics, H. Russell Tryon has achieved success in the field of accounting and occupies a prominent place in business circles of South Manchester. A native of Manchester, he was born in 1891 a son of Charles W. and Harriet Tryon, who were lifelong residents of Hartford county. His boyhood was spent of his father's farm and his early instruction was obtained in Glastonbury. He attended the Manchester high school and in 1908 was graduated from the Morse Business College in Hartford. In the same year he entered the employ of the Hale department store and worked in all of the departments, acquiring a practical knowledge of the business, and in 1912 he became a bookkeeper, afterward specializing in auditing, and is now secretary and assistant treasurer of The J. W. Hale Company of South Manchester. He has charge of the credit department, also managing the office, and plays an important part in the conduct of the business. In the discharge of his duties he brings to bear the energy and zest of youth and is also methodical, painstaking and efficient.

In 1919 Mr. Tryon married Miss Anna Ruth McIntosh, of Manchester, a daughter of Herbert L. and Jessie (Hayes) McIntosh. Mr. and Mrs. Tryon are popular in social circles of the community. During the World war Mr. Tryon was assigned to duty in the quartermaster's department of the United States Army and was made sergeant of his company. His military service covered one year and in 1919 he was honorably discharged. He belongs to Dillsworth Cornell Post, No. 102, of the American Legion and to the 40 & 8 Club, the social branch of that organization. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite and has held various offices in the order. He has crossed the hot sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic shrine and is connected with the Patrol Association of Sphinx Temple. Mr. Tryon also belongs to the local chapter of the Eastern Star, and the Order of Amaranth. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife is an earnest worker in its behalf. He is also a member of the Shelter Harbor Country Club. In politics

he is a republican and loyally cooperates in all projects for the growth and betterment of his community. He has a large circle of friends in Manchester and possesses many good qualities, as his fellow citizens attest.

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#### FRED M. GODARD

Fred M. Godard, who has made a most commendable record as superintendent of the Hartford County Temporary Home, of which institution he has been in charge for the past twenty-two years, was born in Granby, Connecticut, September 11, 1868, a son of Harvey and Sabra (Beach) Godard, and a brother of George S. Godard, state librarian. The parents also were natives of Granby, where the family has been represented for several generations. His education was acquired as a public school pupil and in the Yale Business College, after which he spent thirteen years in the government service as storekeeper and gauger in different distilleries at various places in his district. It was in 1906 that he was appointed superintendent of the Hartford County Temporary Home by the county commissioners and in this capacity he has served very acceptably throughout the intervening period of twenty-two years. He and his wife make all the necessary purchases and are in full charge of the institution, which is conducted for the care and assistance of the neglected children of Hartford county. It is located at Warehouse Point and embraces sixteen acres of ground besides a large garden. Its schools are under the supervision of seven capable teachers. Mr. Godard has manifested the utmost efficiency and ability in the discharge of his important duties as superintendent of this charitable institution, to which he has devoted his entire time, and splendid results have attended his efforts.

On the 15th of June, 1898, Mr. Godard was united in marriage to Jean T. Steele, of Warehouse Point, daughter of Robert J. and Mary (Dunn) Steele. They are the parents of a daughter, Idell F., who is a graduate of the Connecticut College for Women at New London, Connecticut and is now in the medical department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. Mr. Godard is a member of the Hartford City Club and is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to St. Marks Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M., of Granby.

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#### GEORGE SMITH HARRIS

George Smith Harris, secretary of the nursery business conducted by C. R. Burr & Company at South Manchester, where he has remained for eight years, was born in West Virginia in 1891 and is a son of R. R. and Annie M. (Pribble) Harris, the latter a resident of Oklahoma City. His father followed the nursery business throughout his entire life and George S. Harris became associated with his father along that line. He conducted a nursery business near the old Hickory powder plant at Nashville, Tennessee, where he was in business for himself and with his father for eight years. Attracted to New England, he came to South Manchester and in 1920 accepted the position of office manager with the C. R. Burr nurseries. After four years he was advanced to the position of secretary and director and is in full charge of the business in the absence of Mr. Burr. He thoroughly knows nursery stock and the possibilities for successful propagation and shipment, and his labors have brought substantial results to the enterprise with which he is now allied.

In 1912 Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss May Carter, of Green Brier, Tennessee, daughter of Samuel B. and Sarah (Dorris) Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have become parents of a daughter, Rebecca, now thirteen years of age, and a son, Sam, eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Harris hold membership in the Baptist church and he is well known through Masonic relations, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and commandery and also to the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while in Green Brier, Tennessee, he filled the office of mayor for 1918 and 1919. Mr. Harris received a permanent Civil Service appointment in the ordnance department from Washington in 1918. He has not been a politician, how-





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FRED M. GODARD



ever, in the usually accepted sense of office seeking but keeps informed on the vital questions and issues of the day and does not hesitate to give his support to any project in which he believes.

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#### JOSEPH COLLINS LEE

Insurance interests of Connecticut have drawn into their ranks a large percentage of young men of ability who are prompted by a laudible ambition and whose development has followed their ready recognition and utilization of chances for advancement, basing this advancement upon a high type of service rendered. In this connection mention is made of Joseph Collins Lee, now the secretary of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, March 20, 1880, and is a son of Richard Henry and Isabelle G. (Wilson) Lee, the father a native of Virginia, while the mother was born in Baltimore, Maryland. The son obtained his public school education in Baltimore and then, thinking to make the practice of law his life work, entered the University of Maryland, in which he completed his course in 1905. Following his graduation he was admitted to the bar but never practiced, turning his attention instead to the insurance business in connection with the American Bonding Company of Baltimore. He has since continued in this field of labor and at the organization of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company in 1914 he became associated therewith and was advanced to the position of vice president in 1928. He has thus concentrated his efforts and attention upon a single line of endeavor and the result has been a steady development of his powers, manifest in a masterful grasp of business problems and situations and bringing him gratifying profit.

On the 3d of March, 1928, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Grace C. Marshall, of Baltimore, Maryland. Their home is at 888 Asylum avenue in Hartford. Mr. Lee is a member of the Country Club of Farmington but concentrates the major part of his time and attention upon his business interests, although his associates in the varied relations of life find him a genial and companionable gentleman.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY ST. JOHN

William Henry St. John, who represents one of Hartford's old and prominent families, is a successful business man of broad experience and proven ability, who has also been active in public affairs. He was born in this city, May 4, 1869, and his parents were Howell Williams and Elizabeth (Wilcox) St. John, natives respectively of Newport, Rhode Island, and West Granby, Connecticut. The father came to Hartford in the fall of 1867 with the Aetna Life Insurance Company and was the first actuary of the corporation, continuing in that capacity until his death, September 25, 1924. Endowed with keen intellect, he was able to state a difficult problem in its simplest and most understandable form and excelled in his chosen line of work. He was the third president of the Actuarial Society of America, which he aided in organizing, and was an associate member of the French Actuarial Society. In his earlier years he figured prominently in Masonic affairs and was also a member of the Hartford Golf Club. His wife survived him for four years, passing away June 12, 1928.

William H. St. John received kindergarten training and attended the public schools of Hartford and Exeter Academy of New Hampshire. In 1891 he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and for a year was a postgraduate student at Harvard University. In October, 1892, he entered the employ of the New York Life Insurance Company but tendered his resignation in February, 1893, and went to Superior, Wisconsin. There he embarked in business in partnership with David L. Billings under the name of the Billings Hardware Company, operating on a wholesale basis, but the venture proved a failure, owing to the widespread financial panic of 1893. In the fall of that year Mr. St. John returned to Hartford and was elected treasurer of the Spencer Automatic Machine Screen Company, acting in that capacity until 1901. He then became secretary and treasurer of the Hartford Rubber Works



Company and filled the dual office for two years. In 1903 he returned to the Spencer Company, but left January 1, 1907, having been made Hartford manager for Boody, McLellan & Company, a brokerage firm connected with the New York Stock Exchange. For seventeen years he successfully managed their local business and since January 1, 1924, has been associated with the well known brokerage firm of Putnam & Company, which has also benefited by his keen sagacity and executive force. The company maintains an office at No. 6 Central Row and offers its clients the sound, conscientious counsel of men who devote their entire attention to safe investments. Mr. St. John is a director of the United States Freight Company of No. 40 Rector street, New York; the Public Industrials Corporation of No. 120 Broadway, New York, and the Universal Gear Shift Corporation, which has the same address.

In Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. St. John was married October 1, 1902, to Eleanor Tarleton Reynolds and they have one child, Eleanor Vivian, who was graduated from Bryn Mawr College in June, 1925. During the World war Mr. St. John joined the Home Guard, afterward known as the Connecticut State Guard, and was first a corporal and later sergeant of Company B of the First Regiment. His next promotion made him a second lieutenant, after which he was commissioned a first lieutenant, and in 1919 he was honorably discharged as adjutant with the rank of Captain for the First Military District Connecticut State Guard. In 1917 he was made chairman of Hartford Chapter of the American Red Cross and still fills that position. For six years he was a member of the Hartford board of finance, discharging his duties with customary thoroughness and fidelity. He was the executive head of the Yale Alumni Association for one year and is also a past president of the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford. Mr. St. John is also connected with the Hartford Club, the Wampanoag Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the University Club of New York and the Horn Point Club of Princess Anne County, Virginia. By nature he is a genial and companionable and enjoys the social side of life. He has a wide circle of friends and is a high-minded man whose honor and integrity are above question.

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#### LOREN PINCKNEY WALDO MARVIN

Loren Pinckney Waldo Marvin, of Hartford, judge of the superior court, was born in the capital city October 9, 1870, his parents being Edwin Eliphalet and Cynthia Paulina (Waldo) Marvin. In unbroken line he traces his ancestry back to Reinold, or Rynalde, Marvin, of Ramsey, County Essex, England, who was born as early as 1514 in a district which had been the ancestral home for more than a century. He died October 14, 1561, making his wife, Johan, executrix of his will, which is still preserved in Somerset House, London. Of his six children, Edward was born at Ramsey about 1550 and inherited the homestead. He died November 13 or 14, 1615, and his widow, Margaret, was buried May 28, 1633.

Their son, Reinold Marvin, was baptized in St. Mary's church, Great Bentley, County Essex, England, October 25, 1594, and in 1638 he was in Hartford, Connecticut, removing to Farmington as one of the early proprietors of the town about 1640. He was made a freeman in Saybrook, May 20, 1658, and on July 9, 1663, his will was probated. The death of his wife, Mary, about 1681, was attributed to witchcraft. Their son, Lieutenant Reinold Marvin, was born in Great Bentley, England, and baptized there December 20, 1631. He came to Connecticut with his father, was admitted a freeman ten days after his father, at Saybrook, and became prominent in the colony, holding various offices. He married Sarah Clark, who was baptized February 18, 1643, and died in Milford, Connecticut, February 1, 1716, having survived her husband since August 4, 1676, he passing away at Lyme. They were parents of Deacon Samuel Marvin, who was born at Lyme in 1671 and there died May 15, 1743. Various local offices of importance were filled by him and for many years he served as deacon in the church. On May 5, 1699, he married Susannah, daughter of Henry and Mary Graham, of Hartford, and his will was proved June 18, 1743.

The next in line of direct descent was Deacon Zachariah Marvin, who was born in Lyme, December 27, 1701, and died there September 12, 1792. He was admitted a freeman September 14, 1731, and, like his forebears, filled many local offices, while



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L. P. WALDO MARVIN





in January, 1741, he became a deacon of the church. On March 29, 1732, Abigail Lord, who was born in 1708 to Thomas and Mary (Lee) Lord, became his wife. Their son, Elihu Marvin, born in Lyme, February 13, 1733, died August 13, 1812, in Hebron, where he began teaching in 1768 and later followed farming. He was justice of the peace from 1787 to 1803, and was a deacon in 1793. On November 16, 1762, he married Anna Beach, who died September 26, 1778, and their son, Elihu Marvin, was born in Hebron, December 13, 1771, and died in Tioga, Pennsylvania, in June, 1805, after which the family returned to Hebron. His widow, Clarissa, was a daughter of Elijah and Sally (Welles) Kilbourne, of Colchester, who was born in 1777 and died in 1809. Their son, Ira Kilbourne Marvin, who was born in Hebron, September 6, 1796, was for twenty-eight years a deacon in the Baptist Church. On the 22d of October, 1824, in Windham, Connecticut, he married Julia Young, daughter of Eliphalet and Sybil (Lathrop) Young. She was born May 14, 1800, and died February 24, 1875, while her husband survived until May 12, 1879, passing away in Tolland, where he had established his home in May, 1820. They were the grandparents of Judge Marvin of this review, whose father, Edwin Eliphalet Marvin, was born in Tolland, October 8, 1833, and after leaving the public schools attended the Suffield Literary Institute. He enlisted April 19, 1861, in response to the call for troops to serve three months following the outbreak of the Civil war, and on May 5, 1861, joined the First Regiment Colt Revolving Rifles. When that company disbanded he enlisted June 20, 1861, in Company F, Fifth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, became a lieutenant and captain of his company and resigned because of disability, being mustered out February 12, 1863. In 1889 he wrote the history of his regiment and twenty years later prepared a family handbook of the genealogy of his grandparents. He lived successively in Tolland, Colchester, Rockville and Hartford, where he practiced law, served as justice of the peace and was United States commissioner and extradition commissioner for Connecticut. For about forty years he served as clerk of the United States circuit and district courts and from 1869 to 1875 was justice of the peace in Hartford and during the vacations of the regular judges frequently presided over the police court. He was also secretary of the Tolland County Agricultural Society for many years and was the author of a law authorizing the purchase and reforestation of Connecticut lands. On December 24, 1866, in Hartford, he married Cynthia Paulina, daughter of Judge Loren Pinckney and Frances Elizabeth (Eldredge) Waldo. She died March 18, 1908, while Edwin E. Marvin survived until January 24, 1914.

Their son, Judge L. P. Waldo Marvin, an only child, attended the Hartford schools and won his Bachelor degree on graduation from Yale with the class of 1892. He afterward purchased his law studies at Yale and was graduated in 1894, being one of the editors of the Yale Law Journal during the intervening period. Admitted to the bar, he at once began practice and his natural and acquired ability gained him distinctive preferment in legal circles. In 1907 he was elected probate judge of Hartford and made such an excellent record that later he became the nominee of both parties for the office. In 1921 he became judge of the superior court and his decisions are marked by notable fairness and impartiality, so that he has ever commanded the respect and admiration of professional colleagues and contemporaries as well as of the general public.

On the 4th of June, 1894, Judge Marvin was united in marriage to Miss Florence Belle Watrous, who was born March 26, 1873, a daughter of Christopher and Charlotte (Kendall) Watrous. Their two children are: Florence Watrous Hatch, born December 2, 1896; and Edwin Waldo, June 13, 1899.

The religious faith of Judge and Mrs. Marvin is indicated in their membership in Trinity church in Hartford, of which he has long been a vestryman, also served as president of St. Andrew's Brotherhood and took active and helpful part in other lines of church work. He is generous in his support of charitable and benevolent projects and served as president for a number of years of the Open Hearth Association, a rescue mission. He has also rendered valuable service on the board of trustees of the Connecticut Training School for the Feeble Minded, of which board he has been president since its organization, and for seven years was a member of the high school commission. He likewise served on the street board, which position he resigned when elected probate judge. He has acted as chairman of the democratic town committee, has been president of the Young Men's Christian Association, of the City Club of Hartford and of the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford. He became a member of the Alpha Delta Phi during his college days, belongs to the City Club

of Hartford, the Elihu Club of New Haven, the Hartford and Hartford Golf Clubs. Along fraternal lines he is connected with Lafayette Lodge, F. & A. M.; Charter Oak Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; John Hay Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Foresters of America. His name is likewise well known in musical circles, for he has served as the first president of the Choral Club and was a member of the Hartford Saengerbund. His interests and activities have thus covered a wide scope and have ever been actuated by the spirit of progress, improvement and uplift.

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#### CHARLES E. HOUSE

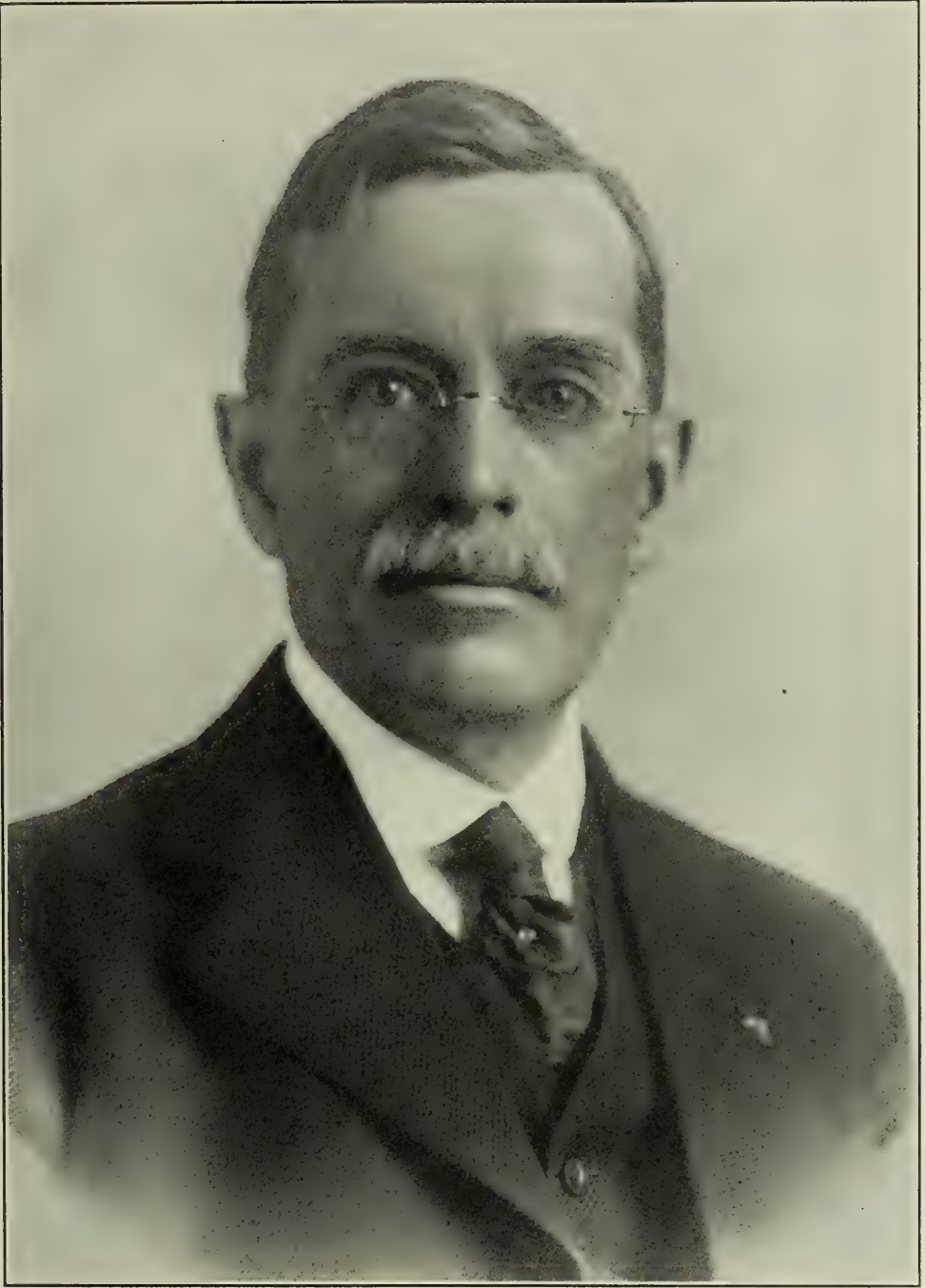
A worthy scion of one of the old and prominent families of Manchester, Charles E. House occupies an influential position in local business circles and is also well known because of his legislative service. He was born in this town in 1854. His parents were Edwin M. and Mary Ann (Tarbox) House. The father was born in 1817 and learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for many years, also becoming a dealer in men's clothing. In 1853 he founded the business now conducted by his son and remained at its head until his death. He was a merchant of high standing and a good citizen. His political support was given to the republican party and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. He responded to death's summons in 1885 and his wife passed away in 1893.

Charles E. House attended the public schools of Manchester and Hartford public high school until he reached the age of eighteen, when he secured a position in a grocery store and was thus employed for two years. In 1872 he started to work for his father, under whom he received thorough instruction in the tailor's trade, and later was a traveling salesman for a firm located in Rochester, New York. After his father's death he took charge of the business, and formulated well devised plans for its expansion, keeping in close touch with the constantly changing conditions of modern commerce. The store was originally located in the House & Hale building, of which J. W. Hale was part owner. In 1909 the building was destroyed by fire and a modern fire-proof building erected on the same site. In that year Herbert B. House was admitted to a partnership and in 1913 the business was incorporated under the present style of C. E. House & Son, Inc. They are dealers in clothing and men's furnishings and also carry a large stock of shoes. This is regarded as the leading establishment of the kind in Manchester and has to its credit a record of seventy-five years of usefulness. High ideals of service have ever dominated the members of the firm and the name has become synonymous with enterprise and integrity in local business circles. Methodical, systematic and resourceful, Charles E. House has been able to broaden his activities without lessening their force. He is secretary of the Manchester Building & Loan Association; also a director of the Manchester Trust Company, which he aided in founding; is the president and a director of the Manchester Lumber Company; and is also treasurer and a director of The J. W. Hale Company.

In 1876 Mr. House was married in Manchester to Miss Grace L. Bissell, who passed away March 28, 1925. She had become the mother of two children and the daughter is also deceased. The son, Herbert B. House, received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Harvard University. He has charge of the shoe department of the business of C. E. House & Son, Inc., of which he is the president, an office for which he is well qualified by reason of his ability and sagacity. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and both he and his father are connected with the Sons of the American Revolution. In 1903 Herbert B. House married Miss Sophia Staver, of Pennsylvania, and they now have a family of three children: Emily Louise, a graduate of Abbot Academy and now at Miss Wheelock's school in Boston; Charles S., a student at Harvard University in the class of 1930, who is one of the editors of the Harvard Lampoon; and Laura Caroline, a pupil in the Manchester high school.

Since 1889, a period of nearly forty years, Charles E. House has been clerk and treasurer of the Center Congregational church, of which his wife was also an earnest, helpful member. She was a teacher in its Sunday school and also took an active part in the affairs of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. House casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and was for many years registrar of voters. At the formation of the town court of Manchester he was appointed deputy judge of

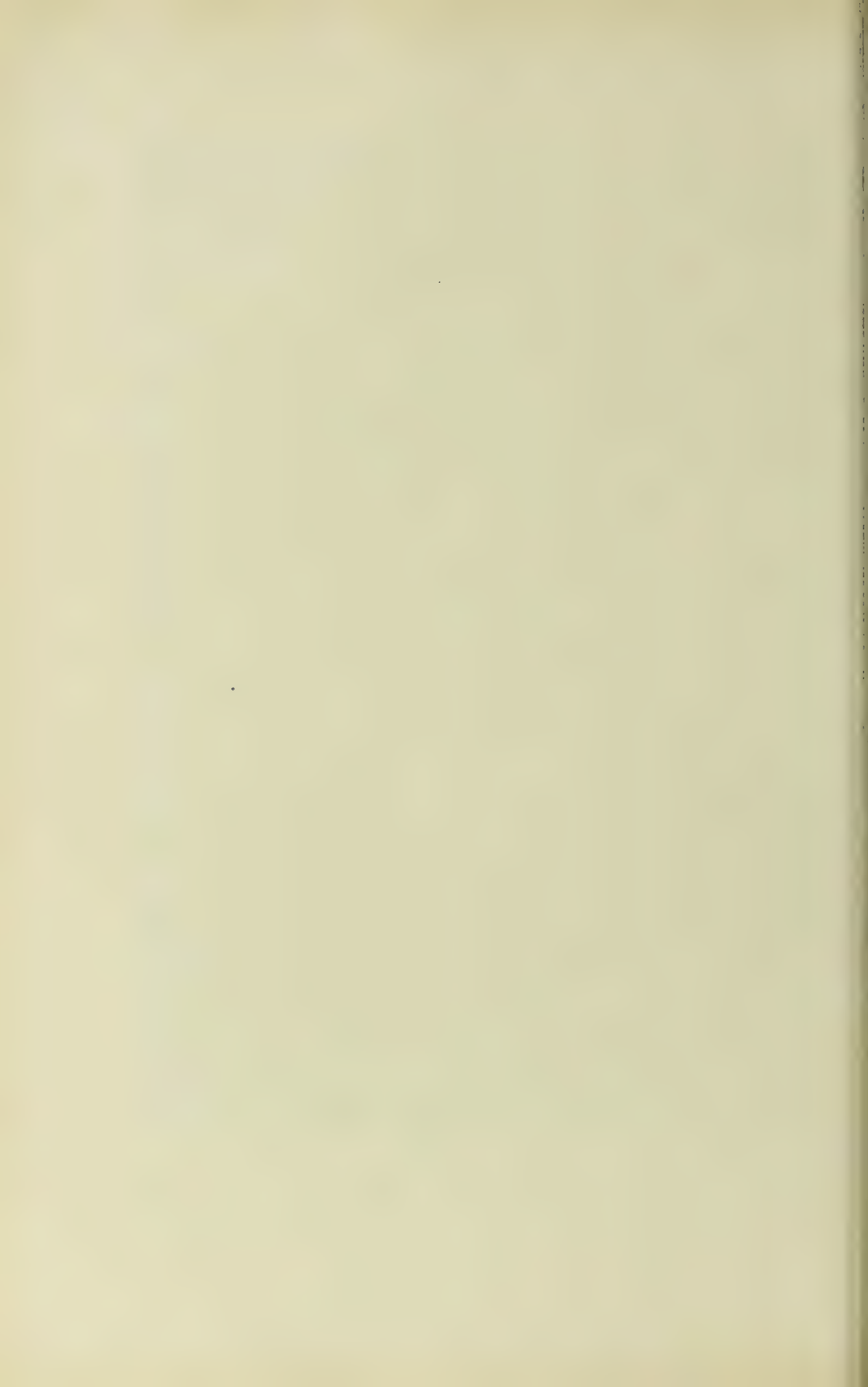




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CHARLES E. HOUSE





the court by the legislature, but declined the office, and the vacancy was filled by appointment of the governor. In 1893 he was elected to represent the town of Manchester in the state legislature. One of the most memorable of the war activities in which the town distinguished itself was in the organization and development of the War Savings campaign. This was entrusted to Mr. House as chairman of the committee and he was indefatigable in its development. As a result four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars maturity value was subscribed in War Savings securities by citizens of the town of Manchester. For a number of years Mr. House was town treasurer and displayed rare qualities as a public servant, never deviating from the path of honor and rectitude. He belongs to the Manchester Country Club and the Kiwanis Club and is one of the charter members of the Chamber of Commerce, in which he has the distinction of being the oldest member. In Masonry he has attained high rank, belonging to the following bodies: Manchester Lodge No. 73, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter No. 51, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council No. 17, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise affiliated with King David Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F. That Mr. House is a broad-minded man is indicated by the nature and extent of his interests and activities. His influence for good has deepened with his advancing years, and no resident of this community holds a higher place in the esteem of its citizens.

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#### WILLIAM GEORGE GLENNEY

Among the outstanding enterprises of Manchester is that conducted under the name of the W. G. Glenney Company, of which William George Glenney is the treasurer and general manager. He is likewise a forceful factor in the successful conduct of other important business interests and therefore deserves classification with the representative residents of Hartford county. Born in South Manchester, July 28, 1888, he is a son of William George and Ann (Stevenson) Glenney, the former born in Ireland, May 21, 1858, and the latter on the 21st of August, 1857. In early boyhood W. George Glenney attended the Ninth district school and afterward spent two years as a high school student, while for one year he attended a business college. He started out upon his business career in connection with the lumber trade, holding the position of bookkeeper and stenographer with the Hartford Lumber Company from 1907 until 1913. In the latter year he entered the wholesale lumber business with the Stevens Lumber Company of Boston as the New England representative and continued to serve in that capacity for four years. In 1917 he put aside all personal interests and considerations and enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Division for service in the World war, spending two years in France with the One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion. Following his return to his native land Mr. Glenney again entered into business association with the Stevens Lumber Company, with which he continued until 1919, when he bought out the retail lumber and coal business at Manchester and organized the W. G. Glenney Company, which now controls an extensive trade in lumber, coal and mason supplies. He is the treasurer and general manager of this business, which is steadily growing in volume and importance and which is an indication of the capability and resourcefulness of its promoter. He has also become the president of the Charter Oak Lumber Company of Hartford and the treasurer of the Niantic Lumber Company of Niantic, Connecticut, and he has ever shown marked ability in finding a successful solution for intricate business problems.

On the 10th of February, 1922, at South Manchester, Connecticut, Mr. Glenney was united in marriage to Marian Swift, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, September 24, 1886, and who has membership with the Daughters of the Revolution. Her parents, William Henry and Ina Hoyt (Pingree) Swift, who were natives of Boston, Massachusetts, and Norway, Maine, respectively, are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Glenney are the parents of three children: William George, Jr., Edward Holbrook and Eleanore Hoyt.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenney are communicants of St. Mary's Episcopal church and his political endorsement is given to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is well known in Masonic circles, having membership in Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master in 1926-27, in which year the lodge observed its centennial anniversary.

sary and, as master, Mr. Glenney laid the cornerstone for the new Masonic Temple. He has attained the Knight Templar degree in Washington Commandery and is a member of Sphinx Temple of Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Manchester Country Club, to St. Mary's Young Men's Club, to the Y. D. Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. During the World war he saw action on all the battle fronts of France and he is thoroughly cognizant of the requirements of good citizenship in times of peace. His outstanding characteristics are such as command respect and confidence wherever he is known.

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#### ANDREW G. NYSTROM

As registrar of voters Andrew G. Nystrom is rendering service of value to Hartford and the fact that he has been retained in this office for a period of eleven years is proof that his worth is appreciated. He was born in Plainville, Connecticut, February 4, 1882, and his parents, Peter and Johanna (Hanson) Nystrom, were natives of Sweden, whence they came to the United States about 1865, settling in Plainville, Connecticut. The father obtained work as a bricklayer and later became a builder of prominence and a successful business man. He passed away in 1925 but the mother still resides in Plainville.

Andrew G. Nystrom attended the public schools of his native town and completed a course in the Huntsinger Business College. After his graduation he entered the office of General Henry C. Dwight, an ex-mayor of Plainville, starting as a stenographer, and later he became a wool salesman. For five years he was a commercial traveler and then embarked in business in Hartford as a wool broker. He was thus engaged for five years and in 1910 was made manager and secretary of the Industrial Realty Title & Guarantee Company of Hartford, furthering the progress of the corporation by able, systematic work. In February, 1917, he was appointed by the board of aldermen to fill a vacancy as registrar of voters and has been elected to the office every two years since that time. His duties are performed with marked efficiency and he has clearly demonstrated that he is the right man for the position.

Mr. Nystrom was married October 11, 1905, in East Hartford to Miss Linda H. Driggs, who traces her lineage to William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth colony. They have become the parents of a son, Kenneth Gaylord, who was born August 3, 1908, and is a student at the Phillips Exeter Academy, a preparatory school of Exeter, New Hampshire.

Mr. Nystrom has long been an influential factor in Connecticut politics and from 1910 to 1912 was assistant secretary of the republican state central committee, of which he was secretary from 1912 to 1917, when he resigned to accept his present office. He was a councilman from 1909 to 1913 and in 1912 was president of that body. Mr. Nystrom served the city with rare fidelity and accomplished much important work along the line of municipal advancement. His fraternal affiliations are with St. John's Lodge, No. 4, of the Masonic order, and the Hartford Lodge of Elks. Mrs. Nystrom is a member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants. Like her husband, she is the possessor of many fine qualities of mind and heart and both are highly esteemed.

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#### CHARLES L. SPENCER, JR.

Charles L. Spencer, Jr., a banker of Suffield, has had long and varied experience in the field of finance, with which he has been identified since the age of twenty years, his steady progress at length bringing him to the presidency of the First National Bank in 1923. Born in Suffield on the 21st of February, 1887, he is a son of Charles Luther and Florence (Smith) Spencer and a grandson of I. Luther Spencer, who was president of the First National Bank of Suffield, which he organized in 1864 and which has since been carried on by the family, Mr. Spencer of this review being of the third generation connected with the institution. His father was also president of the Connecticut River Banking Company of Hartford and in substantial measure the family has contributed to stability in financial affairs. The ancestral line in Connecticut is





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CHARLES L. SPENCER, JR.



traced back to an early period in the seventeenth century, the first of the name coming from England and taking part in the colonization of the new world. The mother, Mrs. Florence (Smith) Spencer, now lives in Suffield. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Second Baptist church and is a charter member of Julia Spencer Chapter, O. E. S.

After completing his education in the Suffield schools Charles L. Spencer, Jr., entered the First National Bank under the direction of his father in the capacity of bookkeeper and thus gained his initial experience. He worked his way upward through all the departments, being appointed teller and assistant cashier, while eventually he became vice president and in 1923 succeeded to the presidency after the death of C. S. Fuller, thus becoming the successor of his father and his grandfather in the business. His close application and thorough study have enabled him to find ready solution for intricate financial problems and he today occupies a prominent position in the banking fraternity of Hartford county. He is also a director of the Travelers Insurance Company, the Travelers Indemnity Company and the Travelers Fire Insurance Company of Hartford and his ability as a financier enables him to contribute in substantial measure to the success of those corporations through his accurate knowledge and keen business insight.

In 1919 Mr. Spencer was married to Miss Corinne Sykes, who was born in Rockville, Connecticut, in 1890, and they have a daughter, Julia Sykes Spencer, who was born October 25, 1920. Mr. Spencer and his family occupy the old family homestead, which is the scene of many attractive social functions, the spirit of hospitality there abounding. In all that has affected the welfare and progress of the community Charles L. Spencer, Jr., is deeply interested. He is a director of the Kent Memorial Library, is a trustee of the Suffield School and is a trustee of the Second Baptist church. He also is a trustee of the Suffield Masonic Association and has long been connected with Masonry. He likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine and he is a charter member of Julia Spencer Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, which was named in honor of his sister, Mrs. Julia (Spencer) Goldthwaite, of Springfield, Massachusetts, now deceased. He also has another sister, Mrs. R. Cleveland Hastings, of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Spencer holds membership in the Hartford Golf Club and the Suffield Country Club, of which he is a director. He likewise belongs to the Second Baptist church, in which he has been organist for a number of years. In politics he is a republican active in the ranks of the party and has always taken a keen interest in the public welfare, exerting wide influence in local affairs. His entire career has been in harmony with that of an honored ancestry and reflects credit upon a family name which has been associated with the history of the commonwealth since the earliest period of its development.

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#### ALFRED FRANCIS HOWES

Alfred Francis Howes has devoted his life to the acquirement and dissemination of knowledge and renders to Manchester the service of an experienced, efficient educator who has a high conception of the duties and responsibilities of his profession. He was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, in 1863 a son of Henry A. and Fidelia T. Howes. His father was also a native of Ashfield and followed agricultural pursuits for many years. He was a deacon in the Congregational church and a staunch adherent of the republican party. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Howes, three sons and three daughters, namely: Abbott, Sereno, Carrie, Bertha, Edna and Alfred F.

The last named attended Arms Academy at Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, and afterward matriculated in Amherst College, which conferred upon him the degrees of A. B. and M. A. He was graduated with the class of June, 1887, and taught for a year in Duluth, Minnesota. Returning to the east, he became principal of the high school in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he remained eight years. He next went to Middlebury, Vermont, where he spent six years, discharging the duties of principal and supervisor. For a period of six years he was superintendent of the public schools of the Southern Berkshire district, of Massachusetts. In 1910 he came to Manchester as superintendent of school districts 1 to 8 and has done much to improve the curriculum and methods of instruction in this locality. He is resourceful in meeting the various problems that are constantly arising in his work and has been fortunate in



securing the hearty cooperation of the teachers under him in his efforts to maintain the highest possible standard, not only as to scholarship, but also discipline in the training of pupils for good citizenship. Mr. Howes is a member of the National Education Association and the National Association of School Superintendents and was president of Hartford County Teachers Association.

In 1892 Mr. Howes was united in marriage to Miss Sarah P. S. Clark daughter of Rev. Ashael and Phoebe (Gooch) Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Howes have become the parents of a son, Robert Clark, who was born in 1899 and is a graduate of Connecticut Agricultural College and is now superintendent of a large estate in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Mr. Howes is a Mason and has been a member of the Hartford Get-Together Club for sixteen years. His religious views are in accord with the teachings of the Congregational church and his influence is always on the side of reform, progress and improvement. Mr. Howes enjoys an enviable reputation as an educator and his life work has been one of broad usefulness. His professional activities have brought him a wide acquaintance and his personal qualities are such as inspire strong and enduring regard.

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#### ANTONIO S. ANDRETTA

On of the leaders among the foreign-born population of Hartford is Antonio S. Andretta, a native of sunny Italy. He has readily recognized and utilized the opportunities here offered and has climbed steadily to success, being numbered among the bankers of Hartford, where he is developing a business of substantial proportions. He was born in Forenza, Italy, in January, 1874, a son of Salvador and Mary Andretta. He acquired his early education in the schools of his native country and afterward studied for a time in a college of Italy. The year 1896 witnessed his arrival in Hartford, where he has since made his home and where his continuous advancement has brought him to a position of leadership, especially among those of his own nationality. Thirty years ago he established a business as a banker and foreign exchange broker and is today at the head of the well known banking house of Pallotti, Andretta & Company. That the business has assumed extensive proportions is indicated in the fact that branches have been established in New Haven, Connecticut, and in Naples, Italy. He is a son-in-law of the late Nicola Pallotti, one of the wealthiest Italians in this section of the east, and a brother-in-law of Francis A. Pallotti, the present secretary of state. The Hartford banking house of Pallotti, Andretta & Company is located at 96 Windsor street, where a general banking and brokerage business is conducted and where steamship tickets are also sold. The New Haven branch is situated at 629 Chapel street. The firm has prospered and has built up one of the leading Italian banking institutions of the east. Throughout his entire business career Mr. Andretta has carefully formulated his plans and then carried them forward to a successful conclusion. He possesses sound judgment and keen discrimination, and not only has he been active in the development of the banking house already mentioned but is also a director of the Riverside Trust Company of Hartford and of the Hartford Land and Mortgage Company and a member of the advisory board of the Bank of America of New York. His opinions carry weight in financial circles and many seek his judgment concerning the value of business situations.

Mr. Andretta was united in marriage to Miss Felicia Maria Pallotti and they have become parents of four children, one of whom, Salvador, is a well known lawyer and the present head of the trust department and secretary of the Riverside Trust Company. Another son, Nicholas, is assistant cashier of the Riverside Trust Company, while the third son, Henry, is assistant manager of Pallotti, Andretta & Company. The daughter, Mary Angela, is at home.

Mr. Andretta and his family are widely and favorably known in the social circles of Hartford, New Haven and other cities and towns of Connecticut where his business activity has made him a familiar figure. He belongs to a number of the leading organizations of Hartford, including the Automobile Club, the Hartford lodge of Elks, Court Garibaldi of the Foresters of America, the Victor Emanuel Third Society, the Young Italian American Association, the Hartford Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club, the Avon Country Club, the Italian Club, the City Club, the Quotonsetts Golf Club, the Republican Club, the Allah Club, the Touring Club and the Chamber of Commerce,



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ANTONIO S. ANDRETTA





as well as the Italy America Society of New York. The nature of these organizations indicates in large measure the line of his activities outside the strict field of business. All who know Mr. Andretta acknowledge his many excellent traits of character and the important part which he has taken in improving conditions and promoting the welfare of the Italian residents of Connecticut. In business affairs his progressiveness has been tempered by a safe conservatism that has made him highly respected and esteemed and he belongs to that class of foreign-born citizens who are most welcome in America because of the part which they play in advancing progress and improvement.

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#### DANIEL FINN

Daniel Finn, manager of the new Strand theatre, the latest and most modern amusement place of New Britain, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1897, attended its public schools and completed a high school course by graduation with the class of 1915. He started out to provide for his own support by working in a theatre in Worcester, Massachusetts, in the employ of Gordon Brothers. Later he became identified with the Olympia Theatres, Inc., at Boston, Massachusetts, and from that city removed to Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1918, there representing the B. F. Keith Vaudeville Exchange until the 11th of October, 1927, when he came to New Britain to open the new Strand theatre, which put on its first attraction on the 11th of November. He is still acting as manager here, representing the Hoffman Brothers, conducting theatrical interests at New Haven, Connecticut. The Strand is the newest and most modern theatre in the state. It was completed on the 11th of October, 1927, at a cost of one million dollars, and has a seating capacity of twenty-one hundred and nine. It draws a tremendous patronage from the surrounding country and its attractions give satisfaction to the general public, while the liberal patronage accorded makes this a profitable financial venture.

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#### HON. ROBERT J. SMITH

Hon. Robert J. Smith, whose legislative service has brought him state-wide prominence, is also a successful business man and a leader of development work in South Manchester, which has derived substantial benefit from his enterprise and public spirit. A native of Manchester, he was born July 27, 1883, and is one of the four surviving children of Robert and Elizabeth (Smith) Smith. The others are: John W. and George S. Smith; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Mason.

Robert J. Smith received his early instruction in the grammar schools of Manchester which he left at the age of fourteen years to become "handing-in boy" in the white weaving shop of the firm of Cheney Brothers, silk manufacturers. Starting at fifty cents a day, he assiduously applied himself to his tasks and later was transferred to the ribbon mill. There he learned the technicalities of warping and later was made foreman of that department. Capable and trustworthy, Mr. Smith became recognized as one of the valuable employes of the firm of Cheney Brothers, with which he remained until June, 1914, and in the fall of that year entered politics, becoming assessor of Manchester. He proved the right man for the office, in which he was retained until 1923, and in the meantime had entered the real estate field, purchasing the business of Thomas D. Faulkner in December, 1914. Mr. Smith started with a small office in the Bowers building and now occupies a suite of rooms in that structure. During the summer of 1923, the Centennial year, he expanded the scope of his activities, taking over the real estate and insurance business of the late Austin H. Skinner, who for many years had been located in the same building. In 1921 Mr. Smith had begun the work of laying out subdivisions and in the intervening period of seven years has developed several tracts, giving to Manchester some of its finest residential districts. A sagacious, far-sighted business man, he is operating on a large scale and his name has become synonymous with safety in real estate investments.

On August 7, 1907, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hyde, of

South Manchester, daughter of John and Margaret (Hunniford) Hyde, and they have become the parents of two children, Marjorie Helen and Robert Hyde.

In 1918 the voters of Manchester chose Mr. Smith as their representative in the general assembly and he soon became an influential factor in the activities of that legislative body, of which he was a member until 1923. In 1919 and 1921 he was clerk of the committee on cities and boroughs, of which he was made chairman in 1923, and in the same year was a member of the committee on constitutional amendments. During his terms in the legislature Mr. Smith was largely instrumental in securing the passage of legislation of great value to this district. In November, 1924, he was elected to represent the fourth district in the state senate and was reelected in November, 1926, and is a candidate for reelection on the republican ticket in November, 1928. Among the important measures which he has promoted are the following: the Manchester Armory appropriation; the taking over by the state of the highway between Manchester and Glastonbury which joins the Military road running from New London to Hartford; the bill for the pensioning of town employees, and the creation of a Manchester park commission. At the primaries of October, 1923, he was a candidate for selectman on the republican ticket, won the election by a large majority and is now serving. An ardent advocate of the cause of education, he served on the committee of the ninth school district for seven years, resigning in April, 1923, when he moved out of the district. For some time he has been a member of Center Hose Company No. 2 of the South Manchester fire department. He adheres to the Episcopalian faith, is a vestryman of St. Mary's church, and is also affiliated with its Young Men's Club. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce numbers Mr. Smith among its energetic members and he is also connected with the local Country Club and the City Club of Hartford. Along fraternal lines he is identified with South Manchester Camp, No. 9280, of the Modern Woodmen of America; King David Lodge, No. 31, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Manchester Lodge, No. 73, of the Masonic order. His is a many-sided, forceful personality and his record is a matter of pride to his fellow citizens, who are thoroughly appreciative of his many admirable qualities of mind and heart. Mr. Smith has served his city and state with clean hands and, like the Chevalier Bayard, he is a man "without fear and without reproach."

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#### JESSE WILLIAM RANDALL

To build up a strong organization requires adequate efficiency in every department, and therein the Travelers Insurance Company has exercised the greatest care in the selection of those who constitute the personnel of this organization. No mistake was made in selecting Jesse William Randall as secretary of the compensation liability department, for in this responsible position he has proved the right man in the right place, most carefully directing the interests under his guidance and thus contributing in substantial measure to the success of the corporation. Mr. Randall is a native of Connecticut, born in Hazardville, February 29, 1884. His parents, Elmer E. and Hortense H. (Vietts) Randall, were also natives of this state. The father devoted his life to educational work, becoming principal of the high school at Hazardville. He passed away in 1926. The mother is still living.

In the acquirement of his education Jesse W. Randall attended the Enfield public high school at Thompsonville and was graduated in 1900. He then engaged in the tobacco business for a time but in 1905 entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, beginning as mail clerk in the old building, later filling various positions. He afterward became special agent of the Hartford branch of the Indemnity Company, thus continuing for three years, covering Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts, from 1910 until 1913. He was special agent for the insurance company at Springfield from January until March, 1913, and was then made manager of that branch. On the 1st of October, 1913, the Springfield and Worcester offices were combined and he was made manager of the Worcester office, there remaining until April, 1914, when he was transferred to the Boston office as assistant manager, so serving until August, 1915, when he was transferred to the home office as assistant to Secretary Sullivan. In 1917 he was appointed assistant secretary of the compensation and liability department, which position he filled until November 21, 1927, when he was promoted to secretary. His association with this company covers twenty-three years,



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during which period his course has been marked by steady progress that has brought him from one position to another of greater responsibility until now as secretary of the compensation and liability department he is occupying an important office that has much to do with the success and growth of the business.

On the 9th of July, 1907, Mr. Randall was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Holcombe, of Springfield, Massachusetts. They are the parents of one child, Eunice Holcombe, and their home is at 62 Freeman street in Hartford.

Mr. Randall is well known as a factor in the social life of this section, having membership in the leading clubs, including the Wethersfield Country Club, the City Club of Hartford, the Get Together Club, the Automobile Club, the Civitan Club and the Blandford Club of Blandford, Massachusetts. He possesses a genial disposition, is cordial and friendly in his relations with those whom he meets and readily wins the warm regard and esteem of those who know him. Among his associates in the insurance field he is spoken of as a man of capability whose entire career has been marked by growth and progress and whose promotions have been well merited.

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#### GORDON W. STEWART

Gordon W. Stewart, of the firm of A. N. Shepard & Son, tobacco dealers and growers, with offices at 53 Mechanic street in Hartford, was born in Portland, Connecticut, June 9, 1888, and is a son of Gordon Whitmore and Clarissa E. (Lewis) Stewart, who were also natives of this state, where the father was identified with business interests as an expert accountant.

Gordon W. Stewart pursued his education in the Middletown high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907, and in Trinity College, which he left in his junior year on account of the death of his father. After his textbooks were put aside he engaged in the cotton business, manufacturing thread at East Hampton, Connecticut, and subsequently he had charge of the southern territory, with office in Philadelphia. In 1917 he enlisted for service in the World war as a member of the Quartermaster's Corps and was commissioned a first lieutenant, serving until the armistice was signed. In 1919 he came to Hartford and entered into partnership with the firm of A. N. Shepard & Son, since which time he has been active in the successful conduct of the trade of the firm, well known as dealers and growers of tobacco.

On the 12th of October, 1915, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Dorothea Shepard, daughter of A. N. Shepard. They are the parents of two children, Richard Shepard and Elizabeth Ann.

Mr. Stewart is a member of the Psi Upsilon, a college fraternity, and is well known in club circles, having membership in the Hartford, Middletown Golf and Windsor Golf clubs. He finds his recreation chiefly on the links and in the companionship of his friends, who are many, but outside interests are not allowed to interfere with the faithful conduct of his business, and his close application and enterprise are tangible elements in the success of A. N. Shepard & Son.

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#### ROBERT V. TREAT

Robert V. Treat has long been prominent in business circles of South Manchester and his achievements in public affairs have made him equally well known. He was born in Manchester, September 11, 1886, and is a son of Charles O. and Gertrude (Nettleton) Treat. His early instruction was received in the Ninth District school and following the completion of his course in the Eighth District school he enrolled as a student in the Morse Business College, a Hartford institution, from which he was graduated in 1904.

In the same year Mr. Treat became a clerk and bookkeeper for the Manchester Trust Company, a new organization, which at that time was carried on by two people and is now the largest business of the kind in the town. Frank G. Vibberts, now a resident of New Britain, Connecticut, served as president of the corporation and Mr. Treat was his only assistant. He advanced as the business developed, becoming assistant teller, then teller and finally treasurer and a member of the board of

directors. For fifteen years he was connected with the Manchester Trust Company, contributing toward its success by efficient, conscientious work, and was recognized as an able financier whose word was always to be relied upon. On November 1, 1919, he tendered his resignation as treasurer and entered the wholesale leaf tobacco business with the Manning & Kahn Company, Inc., of which Arthur Manning was the senior member. With characteristic zeal and determination Mr. Treat applied himself to his new duties, which have taken him to various points in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and his earnest cooperation has become a valuable asset to the firm, which transacts a business of large proportions. His business experience and acumen are also of benefit to the following organizations, of which he is a director: the Manchester Building & Loan Association, the Manchester Trust Company, the Manning & Kahn Company and the J. W. Hale Company, all local corporations.

In June, 1907, Mr. Treat married Miss Gertrude Manning, a daughter of Arthur and Carrie (Hills) Manning of Hillstown, and to them were born four children: Charles V., Robert M., Clifford A. and Muriel G. Treat.

During the World war Mr. Treat enlisted in the Manchester unit of the Connecticut State Guard and served until the termination of the war. Although a busy man, Mr. Treat has found time to serve his town as a selectman, to which office he was elected for the first time as a candidate on both the democratic and republican tickets. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been an independent voter and the fact that he has been indorsed three times by both parties proves beyond question his popularity and the quality of his service. In 1923 he was elected chairman of the board of selectmen and his work in that connection and as a member of the highway committee elicited high commendation. He is a member of the board of police commissioners, having been appointed in October, 1928, for a three years term. A keen sportsman, he belongs to the Hebron Game Club and is also a member of the Manchester Country Club. He is one of the directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and a leading spirit in all projects for the growth and betterment of the town. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Manchester lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and he closely adheres to the beneficent teachings of the order. Honest, broadminded, sincere and generous, he is esteemed and respected by all with whom he has been brought in contact and is affectionately termed "Bob" by his numerous friends.

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#### BENEDICT D. FLYNN

As the word Chicago at once suggests the meat packing industry and that of Detroit at once brings to mind automobile manufacturing, so the name of Hartford is synonymous with insurance, this city having become the center of the manifold departments of the business which have been developed. One of the strong organizations of this character is the Travelers Insurance Company, of which Benedict D. Flynn is the secretary, and his efficiency in this field is well known. He was born in Hartford, July 6, 1880, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Devine) Flynn, also natives of this state. The father came to Hartford in his youth and here engaged in the grocery business, remaining a factor in the commercial circles of the city for an extended period, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

Benedict D. Flynn pursued his early education in the public schools and afterward attended Trinity College of Hartford, class of 1905. In June, 1913, his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. His activity in the insurance field dates from 1902, when he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company in the actuarial department. In 1907 he was appointed assistant actuary and in 1911 was advanced to actuary casualty departments. In January, 1913, he was made assistant secretary of the company and in January, 1922, was elected secretary of this corporation, his position being one of large responsibility because of the magnitude of the business carried on by the Travelers. Mr. Flynn is widely known in insurance circles, being a fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, a fellow and former president of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a member of the Institute of the Actuaries of Great Britain.

On the 3d of July, 1917, Mr. Flynn was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve M.





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**BENEDICT D. FLYNN**



Brady, of New Britain, Connecticut. They are the parents of four children, namely: Benedict D., Jr., George B., Norbert B. and Jean Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn have a large circle of warm friends in Hartford, where he is also well known through his membership connection with the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Country Club and the Twentieth Century Club. He belongs also to Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. No special advantages or opportunities were his but by determination and force of character he has worked upward to success. His actuarial training combined with his experience in the many branches of insurance written by the Travelers has given him an unusually broad and valuable knowledge of the many phases of the insurance business.

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#### CHARLES WILLIAM RILEY

Charles William Riley, who through the present decade has figured in the financial circles of Hartford as a member of the investment brokerage firm of Goodwin-Beach & Company, was born in Burnside, Hartford county, Connecticut, March 20, 1898, a son of William A. and Grace (Olmstead) Riley, who are also natives of this state. The father is now secretary of the P. Garvan Company of Hartford.

After attending the public schools of this city Charles W. Riley entered the Wesleyan College and was graduated with the class of 1918, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. The country was then involved in the World war and he enlisted for service in the navy aviation branch of the army, being stationed at the flying field at Key West, Florida, where he remained until the signing of the armistice. When the war was over he became associated with the National City Company of New York as its representative in Connecticut and thus continued for about eighteen months. In September, 1920, he resigned to become a member of the firm of Goodwin-Beach & Company, investment brokers, and through the intervening period of eight years has contributed to the growing success of the business. He is also a director in the East Hartford Company and a director of the Insurance Shares Management Corporation of New York and is becoming continuously more and more active and influential in financial circles. He belongs to the Hartford Stock Exchange.

On the 21st of June, 1921, Mr. Riley was married to Miss Mary Kernan, of Waterbury, Connecticut, and they now reside at 804 Farmington avenue in West-Hartford. Mr. Riley finds his recreation largely in golf and his social activities are expressed through his membership in the University Club of Hartford, the Wampanoag Club of West Hartford and the Wethersfield Country Club. He is a Mason, with membership in Orient Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of East Hartford, and his spirit of loyalty to the craft is manifest in equal fidelity in other relations of life.

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#### ELWOOD S. ELA

Through the columns of the Manchester Herald, of which he was founder and publisher, Elwood S. Ela exerted a widely felt influence over his community, standing ever for progress and improvement, for advancement and successful achievement. Although born in Decatur, Illinois, on the 2d of July, 1859, Mr. Ela was descended from New England ancestry. His father, the Rev. Walter Ela, was a native of Maine but went to what was then the far west as a circuit rider of the Methodist church and the family home was maintained for a time at Decatur, Illinois, but soon after the birth of her son Elwood the mother died and the father returned to New England, in which section of the country the boy was reared and educated. He pursued a course of study at the Wilbraham Academy and also in Wesleyan University, but before completing his college work he entered the newspaper field, serving an apprenticeship on daily papers through a period of two years. In December, 1881, he established the Manchester Herald, which he converted into a semi-weekly paper in October, 1893. He continued as its owner and publisher until his demise, making it one of the leading journals of this section and always advocating through its columns progress and advancement in community affairs and civic interests.

On the 21st of December, 1882, Mr. Ela was united in marriage to Miss Jennie



Chapman, a daughter of Maro S. Chapman, of Manchester. They had two daughters, Jeanette and Lucy.

Mr. Ela was connected with the Connecticut Editorial Association from its organization, served as its secretary and treasurer and was also honored by election to the presidency. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was loyal to the teachings and purposes of this organization. He had many sterling traits of character which were recognized by all who knew him and his friends were legion, so that when he passed away in 1924 deep and widespread regret was felt by those who had been associated with him in the active affairs of life.

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#### LEWIS ALBERT SEXTON, M. D.

Dr. Lewis Albert Sexton, a progressive representative of the medical profession in Hartford, where he has identification with the Hartford Hospital as its superintendent, was born in Tennessee, March 25, 1876, and is a son of William Robert and Mary (Sparkman) Sexton. Liberal educational opportunities were accorded him. He was a student in both the academical and pharmaceutical departments of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, covering the period from 1899 until 1901, and then having determined upon the practice of medicine and surgery as a life work, he matriculated as a medical student in Vanderbilt, which conferred upon him his professional degree in 1906. In the meantime he had initiated his business career by becoming assistant chemist of the Spurlock-Neal Company at Nashville, with which he remained from 1901 until 1902. Having completed his course of medical study, he was made interne in the Nashville City Hospital, where he put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test, serving in 1906-07. In the latter year he was called to duty in the Riverside Hospital of New York, where he remained for a year, after which he was appointed resident physician of the Willard Parker Hospital of New York, with which he was thus associated from 1908 until 1914. He then accepted an appointment as assistant superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, where he continued from 1914 until 1917, and since the latter year he has been superintendent of the Hartford Hospital, where he is rendering valuable service in the upbuilding of an institution that is qualified in every particular to meet the most exacting demands of surgical practice and hospital care.

On the 19th of April, 1916, Dr. Sexton was married to Miss Henrietta Stenz, of New York city. That the social activities of life receive merited attention from him is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Farmington Country, Twentieth Century and Hartford Gun clubs. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. His interest in historical matters is evidenced in his association with the Sons of the American Revolution and the Connecticut Historical Society. He is likewise a member of the Camp-Fire Club of America, of the Phi Kappa Psi and the Phi Chi. After all, however, his professional interests claim the major part of his time and attention and he keeps abreast with current thought and progress through his membership in the American, New England and Connecticut Hospital Associations and in the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut and American Medical Associations.

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#### ROBERT K. ANDERSON

Robert K. Anderson, second vice president of Watkins Brothers, Inc., is thus identified with a business enterprise that has featured in the development and progress of South Manchester for many years. The company has long conducted a successful and progressive furniture and undertaking establishment, which is today capitalized for four hundred thousand dollars and which is housed in one of the substantial business structures of the city. Mr. Anderson was born in Manchester, Hartford county, Connecticut, in 1874, the year which witnessed the founding of the business with which he is now so closely associated. He acquired a public school education and then started out in the business world in 1899 as a bookkeeper in the employ of Watkins Brothers. In an account of this business a contemporary writer



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DR. LEWIS A. SEXTON





has said: "Because they were craftsmen, men who knew woods, and who loved to use keen tools, the early Watkins men passed on to the original Watkins Brothers a love and appreciation of good workmanship. This was of immense help in starting them right in the furniture business. For fifty years their quest has been for quality. No one appreciated more a handsome piece of wood or a finely turned chair leg, or a clever piece of cabinet work. L. Bruce Watkins, the father, came to Manchester from Ashford, Connecticut, to take charge of the Joslyn Sash and Blind Company, which fifty years ago operated a big shop on South Main street and turned out very fine work. Bruce Watkins lost his life as a result of exposure in the historic Manchester flood of 1869, and his widow was left with three small boys to provide for. The eldest, Clarence G., left school and went to work to take his father's place in the Joslyn shop. It was only a short time, however, before the opportunity came for the boys to go into business for themselves. With their mother's endorsement of a note for fifteen hundred dollars, they bought out the only undertaking business in the south end of the town. All caskets were made to order in those days and the young brothers vied with each other in turning out the finest coffin. In fact, they were so industrious that they began to make them up ahead and thus instituted the custom of ready-made caskets. At one time they did quite a wholesale business delivering coffins by the wagon load to the Hartford undertakers. A very good one in rosewood, beautifully finished and polished, could be bought for about eight dollars. There were no hearses in those days but friends of the deceased would carry the casket to the cemetery on their shoulders. The first place of business was in a little house at the end of Wells street which still stands, the last house on the right, where they had a combination work shop and show room. In a short few months they discovered that the undertaking business was not sufficient to keep them busy and they opened a cigar and candy store in the old Knox Hotel building where the high school is now on Main street. However, the Watkins boys were not built to sell penny articles, and when the opportunity came to buy out the furniture department of William H. Cheney & Sons, they were quick to accept it. William H. Cheney & Sons conducted a general store at the corner of Charter Oak and Main streets, which has since burned down and been replaced by a smaller building. Mr. Cheney's entire stock of merchandise was purchased for six thousand dollars. As the present stock of merchandise is over three hundred thousand dollars, some idea of the growth in fifty years may be obtained. The furniture business they found exactly to their liking and were successful from the start. In 1890 more space became imperative and they built their first building at the corner of Main and School streets. This served them as a home for thirty years, when the present large plant was constructed. Meantime, they had added one line after another, the most important being pianos, soon after they opened the School street store. From a very small part of their business, the piano department expanded until it extended far beyond the borders of the town. In 1905 the piano business of Woods & McCann, of Hartford, was purchased, followed soon after by the purchase of the talking machine department of Ludlow Barker & Company and William Wander & Sons' business and building, including the agency for the world's greatest piano, the Steinway. For seven or eight years a branch store was maintained in Willimantic, but the possibilities of development proved to be too small and it was discontinued.

"The wise man said, 'A good name is more to be desired than riches.' Watkins Brothers have always had a good name. During the fifty years of their business career, no act of any member of the firm has brought the name into disrepute and they have kept free from questionable methods of advertising or merchandising. On the other hand, few business men have been more farsighted or more progressive. They have always been quick to make use of modern improvements which showed any warrant for belief in their permanency. They were the first retail business in town to make use of the telephone. They were the first to use motor driven delivery trucks, the first to introduce a motor driven hearse, their vehicle being one of the first three used in Connecticut. They were the first concern in town to advertise consistently and today are the only concern which has had an advertisement in every issue of the Manchester Herald since it was founded forty-two years ago. Watkins Brothers published the first furniture house organ issued by any furniture dealer in the United States. They were among the first in the country to introduce an employees' profit-sharing plan. A majority of the employees at the present time are stockholders. Watkins Brothers were among the first retail companies to give their

employees free insurance. The statement has been made many times by furniture traveling men that more fine furniture is sold by Watkins Brothers than by any other concern in a town of equal size in the country. Whether this is true or not, it is certain that the people of Manchester have been educated to an appreciation of good furniture which is much ahead of that found in the usual town. There have been many contributing causes for this, but the chief reason is, without doubt, the fact that Watkins Brothers have continually shown in their show windows and on their floors, and advertised through the newspapers the better made and better designed pieces. For many years now the store has been a style authority in this vicinity."

The business was incorporated in 1912 and the capital has been increased to four hundred thousand dollars. The company today operates two stores, the Hartford store selling only musical merchandise, occupying a five-story brick building at 241 Asylum street which is owned by the firm, as are all of the buildings in Manchester, in which the company sells an extensive line of house furnishings, including furniture, floor coverings, electrical goods and musical merchandise, while in an entirely separate suite of rooms they conduct the undertaking business. Their store in Manchester has been voted in a nation-wide poll the most beautiful furniture store in a small town in the United States. They furnish employment to fifty-five people in Manchester and have twenty representatives in Hartford. They issue a monthly magazine for the benefit of the trade and the most progressive methods are at all times followed. The present officers of the company are: F. Ernest Watkins, president; Emil C. Wander, first vice president and director; R. K. Anderson, second vice president and director; Frank Limbacher, third vice president and director; C. Elmore Watkins, a son of Clarence G. Watkins, one of the original proprietors, treasurer and manager of the South Manchester establishment; William Rush, secretary and director and manager of the Hartford store. Mr. Anderson also fills the position of assistant manager of the South Manchester establishment and is in charge of the undertaking and funeral directing departments. Theirs is the oldest undertaking business in Manchester and their position has always been one of leadership. Since entering into active connection with the Watkins Brothers in 1899, Mr. Anderson has worked his way upward through the various departments and with them learned the undertaking and embalming business, since which time he has been in charge of this branch. They use motor equipment entirely, having a large display room, and Mr. Anderson has an assistant.

In 1905 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie A. Kauffmann, of Manchester, a daughter of Charles G. and Mary F. (Thomas) Kauffmann, of East Lexington, Massachusetts, the former now deceased. Prior to her marriage she was for nine years a teacher of music in the high school. She is vice president of the Cosmopolitan Club of Manchester and secretary of the Garden Club, and she takes a very active interest in the work of the Second Congregational church, to which both she and her husband belong, Mrs. Anderson having served as organist of the church for thirty-five years. In his political views Mr. Anderson is a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day. He is interested in civic affairs and loyally supports all plans and projects that have to do with the welfare and upbuilding of the community. For three years he was chairman of the American Red Cross here and he belongs to the Kiwanis Club. That he has been a most capable and faithful representative of the Watkins interests is indicated in the fact that he has been with the house for almost three decades, enjoying the unqualified confidence of those whom he represents. He is highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

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#### WOODS CHANDLER

Important business and financial interests claim the attention and profit by the broad experience and keen sagacity of Woods Chandler, whose life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in purpose and so far-reaching and beneficial in its effect that it has become an integral part of the history of Simsbury. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, March 23, 1874, and is a worthy scion of old and illustrious families of New England. His father, William E. Chandler, a descendant of Miles Standish,





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WOODS CHANDLER





was born September 5, 1839, in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and became a teacher of music. In 1872 he went to New Haven, Connecticut, as organist of the Church of the Redeemer and for many years was an outstanding figure in musical circles of that city. There he spent the remainder of his life, passing away November 20, 1912, at the age of seventy-three years. On November 24, 1868, he had married Miss Mary Pierce Woods, a descendant of Joshua Belcher, one of the early governors of Massachusetts. Mrs. Chandler was born in Enfield, that state, November 25, 1837, and died March 22, 1903, in New Haven.

Woods Chandler was reared in his native city and in 1892 completed a course in the Hopkins grammar school, which was established in 1660 and is the oldest in this country with the exception of the Roxbury Latin School and the Boston Latin School. His higher education was acquired in Yale University, from which he won the degree of A. B. in 1896 and that of Mus. B. in 1901. He became a teacher of music in the Westminster School at Simsbury in 1903 and remained with the institution for five years, ranking with its most competent instructors. In 1908 he accepted the post of financial secretary to Ralph H. Ensign and after the latter's death was retained in the same capacity by his son, Joseph R. Ensign, president of The Ensign-Bickford Company and by his daughter, Mrs. Julia W. Ensign Darling. Mr. Chandler organized the Simsbury Bank & Trust Company and on December 1, 1917, the institution was opened for business with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of twelve thousand, five hundred dollars. The capitalization was changed to fifty thousand dollars in 1921 and a surplus fund of eighteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars was accumulated. In 1927 the capital stock was raised to seventy-five thousand dollars and on April 2, 1928, it was increased to one hundred thousand dollars. The bank now has a surplus of seventy-five thousand dollars, undivided profits of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the deposits amount to over one and a half million dollars. A year and eight months after its organization the bank paid a two per cent dividend and six months later inaugurated the plan of paying a quarterly dividend of two per cent, which has since been continued. The duties of president are discharged by Mr. Chandler, while George E. Pattison is secretary and treasurer of the bank. Its methods are founded upon a broad policy of cooperation and the rapid growth of the institution testifies to the wisdom and ability of its executive head as well as the quality of service rendered by the bank. An expert financier, Mr. Chandler has made his bank a vital element in the development of this locality and is also recognized as a sagacious, farsighted business man. He is sole owner of the grist mill operated by Woods Chandler & Company, secretary and one of the directors of the Simsbury Electric Company, and president of the insurance firm of Chandler Pattison & Hall, incorporated in 1927. Resourceful, energetic, farsighted and well poised, he is always prepared for an emergency and his associates have the utmost confidence in his judgment and probity.

Mr. Chandler was married April 10, 1912, in Hartford to Miss Kathryn Root Richards, who was a daughter of Alfred T. and Laura (Root) Richards and passed away March 23, 1918. On May 14, 1925, Mr. Chandler was united in marriage to Miss Helen Clarissa Gross, a daughter of Charles E. and Ellen (Spencer) Gross and a member of one of the prominent families of Hartford. In 1905 Mrs. Chandler was graduated from Smith College and served as president of her class. She has been connected with the alumni counsel of the college, and is one of the woman's board of Hartford Seminary. She is a member of the Hartford Golf Club, the Memnon Club, and The Friday Club, The Town and County Club, The Musical Club of Hartford, The College Club and the Smith College Club, The Art Society of Hartford, The Historical Society of Simsbury, the societies of Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are members of the Mayflower Society of Connecticut. They adhere to the Congregational faith, and both are members of the First Church of Christ, Simsbury. Mr. Chandler is organist of the church, director of its choir and treasurer of the First Ecclesiastical Society, manifesting a deep interest in religious work. He is president of the Simsbury Aid, Connecticut Junior Republic and is affiliated with the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Yale Club of New York city, the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford, the University Club of Hartford, the Wampanoog Country Club, the Farmington Country Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Memnon Club and the Community Club of Simsbury, the Twentieth Century Club, the Musical Club of Hartford, Automobile Club of Hartford, and the Historical Society of Simsbury. His name also appears on the membership rolls of the Connecticut Society

of Colonial Wars and St. Mark's Lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M. In politics he is a republican and during 1917-18 was treasurer of the organization in charge of the local united war work campaign. Mr. Chandler is a broad-gauged man whose career has been crowned with success, and an upright, well spent life has won for him the esteem and respect of all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence.

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#### GOODWIN BATTERSON BEACH

Goodwin Batterson Beach, the founder of one of the large and well known investment banking houses of Hartford, was born in this city October 2, 1885. His parents, Charles Coffing and Mary Elizabeth (Batterson) Beach, were also natives of Hartford and the father became one of its leading physicians. The mother was a daughter of James G. Batterson, founder of the Travelers Insurance Company and one of Hartford's foremost business men.

Goodwin B. Beach attended the local schools, completing his high school course in 1903, and continued his studies in Harvard University, which awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907. After his graduation he entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company and remained with the corporation for about five years, as an underwriter in the accident department. In 1912 he embarked in the investment business in Hartford as a member of the firm of Beach & Austin. In 1917 the name was changed to Goodwin Beach & Company. On the admission of Edward S. Goodwin, of East Hartford, to partnership in 1919, the name became Goodwin-Beach & Company. This firm occupies a suite of offices on the second floor of the old Connecticut General building at No. 64 Pearl street, specializing in insurance and bank stocks. Mr. Beach is a director of the General Reinsurance Company and of the New York Casualty Company.

In London, England, Mr. Beach was married September 8, 1908, to Miss Ethel Gertrude Curry and they became the parents of three daughters: Annabel Gertrude, Mary Goodwin and Carol Coffing. Mr. Beach was married to Miss Edith A. Durrant in New York city on January 26, 1927.

Mr. Beach is a trustee of the Watkinson School and one of the governors of the Connecticut Investment Bankers Association, of which he was formerly president. He is also a director of the State Chamber of Commerce. His name is on the membership rolls of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the Hartford Stock Exchange, the Art Society of Hartford, the New York Zoological Society, the Audubon Society, the American Museum of Natural History, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Wadsworth Atheneum and the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the University Clubs of New York and Hartford, the Harvard Clubs of Connecticut and New York, the Hartford Gun Club and to both the Hartford and Wampanoag Golf Clubs. For recreation he turns to horseback riding and hunting expeditions in the west. He also enjoys traveling and has made several trips abroad.

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#### COLONEL JAMES W. GILSON

Colonel James W. Gilson, assistant adjutant general of the state of Connecticut and an outstanding figure in military circles for many years, was born in St. Albans, Vermont, July 7, 1871, his parents being Darwin King and Susan (Safford) Gilson, who were natives of Vermont and Massachusetts, respectively. The father served for three years and nine months in the Civil war, being commissioned a first lieutenant of the Tenth Vermont Infantry, and following the close of that conflict he was for many years in the United States customs service. He died in the Green Mountain state in 1904, while his wife, who was a descendant of General Gates of Revolutionary war fame, passed away in 1906.

Colonel Gilson acquired his early education in public schools and in his youth was employed in the St. Albans branch of the R. F. Hawkins Iron Works. In 1896 he came to Hartford, where he was associated with the Hartford Rubber Works until 1907, during which period he became a director and the sales manager of the com-





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GOODWIN B. BEACH



pany. In April, 1907, he went to Racine, Wisconsin, as sales manager and director of the Mitchell Motor Company, with which he was thus associated until 1912, when he became identified with the Lewis Motor Company as a director and sales manager, thus continuing until 1915, when the company went out of business.

During his residence in the west Colonel Gilson became a member of the Wisconsin National Guard and in June, 1916, he enlisted and was commissioned a first lieutenant, being sent with his command to the Mexican border. He was subsequently on recruiting duty in the Wisconsin National Guard and recruited Battery F of the First Wisconsin Field Artillery, with which he was made captain. The command mobilized at Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, July 2, 1917, and Battery F was the first Wisconsin unit to be sent to Camp McArthur in Waco, Texas, this being in August, 1917, and was the first outfit of the Thirty-second Division to arrive at that camp. This honor was given Colonel Gilson for the excellence of his previous work and the general efficiency of his battery. In September, 1917, on the complete formation of the Thirty-second Division, he was ordered to report to the headquarters of the Fifty-seventh Artillery Brigade, a part of the Thirty-second Division, as adjutant and served in that capacity until the return of the division to the United States from France in April, 1919, having gone with his command overseas in February, 1918. After his arrival in France he went into the artillery training camp in Brittany and on the 1st of June, 1918, went into the line at Alsace-Lorraine. The Thirty-second Division went into line in May, 1918, and from that time on had no rest periods. It is the one division that has a very inadequate picture drawn of its service by its battle participation dates. For the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Infantry, these are: Centre sector (Alsace), May 18-July 23; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 27-August 8; Oise-Aisne offensive, August 18-September 6; Meuse-Argonne offensive, September 26-November 11. Battle honors under G. O. 16 are listed as: Alsace, Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne. Under the analysis system, one gets a much clearer view of what the division accomplished, these honors becoming: Alsace, Ourcq, Vesle, Champagne, Merval, Juvigny, Montfaucon Romagne, Cunel, Buzancy, Dun, Foret-de-Woevre. Something of the nature of Colonel Gilson's service is indicated in a letter which read: "There is forwarded herewith by registered mail a Croix de Guerre with gilt star citation certificate and translation of the same, awarded to you by the French government. It is requested that you furnish this office with a receipt for the Croix de Guerre and citation, using inclosed blank. By order of the Secretary of War. W. E. Cole, Adjutant General."

On the 18th of April, 1919, C. P. Summerall, major general commanding the Ninth Army Corps, A. E. F., wrote as follows:

"Upon the relief of the Fifty-seventh Field Artillery Brigade from the Ninth Army Corps, in compliance with orders from higher authority, the corps commander desires to convey to the officers and soldiers of this brigade his appreciation and commendation of the services rendered by the command, not only during its presence with the corps, but throughout its participation in the campaigns of the American Expeditionary Forces. The review of this brigade for the corps commander, which was held on April 7th, presented an excellent appearance and gave abundant testimony of the high morale and soldierly spirit that now animates the command.

"The brigade is composed of the One Hundred and Nineteenth, One Hundred and Twentieth, One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Forty-seventh Field Artillery Regiments. The records show that the brigade arrived in France during March, 1918, and trained at Camp Coetquidan. Firing batteries from this brigade were furnished to the artillery training camps at Saumur and at Montigny-sur-Aube during the succeeding year. The One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh Regiments served in the Toul sector from June 5th to June 22, 1918, in support of the Twenty-sixth Division. The entire brigade served in the Haute Alsace sector from June 12th to July 22d, supporting the Thirty-second Division. It participated in the Aisne-Marne offensive from August 1st to August 25th, supporting the Thirty-second, the Twenty-eighth and the Seventy-seventh Divisions, and advanced against resistance twenty kilometers. Without rest, it made a forced march to the Oise-Aisne offensive and supported the Thirty-second American Division and the First Moroccan Division from August 28th to September 6th. It participated in the capture of Juvigny and Terny Sorny, advancing eight kilometers. After five days' rest at Wassy, the brigade marched to the Meuse-Argonne offensive, where it supported the Seventy-ninth, the Third, the Thirty-second and the Eighty-ninth Divisions, serving



continuously, without relief, from September 26th to November 8th. During this period, it advanced twenty-six kilometers and suffered severely from the campaign. It was then withdrawn to a rest area, where it served with the Fortieth Division at Revigny, and later with the Eighty-eighth Division in the Gondrecourt area.

"Not only has the brigade performed its full share of duty in the Thirty-second Division, to which it originally belonged, but it has contributed by its efforts and its sacrifices to the success of other divisions of the American army. The work of the training batteries at the centers for artillery instruction has been no less valuable in contributing to the success of our arms than that of the batteries engaged in combat, and they are entitled to a full share of the credit which is due the command.

"Every officer and soldier may well cherish with pride the privilege of having participated in the momentous events of the campaigns with this brigade, and its history will be a lasting inheritance to the army and to the American people. The good wishes and the abiding interest of the corps commander will remain with the members of the brigade in their future careers."

Colonel Gilson was recommended by Major General William G. Haan, commanding the Thirty-second Division, the award of Distinguished Service Medal. In the fall of 1919 he returned to Hartford and engaged in the insurance brokerage business, so continuing until 1925, when he was appointed by Governor Trumbull to the position of assistant adjutant general of the state of Connecticut. That Colonel Gilson enjoyed the highest regard and confidence of his fellow officers and those who were his superiors in rank was indicated in many ways, proof of which is found in a letter which read: "It is a pleasure to learn that your loyalty to the Field Artillery has caused you to consider the possibility of a brigade command of that arm with the National Guard of your state. Your service as executive of the Fifty-seventh Field Artillery Brigade during the late war, especially the five months of actual service at the front, together with the experience you have had yearly since then in Reserve and National Guard training camps, should, in my opinion, eminently qualify you to perform the duties of a brigade commander. I do not have to tell you how greatly I valued your service under me during the war and the high regard in which I hold you. Sincerely your friend, G. LeR. Irwin, Brigadier General, U. S. A."

In April, 1900, Colonel Gilson was married to Miss Florence Ingraham, of Hartford, who passed away February 3, 1926, leaving a daughter, Virginia, now the wife of Philip W. Scheide, of Hartford, and the mother of one child, Philip Cornell Scheide. That Colonel Gilson finds pleasure on the links is indicated in his membership in the Hartford Golf Club. He also belongs to the Exchange Club of Hartford and the Hartford Chapter of National Sojourners. He has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites in Masonry and is a member of Tripoli Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Descended from forebears who fought for American independence, it is natural that he should be connected with the Sons of the American Revolution and he also belongs to the Military Order of Foreign Wars. His entire record expresses intense loyalty, marked capability and unfaltering fidelity to duty, and his is recognized as of the highest type of military service in relation to both state and national organizations.

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#### NATHANIEL J. SCOTT.

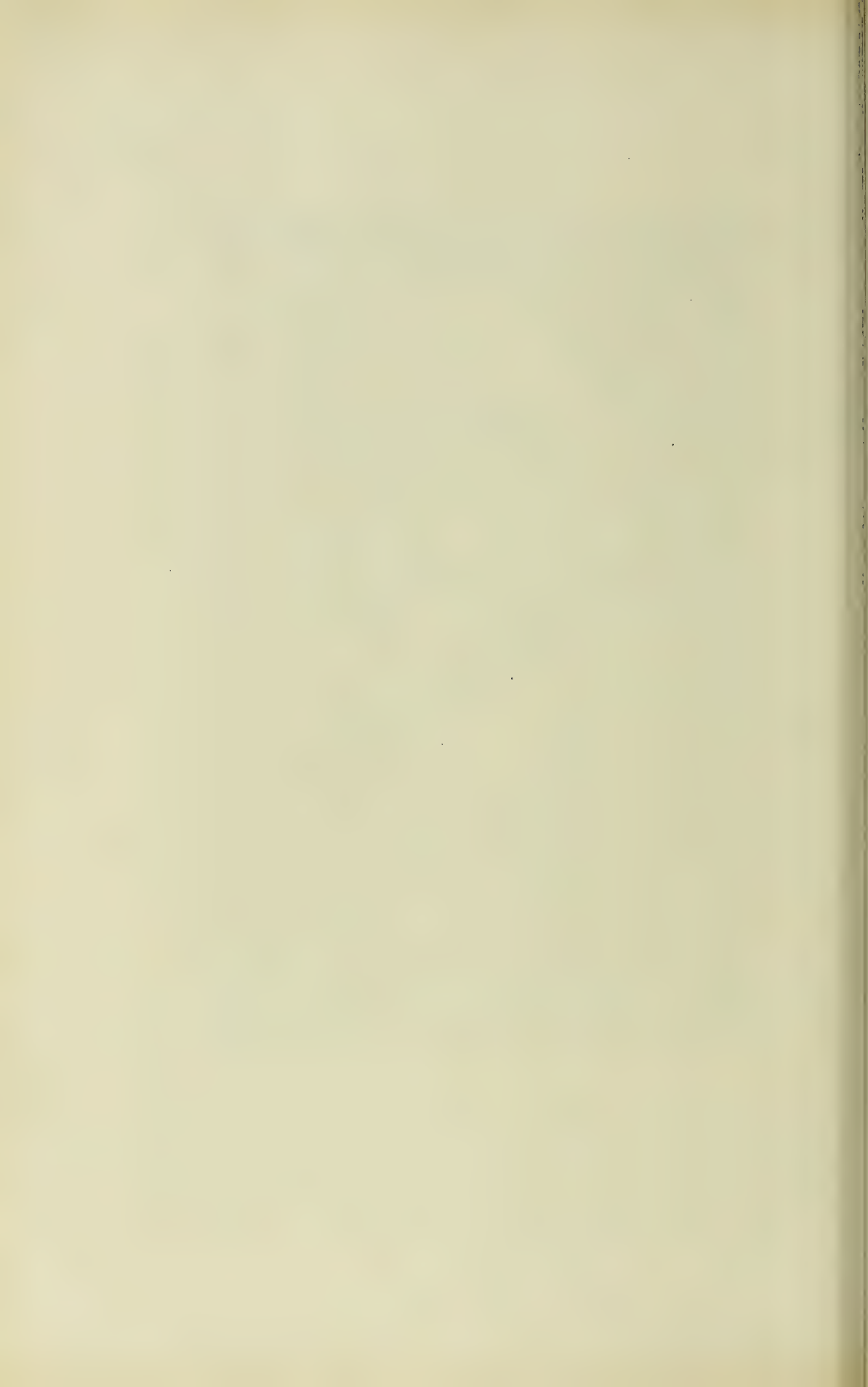
Nathaniel J. Scott, manager of the Connecticut Company of Hartford, to which position he has worked upward step by step, overcoming obstacles and difficulties by determined purpose, was born in Scottsmore, Quebec, Canada, April 23, 1876, his parents being George L. and Julia L. (Scoville) Scott, who were natives of Vermont and Canada, respectively. The father devoted his early life to farming and afterward was associated with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Having attended the public and high schools, Nathaniel J. Scott passed the examination required for entrance to Gill University but did not resume his studies there. Instead he went to a French settlement in order to acquaint himself with the French language and subsequently removed to Boston. The year 1896 witnessed his arrival in Hartford, to which city he came a stranger. He at once sought employment, which he secured as a shipping clerk in the wholesale twine and paper house of P. Garvan & Company, but after a brief period he entered the employ of the Connecticut Company



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NATHANIEL J. SCOTT





in July of the same year as a street car conductor, serving in that connection for five or six years. In 1901, when the Wethersfield car house was built, he was assigned to duty there as car house foreman but a little later was transferred to the State street office, doing similar work and also crew dispatching. In 1906 he was promoted to chief dispatcher, which position he filled for several years, and was then made assistant superintendent, while later he was advanced to the more responsible position of superintendent of transportation. April, 1921, brought him appointment to the office of manager and he has been notably capable and efficient in this responsible position. Having worked his way upward, he is thoroughly familiar with each branch of the business, understands the requirements and is able to so direct forces as to produce the most desired results.

In August, 1901, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Grace L. Gallivan, of Hartford, and with their daughter, Dorothy A., an only child, they reside at 20 Somerset street, Wolcott Hill, Wethersfield. Mr. Scott is a member of the Rotary Club, is a director of the Connecticut State Fair Association and a member of the City Club. He also belongs to St. John's Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a past noble grand of the Hartford Lodge of Odd Fellows and loyally adheres to the underlying principles which constitute the basis of these organizations. In a review of his business career all must feel that his success and advancement are well merited, for he started out without friends or influence to aid him and by sheer force of character and unremitting industry has reached the creditable place which he now fills.

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#### ISIDORE WISE

The name of Isidore Wise is widely known in Hartford because of his prominent connection with mercantile interests as founder and president of Wise, Smith & Company, Incorporated, owners of one of the largest, most attractive and most successful mercantile establishments of this city. He was born in Hartford, November 19, 1865, and while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Leopold and Rosalie (Engel) Wise, he pursued a public school education. In the business world he has proven a forceful factor, ready to meet any emergency or contingency and readily discriminating between the essential and non-essential in the conduct of his interests. Laudable ambition has carried him steadily forward, and utilizing his opportunities to good advantage, he became founder of Wise, Smith & Company, Incorporated, and as president of this concern is directing a business which from the beginning has enjoyed steady growth and is now one of the chief features in the commercial life of Hartford. He is likewise the vice president of the Hartford Morris Plan Bank, as well as one of its directors, and is also a representative of the directorate of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, the Mechanics Savings Bank and the Hartford Electric Light Company, all of which profit by his cooperation and sound judgment. His accomplishments in the field of business would alone entitle him to distinction, but in the field of public service his labors have been equally comprehensive and valuable. He was a director of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and is now a director of the Connecticut State Prison and the Hartford Meadows Development Commission and a member of the New England Council. In fact his interest and activities have touched many lines where his labors have had a wide measure of influence. His broad humanitarianism is frequently shown and is manifest in his service as vice president of the Newington Home for Crippled Children. He was one of the incorporators of the Hartford Public Library and during the World war he served as a member of the United States Food Administration, of the Hartford Food Administration and of the Connecticut State Council of Defense.

His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he has rendered valuable service as councilman, as alderman and as police commissioner of Hartford. He was one of the founders of the first McKinley Club in the country and his opinions have been a valuable force in directing party activities in this city and state. In the discharge of his public duties he has ever placed the general welfare before personal aggrandizement and his efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial.

On the 11th of June, 1890, Mr. Wise married Miss Selma V. Stern, of Westerly,

Rhode Island, and they have two children: Rosalind V., the wife of Louis A. Samuels; and Adelle S., the wife of Edward A. Hart. They reside at 810 Prospect avenue in Hartford and have membership in Temple Beth Israel, of which Mr. Wise is president and of which his grandfather, David Engel, was one of the founders in 1839. Mr. Wise has also rendered valuable aid as first president of the United Jewish Charities of Hartford and he is likewise a past president of the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association, the Hartford Business Mens' Association and the Hartford Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and belongs to Putnam Phalanx, to the Tumble Brook Country Club, the Republican Club and the Allah Club. The foregoing indicates clearly that in all of his varied business, civic, fraternal and social relations he has been called upon for official service and in each has made a splendid executive, his labors covering a broad scope and proving a determining factor for progress and success, and few occupy a more enviable position as a valued and substantial citizen of Hartford than Isidore Wise.

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#### MAJOR BERTRAM N. CARVALHO

A strong executive with keen business insight and clear vision, Major Bertram N. Carvalho, a resident of Hartford, has gained a notable position in insurance circles of Connecticut, maintaining an office at 115 Broad street. For a quarter of a century he has been actively identified with insurance interests and his course has been characterized by a steady progress, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

Major Carvalho was born in New York city, May 27, 1878, his parents being David N. and Anna N. (Grams) Carvalho, the former a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the latter of New Orleans, Louisiana. He is descended from Spanish and English ancestry, although the family has been represented in America through twelve generations. After attending the public schools in the metropolis he entered the Packard Business College, in which he completed his studies in 1896, and immediately afterward he made his initial step in the business world by becoming an employe in the Massasoit Woolen Mills at Huntington. He was further identified with the textile industry at Monson, Massachusetts, and from 1899 until 1904 filled the office of secretary of the company. In the latter year, however, he directed his efforts into the insurance field, in which he has since operated, becoming a partner in the insurance brokerage firm of William C. Scheide & Company of New York, which afterward became King, Scheide & Company. This organization conducted an agency business and Major Carvalho devoted his attention to special field work, while later he assumed the direction of a newly established reinsurance department. His activities have constantly broadened in scope and importance and several of the large insurance companies have profited by his wisely directed efforts and executive ability. In 1920 he became president of the Fire Reassurance Company of New York and in the same year was elected to the vice presidency of the American Reserve Insurance Company of New York. This followed his advancement in the previous year to the vice presidency of the Rossia Insurance Company of America, in which connection he has since continued, his identification with that corporation dating from 1908 and covering a service as secretary prior to his advancement to the vice presidency. He serves on the board of directors of these three companies and also represents the directorate of the Lincoln Fire Insurance Company of New York and the First Reinsurance Company of Hartford. His cooperation is considered a valuable asset in shaping the policy and directing the development of these various corporations. In 1911 he was made manager in the United States for the Fire Reassurance Company of Paris, which merged with the Fire Reassurance Company of New York in 1920. He is thus a man of broad experience in his chosen field and there is no phase of the business with which he is not thoroughly familiar, so that he is able to speak with authority upon any question relative to the organization and development of insurance interests.

In 1903 Major Carvalho married Miss Jesselyn E. Pierce and they have become parents of four sons and a daughter: John Bertram Carvalho, Curtis Bolton Pierce Carvalho, Adelaide Halleck Pierce Carvalho, David Nunes Carvalho, 2d, and Bertram Nunes Carvalho, Jr.





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MAJOR BERTRAM N. CORWALHO





On outstanding chapter in the life record of Major Carvalho covers his service in the World war. Enlisting on the 1st of June, 1917, he reported to New York as assistant to the superintendent of army transport service and later was transferred to Hoboken, New Yorsey, as paymaster on the army piers. After serving there for a time he was returned to New York as executive officer to the chief disbursing officer and later, ordered to France, he sailed for the old world on the 3d of October, 1917, landing at Liverpool, whence he proceeded to Paris, which at that time was headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force. He was about to be ordered to the motor transport service when he was assigned to the insurance division, which had just been organized, acting as assistant to Captain Wolfe. His duties then included lecturing on the benefits of insurance to service men and upon this subject he was heard throughout England and France, his connection with this department continuing until March 1, 1918. When the bombardment of Paris began he was transferred to Tours, handling the transportation of the S. O. S. On the 1st of March, 1918, he was ordered to duty with the general staff, with which he remained until May, 1918, as deputy assistant chief of staff. At that date he was assigned to the salvage service, with which he continued throughout the remainder of the war. In September, 1918, he was advanced to the rank of major and later was commissioned a lieutenant colonel but did not receive his commission on account of the close of the war. He was mustered out at Camp Dix on the 13th of March, 1919, having arrived in America two days preceding.

It is said that every man has a hobby and Major Carvalho's is perhaps stamp collecting. His interests and activities, however, outside of business are broad and varied. He has membership in a number of the leading clubs of the east, including the Bankers, Lotus, Army and Navy, Drug and Chemical of New York, Chicago Union League, Wampanoag, Hartford, Country Club of Farmington, Connecticut, Hartford Golf and others. When one sees a thoroughly successful business man, widely recognized as an able executive, it is difficult to picture him as a youth of limited resources and to envision his gradual but steady rise to prominence. Such, however, is the record of Major Cavalho, who, starting out in a comparatively minor position in connection with the textile industry, is now an outstanding figure in insurance circles in the east. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents and of the opportunities which are always before the ambitious and determined young business man.

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#### J. HENRY CAREY

Selecting a congenial line of work at the outset of his commercial career, J. Henry Carey has wisely continued therein and his close application and constantly expanding powers have placed him with the leading insurance men of Hartford, while he also figures conspicuously in local musical circles. A native of this city, he was born on Charter Oak avenue October 29, 1886, a son of John H. and Mary (Dahill) Carey, the former a native of Hoosick Falls, New York, and the latter of Hartford. The father followed the trade of blacksmithing and designed a horseshoe which prevented horses from slipping, securing a patent on his invention. He passed away in 1904 and the mother died in 1915. Her sister, Miss Margaret Dahill, still lives in Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are survived by eight children: Dr. Thomas C. Carey, who in 1924 won the B. S. degree from Trinity College, afterward matriculating in the Yale Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1928, and is now an interne in St. Francis' Hospital; William and J. Henry Carey, of Hartford; Miss Mollie Carey; Mrs. Margaret Raynes; Mrs. John J. Manion, a resident of this city; Mrs. James J. Manion; and Mrs. John O'Brien, whose home is in Providence, Rhode Island.

J. Henry Carey was graduated from St. Peter's parochial school in 1900 and then entered St. Thomas' Seminary, which he attended for a year. He was a high school student for three years and in September, 1904, became an employe of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. At first he was assigned to the shipping room on the fifth floor of the old building and zealously applied himself to his tasks. Gradually he progressed through the various departments, acquiring a detailed knowledge of the business, and while connected with the liability claim division he rose to the position of chief adjuster for the state of Connecticut. In 1918 he severed his relations with the company, opening an insurance office in Hartford, and in the intervening period of ten

years has developed a large business. He writes all forms of insurance, representing the strongest and most reliable companies in the field, and broad experience enables him to give to his clients the benefit of expert advice in the selection of policies.

Mr. Carey was married January 16, 1908, to Miss Margaret Doolan, of Hartford, and they have become the parents of four children: Virginia, who is a student in New Rochelle College of New York; Thomas B.; John H., Jr., a pupil in the Fern street school; and Robert. Thomas B. Carey, the eldest son, was president of the Glee Club of the junior high school and during his first year in the senior high school was president of his class. When the students presented the opera of "Pinafore" in the auditorium of the William Hall high school in West Hartford, he was selected for the leading tenor role, being but fourteen years of age at that time. He plays on the baseball, football and basketball teams at the William Hall high school.

J. H. Carey, Sr., early displayed a talent for music and took a course in the Hartford Conservatory, studying under Theodore Van York. Gifted with a beautiful tenor voice, Mr. Carey has sung in a number of churches in Hartford and was soloist in St. John's church for several years. He has been a member of the Hartford Choral Club for about eighteen years and has done much to foster the city's growth along musical and cultural lines. In West Hartford he joined the Home Guard and later was transferred to a machine gun battalion. Liberally endowed with the qualities of energy, perseverance and determination, he has pressed steadily onward toward his goal and in winning success he has also gained the esteem and good will of his fellow-men, for a high standard of conduct has constituted his guide throughout life.

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#### EMANUEL M. HARTMAN

Emanuel M. Hartman, president of The Hartman Tobacco Company, doing business at 231 State street in Hartford, is a forceful, enterprising man whose well developed plans have found their culmination in substantial success. A native of New York city, he was born May 15, 1881, and is a son of Adolph and Mary (Leventhal) Hartman, the former a native of Austria and the latter of New York city. The father came to America about 1874 and settled in the eastern metropolis, where he first engaged in mercantile business but later turned his attention to the tobacco trade. On his removal to Hartford county he first located in Manchester in 1882 and in 1902 established his home and business in Hartford, where he became one of the founders of the firm of A. & S. Hartman, in which connection he was active in the development of a very large and profitable business.

It was but natural that the attention and activities of Emanuel M. Hartman were directed to the tobacco trade when he had completed his schooling and started out in the business world. He had the example of his father in this connection and the stimulating influence of his father's successful career. It was in 1906 that the firm of Steane, Hartman & Company, Inc., was organized by the late Gustave Hartman and Emanuel M. Hartman, both sons of Adolph Hartman, together with Frank H. Whipple, I. J. Steane and Alfred A. Olds. The last two have since passed away. From the outset the business enjoyed a rapid and sustained growth and in addition to its own plantation the corporation came to control the output of the Windsor Tobacco Company and numerous other shade-grown interests, thereby becoming one of the leading factors in the shade-grown industry. In addition the company extensively packs the Connecticut broadleaf and Havana seed tobacco. Upon the death of Gustave Hartman in 1926, Emanuel M. Hartman succeeded to the presidency of the company and manager of its operations.

In March, 1928, a consolidation was formed by Steane, Hartman & Company, A. & L. Hartman, and Sol Kohn & Company, all successful leaf tobacco concerns in this city, and resulted in establishing The Hartman Tobacco Company, of which Mr. Hartman was elected president. This concern operates many tobacco warehouses and plantations throughout the state, and is a foremost factor in the industry.

On the 12th of October, 1915, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage to Estelle F. Stein, of New York city. They are the parents of two children, Margery C. and Joseph Adolph.

Mr. Hartman is a member and one of the directors of the Tumble Brook Country





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EMANUEL M. HARTMAN



Club and is identified with various fraternal organizations, including St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and enjoys the companionship of a large circle of friends. He has chiefly concentrated his activity upon his business affairs, which, wisely directed, have grown in volume and importance as the years have passed.

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#### GEORGE BROOKS ARMSTEAD

George Brooks Armstead, the managing editor of The Hartford Courant, began newspaper work as a reporter while an undergraduate at Yale, in this manner earning money for his college expenditures. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, May 30, 1883, the son of James B. Armstead, a carriage maker, and Louisa Matilda (Brooks) Armstead. His parents were of families directly descendant from early settlers of the colonial days, and he is a nephew of the late George H. Story, the artist.

Mr. Armstead was graduated at Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in 1906, where he was a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He continued newspaper work after graduation and in 1909 went to Lynn, Massachusetts, as editor of The Evening News. Late in 1910 he became Sunday editor of the New Haven Union and from 1913 to 1917 was chief editorial writer for this paper. He then became city editor of the New Haven Journal-Courier, leaving to go abroad in 1918 with the American Expeditionary Forces. He served in France, Egypt and Palestine, being discharged in July, 1920. At that time he joined the editorial staff of The Courant and in 1921 was appointed assistant managing editor, becoming managing editor in 1923.

October 7, 1908, Mr. Armstead married Miss Marion Gorham of Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of an army engineer, and on August 9, 1909, a son, James G., was born. He is a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1931. Mrs. Armstead died in 1912. Mr. Armstead and Miss Frances J. Lakin, of Oak Park, Illinois, a University of Michigan graduate, were married January 5, 1927. They have one child, George Brooks, Jr., born November 27, 1927.

Mr. Armstead is a member of the Hartford Club and the University Club of this city, is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Yale Alumni Association and Yale Engineering Society.

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#### FRANK CHENEY, JR.

Endowed with the qualities of the leader, Frank Cheney, Jr., has left the deep impress of his individuality upon the history of South Manchester's development, bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control, and wields an influence that is potent, beneficial and far-reaching. A son of Frank and Susan (Jarvis) Cheney, he was born August 14, 1860, and is a native of this community. His ancestral record has been traced to the time of the Norman conquest of England and the American progenitor of the family was John Cheney, of whom Frank Cheney, Jr., is a descendant in the eighth generation.

The local schools afforded Mr. Cheney his early education and his high school studies were pursued in Hartford. Later he entered the mechanical engineering department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was graduated with the class of 1882. For a time he was superintendent of repairs and construction in the local mills of Cheney Brothers, afterward becoming vice president, and subsequently was elected president, and in 1927 was elected chairman of the board of directors, which office he now holds. In these connections he has worked to increase the scope of the industry, which is conducted by the Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Company, a firm of national repute. As a financier he has also become well known, ably controlling the operations of the Savings Bank of Manchester, of which he is the president, and represents the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Company of Hartford in the capacity of a director. He is also a director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford. To the many problems presented to him for solution he brings the poise, the resourcefulness, the foresight and unerring judgment characteristic of the man of large affairs, who is always clear-headed, prepared for every emergency.



In the management of public utilities he has been equally successful and is president of the South Manchester Water Company, the Manchester Electric Company, and the South Manchester Sanitary & Sewer District. Since its organization in 1897 Mr. Cheney has been president of the South Manchester fire district and he was also the first chief of the South Manchester fire department, witnessing the transformation of its equipment from the inadequate hand-drawn apparatus to its present highly motorized state with four modern, well managed fire houses. As a legislator he also rendered important service to his town, which he represented in the general assembly of Connecticut for two terms—1905 and 1907. When the plans were first initiated for the Centennial of Manchester, Mr. Cheney's name was immediately put forward as chairman of the executive committee, which in 1923 staged the largest celebration ever held in Manchester since its incorporation in 1823. He has manifested his public spirit by effective service for the general good and is a citizen who would be a valuable acquisition to any community.

Mr. Cheney was married in Baltimore, Maryland, January 7, 1897, to Florence White Wade, daughter of Dr. David and Eliza (White) Wade, of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney have a daughter, Frances Virginia, at home.

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#### FRANK EDWARD AMIDON

Frank Edward Amidon, assistant secretary of the Rossia Insurance Company, was born in Hartford, June 25, 1894, his parents, William Henry and Rose Ellen (Ellison) Amidon, being also natives of Connecticut. After acquiring a public school education he enlisted for service in the World war in connection with the aviation branch of the army and went to San Antonio, Texas, while at the close of the conflict he was stationed with the Thirty-first Balloon Company at Camp Knox, having been made a sergeant. Before entering the army he secured a position with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, with which he remained from 1913 until 1923 save for the period of his military experience. On the 1st of April of the latter year he became connected with the Rossia Insurance Company in its statistical division and was made assistant secretary in September, 1928, his promotion being a merited recognition of his faithfulness and efficient work.

In 1922 Mr. Amidon married Miss Dorothy Wilcox, of Weathersfield, and they have one child, Dorothy Elizabeth Smith. The family residence is at Rocky Hill.

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#### WALTER P. SCHWABE

There is nothing that so clearly indicates the trend of progress and the change of conditions as the public utility systems which have come into existence throughout the length and breadth of this land. Great indeed are the changes since the days when each household furnished its own illumination and when hand power was the only source of activity. Today there is scarcely a community in which light and power are not furnished by an efficiently organized and highly developed plant meeting the modern requirements of present-day life. Thoroughly acquainted with demands of this character, Walter P. Schwabe is directing the activities of the Northern Connecticut Power Company of Thompsonville as its president and general manager, and his association with the electrical industry covers more than a third of a century.

A native of New York, he was born December 20, 1874, and is a son of Bernard H. and Theresa (Lietzow) Schwabe, both of whom were of German ancestry, and the father became a manufacturer of jewelry cases in New York city. It was there that Walter P. Schwabe acquired a public school education and he also supplemented his early training by various correspondence courses and by night study at Cooper Union in New York, where he specialized on electrical and engineering and light and power subjects. He was keenly interested in that field and found large satisfaction in his operations of that character when he was able to become identified therewith. However, when but nineteen years of age he obtained his initial business experience with a bond and stock brokerage house of New York, but after a brief period he entered the wholesale commission house of Oelbermann & Dommerich Company of



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WALTER P. SCHWABE





New York, with which he continued for a year. It was in 1893 that he entered the field of electricity, with which he has since been associated. He was with the Rutherford Electric Light Company as an apprentice at their central station until he had thoroughly acquainted himself with the various phases of the business and had steadily worked his way upward step by step until his various well earned promotions had brought him to the superintendency of that company before it was merged with the Gas and Electric Company of Bergen county, New Jersey. He was then appointed superintendent of the electric and gas departments of the Rutherford districts, and when in keeping with the tendency of the times to consolidate business enterprises of this character and thus promote and extend the service, the Gas and Electric Company was taken over by the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, Mr. Schwabe was appointed superintendent and commercial agent with executive headquarters at Rutherford. There he continued until 1908, at which time he was filling the responsible position of agent and district superintendent. He also was a partner in an electrical contracting concern and was secretary of the board of education in East Rutherford. In that year he removed to Windsor Locks, Connecticut, where he entered into active association with the Northern Connecticut Light & Power Company as general manager and superintendent, and in 1913 was called to further executive office in his election to the vice presidency. The year 1925 brought him advancement to the position of president and general manager and he is thus serving at the present time. In 1914 he became president and general manager of the Thompsonville Water Company, in 1916 was made president and general manager of the Stafford Springs Aqueduct Company, and in December, 1925, was elected to the presidency of the Connecticut River Company. All three of these were merged into the Northern Connecticut Power Company on the 1st of April, 1926, and Mr. Schwabe was made president of the consolidated organization. Since he assumed active connection with the Northern Connecticut Power Company its expansion has been continuous. The Financial Digest of March, 1928, said: "The Northern Connecticut Power Company has a remarkable record in several ways. It operates its electric service, an extensive gas business, and a water supply and water service business under one management. Incidentally, the company has built itself around the personality of one man—and that man is Walter P. Schwabe. When Mr. Schwabe took over the management of the old Northern Connecticut Light & Power Company twenty years ago, it was a small and obscure company transacting a limited business in a few communities. The best indication of the change which has taken place under Mr. Schwabe's direction lies in the fact that the revenue of the present company is approximately twenty times the income of the original company of twenty years ago." It has largely been through the efficiency of the operations of the Northern Connecticut Power Company that electricity is almost universally used in this section of the country. The corporation has shown a pioneer spirit in recognizing and utilizing the newer type of electrical appliances, including electrified radio sets, electric refrigeration and a variety of other appliances and recently has inaugurated a campaign to promote the use of electric clocks throughout its territory. Statistics perhaps best show the steady and continued growth and expansion of the business. In 1908 the total revenue of the company was thirty-seven thousand, three hundred and eighty-four dollars and eight cents and its operating expense was twenty thousand, four hundred and forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents and its operating income sixteen thousand, nine hundred and forty dollars and thirty-three cents. Each year marked a steady increase in the business until in 1925 the total revenue had reached four hundred and seventeen thousand, seven hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty-nine cents, its operating expense two hundred and ninety-two thousand, eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents, and its operating income one hundred and twenty-four thousand, eight hundred and ninety dollars and forty cents. The increase in electric meters in this period was from four hundred and forty to five thousand, three hundred and thirteen, and gas meters from four hundred and ten to three thousand, six hundred and thirty-two. Then came the consolidation with the Thompsonville Water Company, the Stafford Springs Aqueduct Company and the Connecticut River Company, whereby the scope of activities was greatly extended. In 1927 the total revenue was six hundred and nineteen thousand, four hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-four cents, with operating expense of three hundred and fifty-eight thousand, one hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-five cents, and operating income of two hundred and sixty-one thousand, three hundred and forty-

one dollars and thirty-nine cents. The number of consumers, as represented in electric meters, had reached six thousand and thirty-five, gas meters three thousand, nine hundred and thirty-eight, and water meters three thousand, one hundred and sixty-four. In 1927 the Power Company acquired its fourth waterworks, The Windsor Locks Water Company, bringing the water meters up to approximately four thousand. Still the business is being further developed and a recent announcement in 1928 shows that a federal permit has been granted to the Northern Connecticut Power & Water Company for the erection of a dam and power station above Windsor Locks on the Connecticut river. The work will be carried forward at an approximate cost of five million, five hundred thousand dollars. The license granted to the company is for a period of fifty years and gives the company full power to carry out its proposed dam and power plant erection. This project, as approved by the federal power commission, calls for the construction of two concrete dams in the river, one on each side of King's Island, creating a reservoir extending to Holyoke; a power and navigation channel approximately two thousand feet in length along the west bank of the river from the power-house site to the reservoir, with lock for navigation, and a power-house in which will ultimately be installed six units with a fifty thousand horse power total capacity. Ranking with the premier developments of the northeastern states, Windsor Locks Station will be a substantial contribution to the economic interests of Connecticut.

As has been stated, the mammoth business has grown up around the activities of Walter P. Schwabe. Each step in his forward career has been well earned. He has thoroughly mastered every task assigned him and every phase of the business under his control until eventually he is at the head of important and far-reaching interests and has become an acknowledged authority on matters relating to electrical industry. The articles which he has written for the *Electrical World* have been widely read and he has been called upon to make appraisals of light and power, railway and water properties. He has also been chosen as an expert witness in damage cases involving water power value and was likewise called upon to testify in connection with a fatal injury resulting from an electrical burn. His example and his methods are regarded as a stimulating influence in matters pertaining to electric, gas and water utilities management.

It would seem that his activities in this field alone would have fully occupied his time and efforts, but his resourcefulness and his powers of concentration have enabled him to do equally effective work in still other fields. He is president and director of the Thompsonville Building & Loan Association, which he organized in 1916, and its assets have grown to half a million dollars under his leadership. This association now has one thousand shareholders. He is also a director of the Windsor Locks Building & Loan Association, state director for the Thompsonville Board of Trade in the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, and in the field of finance is known as a director of the Thompsonville Trust Company and a director of the Collateral Bankers, Inc., of New York city. He became vice president of the New England Division of the National Electric Light Association and was its president from 1926 until 1927. He is also president of the Connecticut Water Works Association, has membership in the New England Water Works Association and is president for the term of 1927-28. He belongs to the American Water Works Association, was elected president of the Connecticut Water Works Association in 1926, and in the same year became president of the Industrial Development Corporation of Thompsonville, of which he is also a director. He also has membership in the American Gas Association, the New England Gas Association, the National Electric Light Association, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Academy of Political Science of New York, the Calumet Club of Thompsonville, and the Suffield Country Club. In the scientific field which has to do with the line of his chosen life work he is largely considered an authority by reason of the broad scope of his experience and the comprehensive knowledge which he has acquired through practice, study and research.

The pleasant home life of Mr. Schwabe had its inception in his marriage November 14, 1900, to Miss Anna Orlofski, of Rutherford, New Jersey, and they have a son, Herbert B., now engaged in the insurance business in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Schwabe reside in Enfield, while Mr. Schwabe directs his business activities from his office at 15 Central street, in Thompsonville. He is not unmindful of the duties of citizenship and votes with the republican party. During the World war he was active in Liberty Loan campaigns and was selected general chairman of the town's committee in charge of the Soldiers' Welcome Home celebration. He organized



and was made the first president of the Rotary Club of Thompsonville and for three years was president of the Thompsonville Board of Trade. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was exalted ruler of the lodge at Rutherford, New Jersey, in 1905. He has membership in the Hartford Engineers Club, and that he turns to fishing and hunting for recreation in his hours of leisure is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Springfield Fish and Game Club. While outside interests constitute an even balance to his intense business activity, Mr. Schwabe is after all first and foremost an executive. Emerson has said, "An institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man," and this finds expression in the life record of Walter P. Schwabe, who for twenty years has been a directing force in the Northern Connecticut Power Company, the development of which has been the tangible expression of his plans and purposes, his determination, his keen vision, his recognition of opportunities and his business ideals. He has always recognized the good will of the public and the loyalty of employees as the principal asset of a public utility. Many of the company's customers and employees are stockholders, and the prosperity of the company is shared with the customers in lowered rates, and with the employees in salary dividends and other welfare plans.

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#### FRED AYER VERPLANCK

While the efforts of the merchant and manufacturer take a more tangible form in direct results, the labors of perhaps no individual more closely affect the welfare of a community than do those of the teacher, whose instruction leaves an ineffaceable impress upon the minds of the young, constituting a guiding force in after life. To this high vocation Fred Ayer Verplanck has devoted his talents and for thirty-five years Manchester has benefited by his ability as an educator.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Verplanck was born February 9, 1860, a son of Bronck and Julia S. (Ayer) Verplanck. He is the seventh in line of descent from Abraham Verplanck, a Hollander, who left his native land prior to the year 1638 and settled in New Amsterdam, as New York was then known. In the maternal line Fred A. Verplanck is descended from John Ayer, the first settler in the town of Franklin, Connecticut.

When Fred A. Verplanck was eighteen months old his father died and the mother returned to her old home in Franklin. The vigorous, exacting life on a New England farm supplemented school training during all the years of his boyhood and young manhood. In 1880 he completed a course in the Windham high school at Willimantic. From 1877 until 1883 he was engaged in teaching in the towns of Lebanon, Franklin and Sprague, afterward taking a year of preparatory work at the Norwich Free Academy. In 1888 he was graduated from Yale College and this was followed by a year of teaching in Bacon Academy at Colchester and in the Thomaston high school. Returning to Willimantic in 1890, he was made principal of the Model school connected with the State Normal school and filled the position for three years.

Mr. Verplanck's life in Manchester dates from August 31, 1893, when he became principal of the Ninth District school, which at that time had nine hundred and forty pupils, and the South Manchester high school which had a registration of thirty-seven pupils. The record which he made in that connection led to his selection for the important office of superintendent of the Ninth District schools and he has since served in this capacity. Mr. Verplanck has seen the local schools grow from one building on School street to seven large modern structures, situated in various parts of the district, and his job no longer concerns the managing of scholars individually, as it did in the old days, nor in laying out the curriculum. On the other hand it has become one of managing an extensive business; of being the controlling head of a concern which expends more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars yearly in the interests of education. While he is no longer able to call each pupil by name, his influence, his personality and his efficiency stand out today as prominently as they did when such a thing was possible. The high standard attained by the local schools is due in no small measure to his discrimination in the selection of a teaching force that perfectly carries out his methods and principles. His outstanding service to South Manchester was his fight for and the installation of fire escapes on the old Ninth District school as well as his determined insistence upon frequent fire drills for a space of fifteen



years—a precaution which resulted in the saving of hundreds of lives in the disastrous fire of October 23, 1913, when the blazing building was emptied in less than three minutes and not a child was harmed. For sparing the town from what might easily have been a holocaust Manchester owes to Mr. Verplanck a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid. In December, 1922, he was elected a director of the Manchester Savings Bank and also represents the Manchester Memorial Hospital in a similar capacity. He has also served the teaching profession in his state as president of the State Teachers' Association, president of the Connecticut School Masters' Club, and president of the Connecticut Council of Education.

Mr. Verplanck was married August 27, 1890, to Miss S. Annie Noyes, daughter of William H. Noyes and Emily (Card) Noyes of Lebanon, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Verplanck have two sons: Van N., a physician of New York city, and Philip of South Manchester, who is employed by the Bon Ami Company.

Mr. Verplanck is affiliated with the Center Congregational church and was one of its trustees for nine years. During the World war he served his town, state and country to the extent of his ability. He was chairman of the Manchester committee of Four-Minute speakers, a member of the executive committee of the local war bureau, and chairman of the committee on education in the Connecticut Council of Defense. In the activities of the Masonic order he has long figured prominently and is a past master of Manchester Lodge, No. 73. He was district deputy for Hartford county for two years and in 1910 was made grand master of Masons in Connecticut. For seventeen years he has been a member of the board of managers of the Masonic Home at Wallingford, and was elected president in 1919, serving for seven years in that capacity. During that period the wooden buildings of the home were replaced by a brick fireproof structure including a hospital containing a hundred beds, at a total cost of over five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Verplanck keeps in close touch with the progress of his profession and is classed with the leading educators of the state. Actuated by high ideals of service, he has accomplished much and his worth to the community is uniformly conceded.

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#### S. GERARD CASALE

Salvatore Gerard Casale, eldest in a family of nine children, is the son of Gerard and Catherine Casale, of Maple Hill, Newington. Born at Picarno, Italy, on the 8th of February, 1898, he crossed the Atlantic at the age of four years in company with his mother, to join his father who had preceded them two years before. The family established their home in New York city, where the subject of this article pursued his education in the public schools until 1908, when the family moved to New Britain. Continuing his studies in the schools of New Britain he graduated from New Britain high school in 1917. While in high school he was for two years a member of the high school debating team. In preparation for a professional career he entered Fordham Law School in 1917. In 1918 he was enrolled in the Students' Army Training Corps at Spring Hill College, Spring Hill, Alabama. Following his discharge from the army he was for a time with the weekly Mobile Times-News, a journal now defunct. He returned to Fordham in the fall of 1919, where he received his law degree in 1921. The following year he did postgraduate work at New York University Law School. While at his studies in New York he helped to defray his schooling expenses by working for Messrs. Stapleton & Moses, and later as a title examiner for The Home Title Insurance Company, and still later as an investigator for the General Accident Assurance Company. While in New York he found time to enroll in the militia, enlisting in the 104th Regiment New York Field Artillery, and later the 105th Regiment New York Field Artillery, being battery clerk for Battery C, of the latter unit.

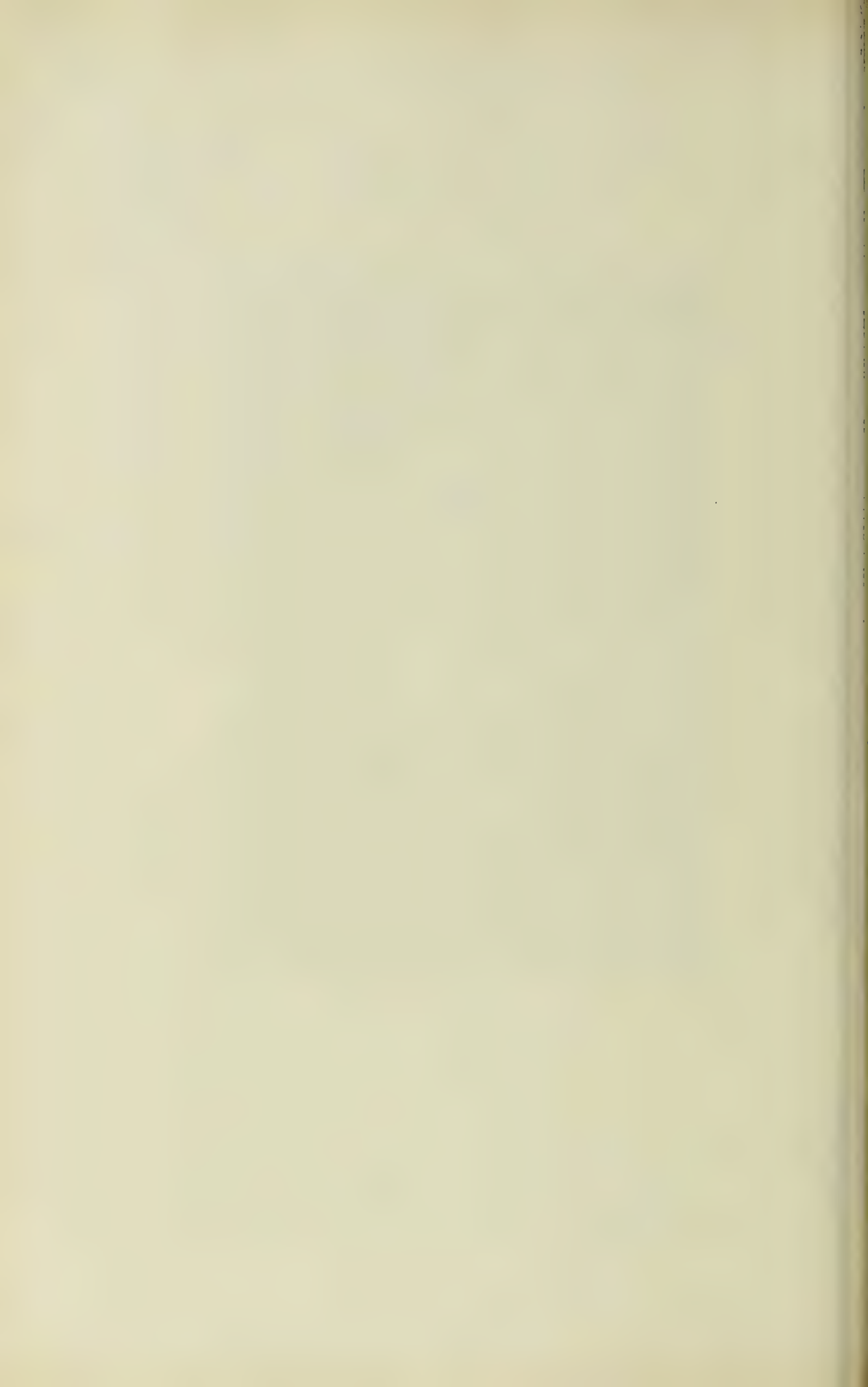
After reading some law in the office of Judge William F. Mangan of New Britain he was admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1923, when he opened an office in New Britain, where he has since engaged in practice. He made his first appearance before the supreme court of errors in 1925, as counsel for the plaintiff appellee in the case of Corvi vs. Stiles and Reynolds, reported in 103 Conn., 449.

In 1924 Mr. Casale was married in New York city to Miss Marie Sylvester and they now have one child, Catherine, who was born May 22, 1925. In the same year



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S. GERARD CASALE





of his marriage Mr. Casale was a candidate for the state senate but went down to defeat with the rest of the party ticket. In the municipality of New Britain he has served as a commissioner of the board of charities, the board of public works and as a member of the school board.

In June, 1928, a brother, John J. Casale, Fordham Law '28, was admitted to the bar, and shortly after the two brothers opened offices in the new Leonard building, New Britain, where they are now engaged in the general practice of law under the firm name of Casale and Casale.

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#### CHARLES G. RANKIN, M. D.

Dr. Charles G. Rankin is a successful physician with a background of more than forty years of professional experience and enjoys the distinction of being the dean of the medical fraternity of Glastonbury, which also numbers him among its most loyal, progressive and public-spirited citizens. A native of Portland, Connecticut, he was born in 1859. His father, Rev. Samuel G. W. Rankin, was at one time assistant to the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, the noted divine. Rev. Rankin dedicated his talents to the service of the Congregational church and was one of the strong individual forces in the spread of its influence. His wife, Dolly (Goodrich) Rankin, was born in Glastonbury and passed away in 1898.

When Dr. Charles G. Rankin was a child of four his parents removed to Glastonbury and he attended its public schools. His academic studies were pursued in Williams College, from which he was graduated in 1882, and his education was completed in Northwestern University, which awarded him the degree of M. D. in 1886. Locating in the west, he followed his profession for two years in Reynolds, Nebraska, and then returned to Glastonbury, where he has maintained an office since 1888. As its pioneer physician he is widely and favorably known and his practice is drawn from a large area. He is devoted to his patients, in whom he inspires trust and confidence, and he possesses a kindly, sympathetic nature which is one of the physician's chief assets in the sick room. In diagnosis he is thorough and painstaking and his scientific knowledge is used to the best advantage in his efforts to check the progress of disease. He was appointed town health officer and school physician in 1890 and has been retained in those capacities for a period of thirty-eight years, rendering service of great value to the community.

In 1887 Dr. Rankin married Miss Lucretia B. Pinkham, who died in 1902, leaving a son, William Goodrich, now a resident of Virginia. Dr. Rankin's second union was with Miss Lucie E. Kingsbury, to whom he was married in Glastonbury in 1906. The Doctor is identified with the Masonic order, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and at one time he was a member of the local school board. Dr. Rankin is affiliated with the Congregational church and closely follows its teachings. He and his wife were largely instrumental in securing for Glastonbury a fine public library and for over twenty years the doctor has been president of its board, of which his wife is treasurer. Energetic, unselfish and broad-minded, they have exerted a distinct force for good in the community and are esteemed and honored because of their many admirable traits of character.

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#### WILLIAM C. CHENEY

A progressive business man of proven worth and ability, William C. Cheney typifies the spirit of enterprise in South Manchester and represents one of its oldest and most prominent families. He was born in Manchester, December 3, 1865. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John S. Cheney. His great-great-grandfather, Timothy Cheney, held the rank of captain in the Continental army and aided in winning American independence. He was one of the first selectmen of Manchester, which became a town in June, 1823, and by a remarkable coincidence William C. Cheney was chairman of the board on the exact date of the Centennial anniversary of the town's incorporation.

The latter was a pupil in the Cheney private school and continued his studies in

the Hartford high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884. Following the example set by other members of the family, he concentrated his attention upon the silk industry and his first connection with the local firm was in the ribbon mill, which at that time was located in Hartford. There he worked under James Monroe Grant, the inventor of a reel afterward used by silk manufacturers of the United States and many other countries. Mr. Cheney remained in Hartford for several years and then returned to South Manchester, where he learned the rudiments of all operations pertaining to the "throwing" of raw silk. At the present time he is manager of the throwing department of the plant of Cheney Brothers and in this connection has supervision of all matters pertaining to the sale and storage of yarn as well as the buying of raw silk from foreign countries for use in the many operations of this industry, which has become one of national scope and importance. He has an authoritative knowledge of the business, acquired by years of study and practical experience, and is one of the directors of the firm of Cheney Brothers. In financial affairs he also takes a keen interest and is vice president and one of the directors of the Manchester Trust Company, exerting a strong influence in the control of its activities.

On May 21, 1908, Mr. Cheney was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Griffin, a daughter of Major Samuel and Ann (Hutter) Griffin, and a member of one of the well known families of Bedford, Virginia.

Early in life Mr. Cheney became identified with military affairs, joining Company K of the First Connecticut Infantry at Hartford. From 1890 until 1895 he was paymaster, with the rank of first lieutenant, and instructor of small arms practice with the rank of captain in the Connecticut National Guard. During the six years of Governor Marcus H. Holcomb's administration Mr. Cheney was attached to his personal staff, holding the title of colonel, and served from 1914 until 1920. He was a member of the Manchester war bureau and devoted much of his time to work of a patriotic nature during the conflict with Germany.

With a strong predilection for politics, Mr. Cheney was chosen a member of the republican state central committee, on which he served for many years, and was also connected with the town committee of the party, taking a leading part in its councils. In 1895 he was selected to represent his district in the general assembly of Connecticut and in 1911 was elected state senator from the fourth senatorial district. He espoused the moral side of every issue and was instrumental in securing the passage of much constructive legislation. In 1919 he was appointed a member of the board of directors of the Connecticut State prison, succeeding his uncle, James W. Cheney, in that office, which he has since held. Like most Americans, Mr. Cheney is a lover of the national game and from 1903 until 1907 was president of the local baseball association, at which time Manchester had the best team in its history. For more than a quarter of a century he has been a member of Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Hartford Club of Connecticut and the Manhattan Club of New York. Mr. Cheney set a high record of efficiency as a public official, rendering service of value to his town and state, and his democratic spirit, innate courtesy and generous nature have won for him the strong and enduring regard of all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence.

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#### RICHARD JOHNSTON GOODMAN

Richard Johnston Goodman, since October, 1921, a member of Putnam & Company, well known bond and stock concern of Hartford, has also for twenty years been at the head of the Bush Manufacturing Company, controlling one of the productive industries of the city devoted to the manufacture of automobile radiators. The continued growth and success of the business is attributable in large measure to his enterprise, initiative and ability to coordinate seemingly diverse interests into a harmonious whole. It has often been said that a man's character is determined by the lives of his forebears. Mr. Goodman is one who has no reason to feel ashamed of his ancestral record, for through seven generations representatives of the name have played an important part in the substantial development of New England. He is a direct descendant of Richard Goodman, of English birth, who settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in early colonial days and was one of the proprietors of that town in 1633, becoming a freeman on the 14th of May, 1634. However, he joined the



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**RICHARD J. GOODMAN**





company that under the guidance of the Rev. Thomas Hooker removed to Hartford, being among the first settlers here. His last years were spent in Hadley, Massachusetts, and he was killed by the Indians in King Philip's war, April 1, 1678. In Hartford, December 8, 1659, he had married Mary Terry and their second son, Richard Goodman, was born in Hadley, March 23, 1663. He married Abigail Pantry, born January 11, 1678-79. She died January 26, 1708, and Richard Goodwin (II) passed away in Hartford, May 14, 1730. Their fourth child was Timothy Goodman, who was born September 22, 1706, and who on March 4, 1729, located in West Hartford, near Farmington. He married Joanna Wadsworth, granddaughter of Captain Joseph Wadsworth of Charter Oak fame. Timothy Goodman passed away on the 12th of March, 1786. His sixth child was Richard Goodman (III), who was born April 10, 1748, and served in the Revolutionary war in Captain Seymour's Hartford company. In 1771 he married Nancy Seymour, daughter of Captain Timothy Seymour. He died in West Hartford in May, 1834, and his wife on January 27, 1792. Their son, Aaron Goodman, born in West Hartford, July 20, 1773, was the first postmaster of that town and served until his death, March 28, 1832. His wife, Alma Cossitt, born December 10, 1780, survived him until November 13, 1868.

They were the parents of Aaron Cossitt Goodman, who was born on the old homestead at West Hartford, April 23, 1822. After several years in the employ of Sumner & Company, book dealers of Hartford, he went to Philadelphia in 1841, in the employ of a publishing house, but returned to Hartford in 1842 and a little later became a partner of his former employer under the style of Sumner, Goodman & Company. In 1848 he bought out his partner's interests and continued alone until 1852, when he went to New York, where he successfully conducted a paper business until 1872, in which year he again took up his abode in Hartford. He was one of the original stockholders of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and in 1875 became its president but practically retired from business in 1889. He was a member of the old fire department, was captain of the Hartford Light Guard on the staff of General Frank Bacon and was a member of Trinity church. On the 10th of April, 1857, he married Annie M. Johnston, daughter of Robert Rhea and Mary Sears (Hatch) Johnston. They became parents of five children: Emilie, wife of Rev. Richard Wright; Edward, who died in 1872; Annie, wife of Rev. John F. Plumb, formerly of New Milford and now a resident of Hartford; Mary A.; and Richard Johnston.

The last named was born in Hartford, March 23, 1875, and after attending the public schools, being graduated from high school in 1892, he spent four years as a student in Yale University in the completion of a classical course and then entered upon the study of law there, being graduated in 1899. In January of that year he was admitted to the bar and during his last year in college practiced his profession in New Haven. In October, 1899, he opened an office in Hartford, where he practiced independently for six years and then joined Leslie W. Newberry in organizing the law firm of Newberry & Goodman in 1905. For twelve years they were associated in professional activity and enjoyed prominence as members of the Hartford bar, a liberal clientele being accorded them. It was in 1908 that Mr. Goodman became associated with the Bush Manufacturing Company, engaged in the manufacture of automobile radiators. He became president on its organization and has so continued to this time. He has closely studied trade conditions and opportunities and his labors have resulted in the development of a large and growing business which has made him one of the men of affluence in Hartford. What he undertakes he accomplishes, his persistency of purpose enabling him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. In October, 1921, he also formed a partnership with Putnam & Company, the best known bond and stock company in Hartford. In 1915, in association with Colonel Louis R. Cheney, he organized the Hartford Morris Plan Bank, which has operated successfully since.

On the 19th of April, 1917, Mr. Goodman was married to Miss Helen Hatch, daughter of Edward B. Hatch. They hold membership in Trinity Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been somewhat active in public affairs, serving as a member of the common council for two terms and as a member of the health commission in 1908, while from 1904 until 1908 he was a member of the republican town committee and from 1912 until 1915 served as its chairman. He has made a commendable record

as chairman of the board of finance of the town of West Hartford since 1924. Fraternally he is connected with St. John's Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has also been active in military affairs and was commissioned colonel in July, 1914. It was on the 6th of September, 1899, that he enlisted in Company K, First Infantry, Connecticut National Guard, and in November, 1902, became a second lieutenant, while in December of that year he was advanced to the captaincy, became major in 1907, lieutenant colonel in November, 1908, and colonel in July, 1914. He served as aide on the staff of Grand Marshal Chaffee at the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as president. During the Mexican border trouble of 1915-16 he was stationed at Nogales, Arizona, and when the United States joined the allied forces for service in the World war he was in command of the First Infantry and was stationed at Hartford and New Haven until November, 1917, when he was assigned to duty in the training of troops for overseas service at Camps Greene and Wadsworth in South Carolina. He remained a member of the national army until December 22, 1918, when he received his honorable discharge. He holds membership in the Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution, is identified with the Connecticut Historical Society and along the more strictly social lines has membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf, University, Graduates', Yale and Dauntless clubs. His has been a well-rounded development. His activities have touched the general interests of society in many ways, making for physical, intellectual, material and moral progress. He is recognized as a forceful factor in the business world and as a citizen of worth, highly esteemed by all who know him and most of all by those who have known him from his boyhood to the present—a fact which is indicative of his well spent life.

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#### BARNEY RAPAPORT

Barney Rapaport, a packer and dealer in Connecticut leaf tobacco, whose business enterprise is shown in the substantial trade that he has built up, was born in Veilna, Poland, March 12, 1881, and is a son of Jacob and Iada (Jacobs) Rapaport, who spent their entire lives in Poland. The son was educated in the schools of his native country and there engaged in the lumber business with his father and also in farming. In November, 1904, however, his plans for trying his fortune in the new world reached their culmination when he sailed for America, landing in New York city. Almost immediately afterward he went to New Haven, where for a year he was employed in the rubber works. In 1906 he came to Hartford and worked with the firm of Silver Brothers for a time, while later he was in the department store of G. Fox & Company. In 1907 he opened a grocery store, which he conducted for about nine months. He next purchased a horse and wagon and peddled junk and low priced tobacco in the country. In this manner he became acquainted with the tobacco growers and sold for the farmers on the commission basis. Little by little he began buying for himself and thus became acquainted with the trade. In 1908 he opened a warehouse and office of his own and has since built up a substantial business which has now become one of extensive proportions, his dealings being with the biggest tobacco people of the country. In fact he is one of the outstanding tobacco packers of New England, widely known to growers and dealers, with office at 245 State street in Hartford. He is truly a self-made man, deserving great credit for what he has accomplished. Without college training he has learned the lessons of life in the school of experience and each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities, which he has eagerly utilized in the upbuilding of his fortunes. Not only has he become a foremost tobacco merchant of Connecticut but is also one of the founders of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company, of which he is a director. With others he purchased the bank on the 26th of October, 1926, and during the intervening period of two years the business of the bank has steadily grown. For a time he was associated in the tobacco trade with Fred B. Griffin under the name of Griffin & Rapaport. This association was continued for two and one-half years, during which period they handled a large volume of business.

In October, 1910, Mr. Rapaport was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Tudor, of New York city. They are the parents of two children, Viola and Eddie. In 1924,





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BARNEY RAPAPORT



accompanied by his family, Mr. Rapaport traveled abroad, visiting his old home and relatives in Poland. During the World war period he was a most generous giver to the cause and he has always stood for those activities which have featured in the substantial growth and improvement of his adopted city. He is a member and was the founder of the Emanuel synagogue of Hartford and is serving on its board of directors. For many years he has been on the board of the United Jewish Charities, on the board of the Hebrew Children's Home, of the Mount Sinai Hospital and of the Hebrew schools of Hartford. He is much interested in the Zionist movement, to which he has devoted much time, serving as chairman of the Hartford district, and has been an executive of the board of relief. He is keenly and helpfully interested in philanthropic work, giving liberally of effort, time and money to the cause. Fraternally he is connected with John Hay Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His is a notable career of successful achievement. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents, which at all times have been intelligently directed, and as the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

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#### WILLIAM BROWNELL GOODWIN

William Brownell Goodwin, well known insurance official, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, October 7, 1866, a son of Francis Goodwin, M. A., D. D., and Mary Alsop (Jackson) Goodwin. He is descended in the eighth generation from Ozias Goodwin of Hartford, Connecticut, Miles Morgan of Springfield, Massachusetts, Captain Simon William, of Newton, Massachusetts, Edward Jackson of Newton, Massachusetts, and Colonel John Fenwick of Charlestown, South Carolina.

In the acquirement of an education William B. Goodwin attended St. Paul's School of Concord, New Hampshire, Trinity College of Hartford and Yale University. During his college days he became a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. His initial experience in the business world came to him as assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, in 1888. He next became a director of the Mechanics Mill and Lumber Company of Seattle, Washington, where he remained from 1889 until 1903. He had been made special agent of the Aetna Insurance Company in 1895 and in 1904 represented the corporation as special agent for Ohio and West Virginia, while in 1906 he was state agent for West Virginia and from 1908 until 1923 served as state agent for Ohio. During the past five years he has been secretary of the World Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, in the home office. Mr. Goodwin is also a trustee of the Bankers Trust Company of Hartford, was chairman of the West Virginia Fire Underwriters and in 1915 and 1917 filled the presidency of the Ohio Field Club and Ohio Fire Prevention Association.

During the period of the World war Mr. Goodwin ably served the government as civilian aide for the state of Ohio to the adjutant general of the United States, thus continuing from 1917 until 1923. He rendered valuable service as civilian aide to the secretary of war of the United States in 1923, at Plattsburg in 1916, as a member of the Canadian American Recruiting Mission in 1917, as a member of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross committee at Columbus, Ohio, as chairman of the military committee of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, as chairman for Ohio of the Military Training Camps Association and as a member of the Secret Service of the United States for Ohio. He is now first vice president of the Charity Organization Society, trustee and curator of colonial arts in the Wadsworth Atheneum of Hartford and a director of the Hartford Hospital and the Hartford Community Chest. He is a fellow of the American Geographical Society of New York, a member of the American Museum of Natural History, Associate in Fine Arts, Yale University, and a member of the Connecticut Historical Society, the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Society, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of Colonial Wars. Moreover, he is a trustee of the Berkeley Divinity School. His favorite forms of recreation are golf, fishing, historical research and the collection of antiques. His name is on the membership rolls of the Ambellish Club of the Province of Quebec, Canada, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Country Club, of which he is president, the White Hollow Fishing Club and the Dauntless



Club of Essex, Connecticut. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith and is serving as vestryman of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church in Hartford, Connecticut.

On the 23d of November, 1898, in Seattle, Washington, Mr. Goodwin was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. V. Hood, daughter of Thomas and Mary Theresa (Burke) Hood. His residence is at 200 Scarborough street and his office at 670 Main street in Hartford.

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CHARLES L. AMES, A. M.

No history of the progress of Connecticut, in the educational field, would be complete without extended reference to Charles L. Ames, who for nearly sixty-four years has been a teacher within the borders of the commonwealth, continuously connected with the Brown school, Hartford, since 1891. In the continued progress of the Brown school, and in its far-reaching influence on the lives of thousands of students who have attended this school since 1891, much credit must be given to Principal Ames, who, for more than thirty-seven years, has been at the head of the Brown school. And now, 1928, he is still holding the same position, arriving early and staying late, at each session. His long experience and study of human nature have given him a thorough understanding of youth.

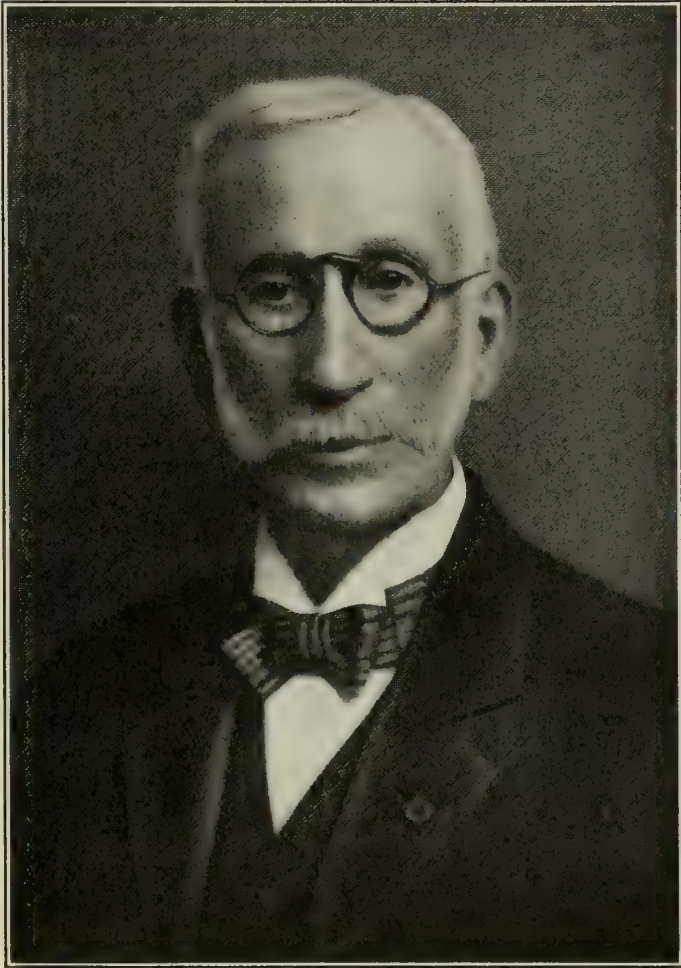
Mr. Ames was born in Killingly, Connecticut, November 9, 1847, son of George and Lucy Day Ames, both of whom were teachers for awhile, but later engaged in farming. Their son Charles, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on a farm. In early life, he attended a one-room school in South Killingly, and later a select school in Danielson. Circumstances did not warrant his taking a college course.

He was only eighteen years of age when offered a position in his native town, and, seeing this an opportunity to acquire some ready money—the salary to be twenty-five dollars per month,—he accepted the position. He did not realize then that he was entering upon his life-work, but he found the field congenial, and the public recognized his ability to manage a school, and he continued teaching. He remained in the Killingly schools two years, when he went to Plainfield, where he taught for three years, after which he spent a four-year period as a teacher in Plainville. In 1874, he went to Southington to accept an offered position as principal of the new Plantsville school, and remained there for seventeen years. In 1891, Mr. Frederick F. Barrows, who had been at the head of the Brown school since 1850, invited Mr. Ames to come to Hartford as his successor. Mr. Ames accepted the position, thus giving the Brown school only two principals during the last seventy-eight years.

Mr. Ames has lived to see many changes in all that has to do with the teaching profession. In his early teaching, he "boarded 'round" among the families, whose children were his pupils. He followed the methods of instruction then in vogue, but he progressed year by year along lines of modern methods of teaching and supervision. In the Brown school there has been a marked change in the racial personnel. Twenty-five or thirty years ago, a very large percentage of the children were Jewish children, while today nearly ninety per cent of the children are of Italian parentage. Not only has Mr. Ames seen to it that these children had thorough instruction in all fundamentals, but also he has made it his purpose to instill in the minds of those in his care a love for their adopted country, with a recognition of its opportunities and possibilities. While Americanization, under that title, does not appear on the curriculum, it has been widely and helpfully taught.

Mr. Ames' love of music, his "hobby" of a lifetime, has also had its influence in the school. The musical education of the children has always been a matter of special interest to him. That is why in part the Brown school chorus has become one of the finest organizations of its kind in New England. His enthusiasm and love of music have been an inspiration to teachers and pupils.

Mr. Ames has always been a champion for the youth. Many times has he appeared before legislative committees to protest the passage of laws that might bring hardship to both children and parents. For the same reason, he has been strongly opposed to the "child labor amendment", and also to any federal centralization of education in the states. His open letter protesting the adoption of the amendment was the first to appear in the public press of this state.



(Photograph by John Haley)

CHARLES L. AMES





Soon after coming to the Brown school, he began holding public graduating exercises. Realizing that only a few of his students would ever graduate from a college, he presented diplomas to his graduates so that they might look upon the Brown school as their alma mater. Now the school has an "Alumni Association". This large association has already vindicated the use of diplomas at graduation.

Mr. Ames is a member of the Connecticut state board of education and of the Teachers". That address was printed by the state board of education, and five mittee on pensions for teachers. For eight years his committee on pensions appeared biennially before legislative committees to secure a pension system. In May, 1912, Mr. Ames gave an address in Center church house, Hartford, on "Pensions for Teachers Board of Retirement. From 1909 to 1917, he was chairman of the com-thousand copies were distributed among the teachers of the state. In 1917, a "retirement system for teachers" was established by the legislature, and the system has been pronounced by experts as one of the three best pension systems in the United States. Mr. Ames regards the securing of a pension system for teachers as one of his best achievements outside of the classroom.

In 1919, the Connecticut state board of education was organized under a new plan—membership to consist of one appointive member for each county, and one at large, all appointments to be made by the governor. Mr. Ames was appointed a member for two years by Governor Holcomb to represent Hartford county. In 1921, he was reappointed for six years by Governor Lake, and in 1927, he was again reappointed for six years by Governor Trumbull. Mr. Ames took a great interest in the erection of the new state normal school, at New Britain, and gave an address at its dedication, in May, 1925.

Mr. Ames is the author of the history of public school education in Connecticut, which appeared in Osborn's "History of Connecticut". He has given many public addresses and written many articles for the public press, not only on educational subjects, but on many other subjects pertaining to public affairs. He is a member of the Connecticut Congressional Club, the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the Twentieth Century Club, and the South Congregational church, in which he is a deacon. In recognition of his noteworthy contribution to the cause of public school education, Trinity College, in 1924, conferred upon him the degree Master of Arts.

In 1876, Mr. Ames, while in young manhood, married Ida Emogene Cowles, of Plainville, Connecticut, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cowles of that town. Mrs. Ames attended the Hartford public high school before her marriage, and became a fine French student. She departed this life in 1908. One child died in infancy.

Mr. Ames is exemplifying in his own life his prescription for a long and happy life, which is as follows:—eat in moderation, sleep at least six hours each day, take an interest in public affairs, have a hobby, and keep with and be interested in the young. His high standing in the community is shown by the way his boys and girls delight to do him honor, by remembering his birthdays and commemorating his years of teaching. To him may well be applied the words of Victor Hugo:

"Though the snows of winter are on his head,  
The flowers of spring are in his heart".

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#### HON. BENJAMIN B. MERRILL

In the great insurance organizations, in which the work has become highly specialized and the maximum degree of efficiency must be maintained, are found thoroughly trained men adequate to the work of each department. In this class is numbered Hon. Benjamin B. Merrill, the superintendent of the voucher audit department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. He was born in Frankville, Iowa, July 20, 1871, and is a son of George and Nancy (Treat) Merrill, the former a native of New York and the latter of Glastonbury, Connecticut. The Treat family were early settlers of Hartford county. By occupation George Merrill was an agriculturist.

The rural schools accorded Benjamin B. Merrill his early educational privileges, after which he attended the Decorah (Iowa) Institute for a time, while subsequently he was graduated from the Nora Springs Normal and Business College in his native state. He taught school for a short time and then entered the field of insurance in

connection with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, having come to Hartford in 1898. He has since been with that corporation and has therefore just closed thirty years of service with the company, during which he has held various positions in the several departments which make up this great organization. Promotion after promotion followed until he was made superintendent of the voucher audit department in 1917 and so continues.

Aside from his business affairs, which are broad in scope and of a responsible character, Mr. Merrill has been active in other connections. For ten years he served as town auditor of East Hartford and at the present writing is filling the office of town treasurer. He is commissioner of the Connecticut river bridge and highway district and has been chairman of the Hockanum sewer district committee since its organization in 1915. He is now the vice president of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all of the activities instituted by that organization for the benefit of community and state. Always an earnest republican, he is treasurer of the town committee of the Republican Club. Appreciation of his civic activities and the high standards to which he adheres came to him in his election to the state legislature in November, 1924, with reelection in 1926. He served on the insurance committee during both sessions and acted as chairman of the insurance committee of the house in 1927. Another of his public activities included service on the exemption board during the World war.

On the 5th of September, 1905, Mr. Merrill was married to Miss Mary Catharine Gehan, of East Hartford, where they now reside with their six children: Ruth W., George B., Catharine, Eleanor E., Ralph B. and Barbara. Mr. Merrill is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 62, A. F. & A. M. He has never cared to figure in club circles, finding that there is ample demand made upon his time and activities through his business affairs and public interests. He has reached a creditable place in insurance circles and he is today making a commendable record in connection with the work of framing state legislation, his influence ever being given on the side of constructive measures.

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#### RUSSELL PEET TABER

Prominently known in Hartford as a representative of the automobile business, Russell Peet Taber is handling the Reo car and has one of the large and important agencies of New England. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, December 8, 1887, in the little village of Quaker Hill, in the township of Pawling, and there his grandfather, William Henry Taber, was born on the 4th of May, 1825. The latter married Elizabeth Thomas, of Dover, New York, and they were parents of Charles William Taber, who on the 24th of November, 1886, married Sarah Ophelia Peet, a daughter of Samuel R. and Laura (Thompkins) Peet. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Taber had three children.

The eldest, Russell P. Taber, spent the greater part of his youth in Gaylordsville, Connecticut, where his parents established the family home in his early boyhood and where he attended the public schools. When a youth of fourteen, however, he started out to provide for his own support and secured employment in a grocery store just across the New York boundary line. His identification with Hartford dates from 1905, when he obtained a position with the Whitlock Coil Pipe Company, and he entered into active association with the automobile trade the following year as an employe of Louis Elmer, a motor car dealer of Hartford. After about a year and a half he was employed by a Mr. Gilman in the same line and in 1910 he established business on his own account by securing the agency for the Reo car. Through the intervening period he has developed an extensive business that classes him with the leading automobile dealers of New England. His annual sales now approach two and a half million dollars and throughout his business career he has always recognized the fact that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement. There are few Reo dealers in New England who equal him in the volume of business, and in addition to his salesrooms in Hartford he conducts a sales agency in Meriden and Wallingford, Connecticut, and in Springfield, Massachusetts, serving a territory that covers six and one-half counties in Connecticut and one county in Massachusetts.

On the 23d of June, 1910, Mr. Taber was united in marriage to Miss Mary Russell,





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a native of Hartford and a daughter of John Russell. They are well known socially and their home is the center of warm-hearted hospitality that is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Taber also belongs to the Hartford Club, the Farmington Country Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club and the Sequin Golf Club—all of which indicates something of the nature of his recreation. He has membership connection with Tuscan Lodge, No. 126, A. F. & A. M., with the council and chapter, with Washington Commandery, K. T., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Connecticut Consistory. He is likewise a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a director as well as a member of the National Dealers Association, a countrywide organization of automobile dealers. He has likewise been president of the Hartford Automobile Dealers Association, and that he is interested in the progress and development of his state is indicated in the fact that for three years he has rendered service as treasurer of the Connecticut State Fair. Mr. Taber possesses that "saving sense of humor" that takes a man over many of the hard places of life. Moreover, he is genial, cordial and at all times approachable, ready with the apt word or with repartee, broad-minded, cosmopolitan in his interests and tastes and at all times the desired companion of men of culture and innate refinement.

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#### CLARENCE E. WILSON

Bending every energy toward the attainment of a definite objective, Clarence E. Wilson has steadily progressed and is now at the head of a large nursery business in Manchester. He was born in Westminster, Maryland, in 1883, a son of J. H. and Lucretia Wilson, who have passed away. His father, also a native of Maryland, devoted his life to railroad work.

Clarence E. Wilson was reared in his native town and supplemented his high school course by attendance at the Western Maryland College. His initial experience in the nursery business was gained with J. G. Harrison & Sons, of Berlin, Maryland, after which he was employed by C. W. Stewart & Company of New York and the West Jersey Nurseries at Bridgeton, spending two years in each place. During that time he gradually assumed heavier responsibilities and in 1909 came to Manchester as superintendent of production for C. R. Burr & Company. For seven years he filled that position, working untiringly and effectively to promote the interests of the firm, and in the spring of 1916 started out for himself as a nurseryman. At first he was sole owner of the business but later formed a stock company and is now president of the firm of C. E. Wilson & Company. Its headquarters and storehouse are situated at Allen place and all of the nurseries are within a radius of two miles from Manchester except one, which is located in Vernon, Connecticut. The firm specializes in seedlings and sells its young stock to other nurseries and to landscape gardeners in various localities. This company probably grows more plants than any other nursery in New England, producing from five to eight million plants per year, and furnishes work to twenty-five persons throughout the year. During the weeding season the force is augmented to about one hundred and seventy-five and the house is represented by two traveling salesmen, who call on the wholesale trade, while the company also has twenty agents. Through deep study, broad experience and concentrated effort Mr. Wilson has taken his place among the foremost nurserymen of the east, developing an extensive business which is a monument to his powers of organization and administration and a great asset to Manchester.

In 1910 Mr. Wilson married Miss Ethel Woodbridge, a native of Manchester Green and a member of one of its oldest and most prominent families. She is a daughter of George W. and Hetty (Bailey) Woodbridge, the former living in Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson now have three children: Carroll W., who was born in 1911 and is a high school pupil; Hewitt E., who was born in 1913 and is also attending the public schools; and George S., born in 1915. Mr. Wilson attends the Congregational church and is an adherent of the republican party. The Chamber of Commerce numbers him among its influential members and along fraternal lines he is connected with Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a director of the building corporation of the latter organization, while his wife is one of the Daughters of Rebekah. Mr. Wilson is one of the charter members of the Manchester Kiwanis Club. Along business lines he is a member of the National,

Connecticut and New England Nurserymen's Associations and other trade organizations. Following the path of opportunity open to all, Mr. Wilson has arrived at the goal of notable success, at the same time gaining the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen, for the principles of truth and honor have constituted his guide throughout life.

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FRANK H. ANDERSON

Among the men who are making history in Connecticut is numbered Frank H. Anderson, a product of Manchester and one of the foremost merchants in New England. Like most leaders in the business world of today, he started at the bottom of the ladder and has risen to the top through his strength of character and mental endowments. He was born February 21, 1888, and is a son of Samuel and Jennie (Gordon) Anderson.

In the schools of the ninth district he received his early education and in April, 1905, was graduated from the South Manchester high school, of which Harry C. Folsom was then in charge. As a result of his friendly counsel Mr. Anderson decided to enter Tufts College and after passing the necessary examination planned to work a year in order to secure the funds for his tuition. During vacation periods he had been employed at Laurel Park and at the close of the season of September, 1905, obtained a position in the J. W. Hale department store. Mr. Anderson started the day of sweeping the sidewalk in front of the establishment, after which he worked at various counters, and in addition aided in painting the signs and decorating the windows, making himself generally useful. When it was time to enter college Mr. Hale persuaded him to abandon the project and choose a mercantile career, realizing his exceptional qualifications therefor. Mr. Anderson progressed with the business and at the end of four years was admitted to a partnership in the firm.

In 1910 the J. W. Hale Company was incorporated with a capital of fifty thousand dollars and Mr. Anderson, who had charge of the dry goods advertising, was made secretary and a director of the firm. At the end of four years the founder and head of the business retired and Mr. Anderson acquired control of the company. In 1919, the year of Mr. Hale's death, the capital stock was increased to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the original style being still retained, and Mr. Hale's interest in the House & Hale property was taken over. At that time an addition was started for the House & Hale building, planned especially for the J. W. Hale Company, which in 1920 established the Self Serve Grocery, the first of its kind in the New England states and the second of its kind in the country. In 1924, a Health Market was added to the grocery department. In less than three years it was claimed to be doing more business per square foot of floor space than any store in Connecticut. In 1928, the lack of space and constant increased demand for facilities caused the opening of the second Self-Serve Grocery and Health Market, at the corner of Park and Main streets in South Manchester. This was opened in a building constructed by N. B. Richards and Mr. Anderson as a result of Mr. Anderson's efforts in securing Montgomery Ward & Company to open their first New England store in the Hartford district and selecting South Manchester as the location. Mr. Richards and Mr. Anderson erected the building for Montgomery Ward & Company and in addition the adjoining building of seven stores.

Mr. Anderson is endowed with administrative ability of a high order as well as unerring judgment and the success of any undertaking with which he is connected is assured. During the conflict with Germany, when the country had great need of men of his experience and efficiency, he exerted his efforts to the utmost, becoming the organizer and general chairman of the first Red Cross drive in 1917; chairman of the Manchester war bureau; of the home service section of the American Red Cross Society; and the United War Work drive in 1918. In 1919 he was made chairman of the Memorial Hospital campaign and has served on the executive committee of every drive held in Manchester during or after the war. It was Mr. Anderson who proposed and made possible the building of the Army and Navy Club, an achievement for which he also deserves much credit. In the summer of 1922, when the executive committee of the big Manchester Centennial was looking for a manager who could "put the thing over," Frank H. Anderson was chosen. With characteristic





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zeal, he brought to bear all of his energies in the execution of this commission, exceeding the fondest hopes of those responsible for his selection, and the monster affair was the greatest success in the history of the town.

On October 30, 1911, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Grace Pendleton, by whom he has three daughters: Claire Barbara, Betty Harper and Laura May.

In fraternal circles Mr. Anderson is known as a York Rite Mason who has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, for he belongs to the following bodies; Manchester Lodge No. 73, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter No. 51, R. A. M.; Wolcott Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T.; Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a past president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, in the organization of which he was a leading spirit, and occupies the presidency of the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association, consisting of the largest department stores in the state. Moreover, Mr. Anderson is a director of the State Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Manchester Kiwanis Club and a member of the local Country Club and the Aldine Club of New York. A fine type of the self-made man, Mr. Anderson is a model citizen and has to his credit a notable record of accomplishment, for few men of his years have achieved as much.

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#### GEORGE WILLIAM LILLARD

In the legal profession George William Lillard has found a vocation which affords the best medium for the expression of his talents and is widely and favorably known as secretary of the faculty of The Hartford College of Law, which is largely indebted to him for its inception and development. Born in Washington, Virginia, October 20, 1884, he is a son of Charles H. and Phoebe Alice (Clark) Lillard, both natives of that state and members of fine old colonial families. The father was elected sheriff of Rappahannock county, Virginia, when a young man of twenty-one and served continuously until his death in 1896, when he was forty-five years of age. Afterward his widow removed to Washington, D. C., and is still a resident of that city.

George W. Lillard was reared in the Old Dominion and supplemented his public school education by attendance at the Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, Virginia, graduating with the class of 1903. For a short time he was a student at the Eastern College of Front Royal and then became a salesman for a drug firm, filling the position for a brief period. Afterward he was identified with the real estate business in the city of Washington and then matriculated in Georgetown University, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1913. Two years later he was appointed a special agent of the bureau of investigation of the United States department of justice and supervised the activities of the bureau in Washington, D. C. During the World war he had charge of the work in the district comprising Connecticut, establishing his headquarters in Hartford in January, 1918, and continued with the bureau of investigation until August, 1919, when he tendered his resignation. Since that date he has been in the service of the Travelers Insurance Company and is identified with its claim department, performing his important duties with characteristic efficiency and conscientiousness.

In October, 1921, Mr. Lillard organized The Hartford College of Law in association with Allen K. Smith, Roger Davis, James W. Knox, James E. Rhodes and John Burke. It was chartered by the state legislature in 1925 and is located at No. 51 Chapel street, occupying an entire floor of the building. This is an evening school and was established for the purpose of giving to the young men and women of Hartford and vicinity an opportunity for the study of law. The institution fills a long felt want in the educational facilities of the state. This is particularly so because of the fact that the many large insurance companies, which have their home offices in this city, employ thousands of young people who will find that a legal education will assist them materially in their work and, consequently, make them more valuable to their employers. Many other young people employed in the offices of the various industries and mercantile organizations of Hartford will also find that a legal education tends to increase their efficiency and earning capacity. Primarily, the school is for the benefit of those young men and women whose economic conditions force them to earn a livelihood by following some occupation during the day. It also gives those



who are already engaged in reading law in the offices of practicing attorneys the chance to complete their studies in a systematic manner.

The Hartford College of Law was started with five instructors and it now has fifteen, who have been selected with great care, all being men of high calibre. About one hundred students are now enrolled and the institution is steadily growing in popularity as well as usefulness. The course covers four school years of about nine months each and the subjects include every important branch of legal study. The courses outlined by the faculty are supplemented by special lectures on each subject taught, these being given after the students have acquired sufficient knowledge of the subject to derive the greatest benefit therefrom. This is a college of high standing and an institution which is a credit to the city which it serves.

Mr. Lillard was married December 2, 1916, to Miss Caroline M. Eiermann, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they have an attractive home at No. 52 Kenyon street, Hartford. They are affiliated with the Asylum Avenue Baptist church and Mrs. Lillard is identified with several of its societies and also with the Woman's Club. She is secretary of the corporation which controls The Hartford Law School and cooperates with her husband in plans for its growth and advancement. Mr. Lillard is a Mason and also belongs to the City Club. An earnest, systematic worker, he has made the most of the gifts with which nature endowed him and his life has been rounded with success and fraught with the accomplishment of much good.

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#### ALBERT DWIGHT WILSON

With efficiency as his watchword, Albert Dwight Wilson has steadily progressed, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and greater opportunities, and he is now a forceful figure in the management of one of the large productive industries of Bristol. He was born February 5, 1877, in Forestville, Connecticut, and his parents were John and Caroline (Beach) Wilson, the former a pioneer clock maker of that locality.

In the acquirement of an education Albert D. Wilson attended the public schools of Bristol and also had the benefit of a course in the Huntsinger Business College at Hartford, Connecticut. His first commercial experience was gained as a clerk in the establishment of the A. J. Muzzy Company, a Bristol firm, with which he spent seven years, and in 1902 he became a clerk in the employ of the Bristol Brass Corporation. At the end of two years he was promoted to the position of bookkeeper and following the resignation of George Doherty was made cashier. Mr. Wilson next became vice president and since the reorganization has been secretary and treasurer of the corporation. For a quarter of a century he has served the firm to the extent of his ability and his well directed efforts have constituted a vital factor in the conduct and expansion of the business.

Mr. Wilson was married June 22, 1904, in Bristol to Miss Cherrie A. Ward, a daughter of Henry and Estelle (Wooding) Ward, and they have become the parents of one child, Estelle, who was born December 22, 1907. In Masonry Mr. Wilson has attained the second-third degree and has long been prominent in the local activities of the order. He was chosen master of his lodge in 1904, high priest of the chapter in 1906, and for twenty years has been its treasurer, and he is a director of the Masonic Building Company. He also belongs to the Chippene Country Club. Thoroughness and devotion to duty are salient traits in his career, and a well spent life has earned for him the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### ROY TIMOTHY HIGGINS BARNES

Aside from his activity as head of the investment business of Roy T. H. Barnes & Company, which he established in 1902 and which is now the oldest investment house in Hartford, Roy Timothy Higgins Barnes is identified with various other important corporate interests and has long been numbered among the leading financiers of the city. Born in Moline, Illinois, December 28, 1872, he is a son of Rev. Henry Elbert Barnes, D. D., and Amelia Eliza Sessions (Carpenter) Barnes. The following



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ancestral record of the family is copied from the *Encyclopedia of Biography* which was published by the American Historical Society in 1917:

"The founder of the Barnes family in England is believed to be Sir Hugo de Berners, who came over with William the Conqueror and is duly inscribed on the roll of Battle Abbey. He was assigned lands which are now in possession of the Berners of Wolverton Park, Ipswich. Arms—Quarterly, or et vert. Crest—A monkey ppr. Motto—*Del fugo I avola* (I escaped from the fire). The simplicity of the coat-of-arms proper indicates its great antiquity. Complicated coats-of-arms are all of more recent date. The crest and motto in this case were added by later generations. There was a branch of the family bearing the same coat-of-arms, but modified by inter-marriage with another noble family which spelled its name de Barners, thus partly accounting for the change of orthography.

"The clear pedigree begins with Sir John Berner, of West Horsley, in Surrey, and of Berners-Roding, Essex, ob. 1347. His eldest son, Sir James (of Berns-Roding) was beheaded on Tower Hill, 1388. Sir James' eldest son, Sir Richard, of West Horsley, was created baron, temp. Henry IV, ob. 1421. A second, William, was the ancestor of the Berners of Finchfield, Essex, with which branch the coat-of-arms in its simplest form is identified. The most illustrious of Sir James' children was a daughter, Julyana or Juliana, whose last name is spelled Berners, Barners, Bernes, but most frequently Barnes. She was the authoress of a treatise on 'Hawking, Hunting and Cote Armour,' otherwise known as 'The Boke of St. Albans,' now highly prized by collectors as one of the earliest printed books, having been issued in 1488 by that mysterious printer, the 'Schole-mayster of St. Albon.' Dame Juliana was prioress of Sopwell, a nunnery near St. Albans, in which Abbey of St. Albans her book was printed.

"In the next generation, Margery Berners, daughter of Sir Richard, married John Bouchier (fourth son of Earl of Ewe), who was summoned to parliament as Lord Berners (temp. Henry VI) *jure uxoris*, ob. 1474. His grandson, Sir John Bouchier (ob. 1532), became famous as the translator of 'Froissart's Chronicles,' and writes himself in his will as 'John Bouchier, Knt., Lord Barnes.' Leland calls John Lord Berners, the translator of Froissart, Lord Barnes, and again we have 'the Lorde Barnes' as killed at Barnet, and in the same volume it appears that 'Syr Henry Neville married one of the daughters of the Lorde Berners.' One of the early de Berners married a great-great-granddaughter of Oliver Cromwell. The early settlers of the name in Long Island came from the neighborhood of Maidstone, Kent, and their settlement was at first called Maidstone on that account.

"Roy Timothy Higgins Barnes, investment broker of Hartford, while not himself a native son, carries in his veins the blood of families distinguished in New England and in Connecticut from early colonial days. His own success in the field of finance and his standing in business and social circles stamp him as a worthy scion of the early pioneers of freedom to whom he owes so much.

"Though diligent efforts have been made to trace in England the origin of the Barnes family to which our subject belongs, success has not thus far rewarded the searches. Nor has it been shown that there was any relationship between William Barnes, the founder of this family, and the heads of any of the other families of this name. The first record of the family that we find is at Easthampton, Long Island, where William Barnes (supposed son of Charles and Mary) died December 1, 1669. The Christian name of his wife was Elizabeth, and she died February 28, 1724, 'aged near eighty.' Several tracts of land were allotted to him at Easthampton, Long Island, July 5, 1653. On April 16, 1706, land was assigned to him and to some of his brothers. His son, Stephen Barnes, Sr., married Mary Barnes, whose mother was Hannah Linsley. Stephen was of record as a church member at Branford in 1711, and Mary Barnes in 1712. He had removed to Branford between April 6, 1701, and December 13, 1702. He entered an earmark for his cattle at Easthampton, May 26, 1696. His son, Stephen Barnes, Jr., was born January 2, 1705, at Easthampton, Long Island. He removed from Branford to Southington in its early settlement, and located in the southwest part of the town, where he died March 27, 1777. He married, January 5, 1726, Martha Wheadon, of Branford, died March 18, 1773, and was the first one buried in Plantsville cemetery. Their son, Asa Barnes, was born August 24, 1745, kept a tavern in the southwest part of Southington, and was known as 'Landard' (Landlord) Barnes. He was very popular. The officers of the French army made his house their

headquarters while camping for a little time on French Hill. He gave a ball in honor of his guests which, at the time, created some excitement. He married, October 20, 1765, Phebe, daughter of Luther Adkins, baptized September 21, 1746, died April 25, 1826. Luther Adkins was born in 1718, removed from Southington to Wolcott, where he died August 3, 1788. He married, November 14, 1743, Eunice, daughter of Daniel Andrews, of Farmington. Benoni Adkins, father of Luther, was born in 1690, married, August 20, 1715, Esther Hall, of Wallingford. He removed to Southington about 1733, and died there April 28, 1756. His father, Thomas Adkins, came first to Hartford, was located in East Hartford in 1682, and seems to have died in Middletown, the date, October 23, 1694. Selah Barnes, son of Asa and Phebe (Adkins) Barnes, was born March 4, 1769, lived near the tannery of Higgins & Twichell, in Southington, and for many years was engaged in preparing and shipping corn meal to the West Indies. He died October 15, 1850. He married for his second wife, Adah, widow of David Clark, who died February 7, 1858. His son, Rev. Henry Elbert Barnes, D. D., was born October 21, 1832, and until the age of sixteen worked on the farm in summers and attended school in the winters. During the winter of 1850-51 he attended school at Springfield, Massachusetts, and again in the winter of 1853-54, with the purpose of completing a business education. It was about this time that his attention was turned to the ministry. He had united with the church three or four years before. After spending some time at Monson Academy he entered Amherst College in 1856 and at the close of the first term of the freshman year left and was admitted to Yale, where he graduated with high grade in 1860. The same year he entered the Chicago Theological Seminary, but did not finish the prescribed course. Following a sense of duty he was ordained a minister of the Congregational church in May, 1862, and accepted the chaplaincy of the Seventy-second Illinois Regiment, continuing in the service for a year. He was connected with the memorable siege of Vicksburg. Resuming his theological studies for a year he was called to Newton, Iowa, in 1864. There he labored until 1868, when he was called to Moline, Illinois, where he remained until the fall of 1874, when he accepted a call to Worcester, Massachusetts. From there he went to a church in Boston. Three or four years prior to his death, in March, 1911, he retired from active work in the ministry, and during this time resided in Brookline, Massachusetts. He was very active in Grand Army of the Republic work, and was a past commander of the post in Brookline. He married, May 1, 1862, Amelia Eliza, daughter of Dr. Nelson and Eliza S. (Sessions) Carpenter, of Warren, Massachusetts. They had the following children: Harry E., born January 24, 1863; Mary L., born January 1, 1866; Alice W., born July 3, 1868; Ralph N. C., born September 4, 1870; Roy T. H., mentioned below.

"Amelia Eliza Carpenter was born July 12, 1832, daughter of Nelson Carpenter, M. D., born January 12, 1801. He married (first) Eliza Sabin Sessions, January 21, 1829. He resided at Willington, Connecticut, and Warren, Massachusetts. Dr. Carpenter's father died when he was four years old, and when he was nine years old he was compelled to contribute towards his own support. He was ambitious and persistent, and succeeded in acquiring a good education. At the age of twenty-one he entered a medical school, and at the age of twenty-three established himself in the practice of his profession at what is now Warren, Massachusetts. He had a large practice and was noted for his skill. He died August 21, 1872. His father was Joseph Titus Carpenter, born January 2, 1774; married, April 15, 1800, Huldah, daughter of Peter Davidson, of Brooklyn, Connecticut. Joseph T. Carpenter was a farmer and died April 11, 1805, at Ashford, Connecticut. His father was Jonah Carpenter, born 1744, in Sutton, Massachusetts; married, November 22, 1769, Zeruah, daughter of Isaac Whitmore, of Killingly or Thompson, Connecticut. She died August 29, 1834, and he January 31, 1805, in Ashford, Connecticut. His father was killed about the time he was born, and he was adopted by a Mr. Whitmore, probably the father of the lady he married. Jonah Carpenter was a minuteman of the Revolution, and went to Dorchester when the British invaded Boston. His father, Isaiah Carpenter, was born February 7, 1714; married, September 12, 1734, Althea, widow of John Titus. She was born May 29, 1714. Isaiah was killed by a falling tree, March 23, 1744. Althea Titus was the daughter of Joseph and Jane Titus, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, the line tracing back through John (4); John (3); John (2), to Robert (1), who with his wife Hannah emigrated from London in the



spring of 1635 in the ship 'Hopewell.' They located in Salem and removed to Rehoboth in 1644. Althea Titus married for her first husband, her second cousin, John Titus, son of — Titus, who was half-brother to her grandfather, Joseph Titus. John Titus (2) was eight years old when he came to America with his parents. He married Abigail, born April 9, 1643, at Weymouth, died February 22, 1687, daughter of Captain William Carpenter. He was born in England in 1605, and came to America in the ship 'Bevis.' He was admitted freeman of Weymouth, May 13, 1640; represented Weymouth in the general court of Plymouth in 1641 and 1643, and represented Rehoboth in 1645. He was one of the most prominent men in the colony and the intimate friend of Governor Bradford, who married his cousin. Isaiah Carpenter was the son of Noah Carpenter, who was born March 28, 1672; married Sarah, daughter of Matthew Johnson. She was born April 4, 1677, and died September 29, 1726. Her grandfather, Edward Johnson, was born at Hernehill, near Canterbury, County Kent, England, and came over with Winthrop's company in 1630. He was first commissioned lieutenant of 'The Military Company of Middlesex, Massachusetts,' in 1650 he was called captain; served during Samuel Gorton's rebellion; in 1643 was elected deputy from Woburn, and held that office for many years, serving through one session as speaker of the house of deputies. Noah Carpenter was proprietors' and town clerk of Attleboro for some years. On November 1, 1734, he, with Caleb Hall, donated the land on which the new meeting house was built. He was a farmer and linen wheelwright. His father was William Carpenter, who was born about 1631 or 1632 in England. He was the son of Captain William Carpenter, above referred to, whose daughter Abigail married John Titus. He married for his second wife, December 10, 1663, Miriam Searles, who died in Rehoboth, May 1, 1722, aged ninety-three years. William Carpenter died in Rehoboth, January 26, 1703, aged seventy-two years. With the exception of the year 1693 he served as town clerk of Rehoboth from May 13, 1668, until his death. In 1656 and 1668 he was deputy to the general court of Plymouth; was elected deacon of the church the same year, and in 1670 was a member of the committee chosen to settle the bounds between the town of Taunton and the north purchase, he being one of the purchasers. It is said of him: 'He was a man of superior ability, accurate in all of his business transactions, and a reliable counsellor in the colony; and he was noted for his superior penmanship, as all his writings show.' In England the ancestry of this family has been traced back without a break to John Carpenter, born prior to 1300. He was a member of parliament in 1323 for the borough of Leskard, in Cornwall. He was in the service of the city from his youth, and was generally known as John Carpenter, Town Clerk of London, to which office he was elected April 20, 1317. He was educated for the law; was a man of attainments superior to many of his contemporaries, of intellectual capacity, and of high moral worth. His office was one of considerable authority, placing him next below the recorder in the local courts of law, called the Hustings and the Mayor's Court, which had extensive jurisdiction in civil matters. He was executor of many wills, among them that of the ever famous Sir Richard Whittington, 'thrice Lord Mayor of London.' The Carpenter coat-of-arms is as follows: Arms—Argent, a grayhound passant, and chief sable. Crest—A grayhound's head, erased per fesse sable and argent. Motto—*Celeritas, virtus, fidelitas.*"

Roy Timothy Higgins Barnes, whose name introduces this review, was sent to Bishop's College, Lenoxville, Canada, for his early education. When he was fifteen years of age he went to Boston to spend his summer vacation. That is about the age when many boys are moved by a strong desire to make their start in the world of business, and young Barnes was one of those lads in whom the desire could not be quenched. Results have shown the wisdom of his parents in permitting him to yield to this impulse. His first employment was with the Boston News Bureau, doing such work as falls to an inexperienced youth. He made the most of his opportunities for observation, diligently and intelligently performing such tasks as were assigned to him, and it was not long before he was made one of the reporters of the bureau. That bureau is Boston's headquarters for financial information and news; and during the five years that he was there, from 1887 until 1892, Mr. Barnes laid the foundation of his education in finance. He resigned to enter the employ of the municipal bond house of Dietz, Denison & Prior as a bond salesman. He was with them five years, handling municipal securities, and strengthening and broadening his knowledge of the investment business. In 1897 he opened the



Hartford (Conn.) office for Harvey Fisk & Sons, conducting that branch until 1902, when he established the present investment business of Roy T. H. Barnes & Company, now the oldest investment house in Hartford. He is also president and director of Barnes Associates, Inc., which owns the building at the corner of Trumbull and Pearl streets in Hartford, and is president and trustee of the West Hartford Trust Company of West Hartford, Connecticut, as well as a director of the Connecticut Power Company and the Bristol Brass Corporation of Bristol, Connecticut.

Mr. Barnes finds pleasurable recreation in country life and is the owner of "Rox-Edge," an estate of one hundred and fifty acres which is famous throughout the state. His name is on the membership rolls of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Farmington Country Club and the Dauntless (Essex) Club. At the time of the World war he gave his yacht, S. S. Dauntless, to the United States government. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is likewise a member of Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Society of Colonial Wars. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Mr. Barnes is a member of the Investment Bankers Association of America and his high standing among his business colleagues and contemporaries is indicated in the fact that he is now president of the Hartford Stock Exchange. His home is at 1230 Asylum avenue in Hartford.

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#### HOWELL WILLIAMS ST. JOHN

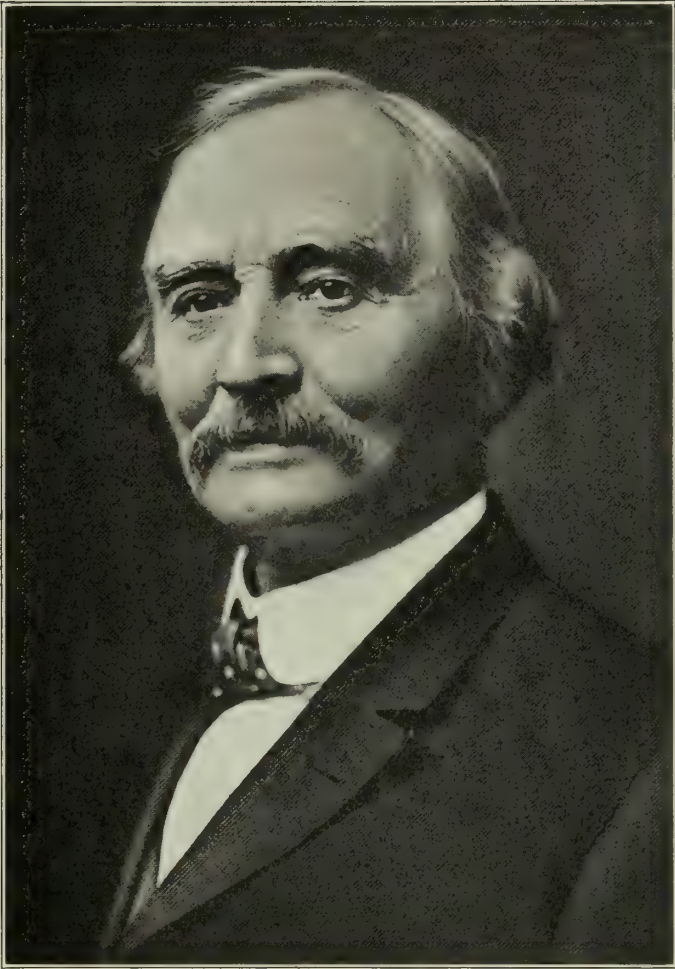
Howell Williams St. John, of Hartford, Connecticut, was a descendant of a number of the old colonial families of New England whose members have been true patriots, withholding no service or sacrifice in time of war, and proving their sterling character and worthy citizenship in the less trying times of peace, by exemplifying the highest ethical ideals in personal conduct.

The name of St. John in early days was also spelled Sension and Sention, the latter two styles being evidently a phonetic representation of a very short pronunciation of St. John.

Matthias St. John (Sension or Sention), who is the first of the family found in America, arrived in Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1631-1632, and was made a freeman there on September 3 of the following year. On January 14, 1635, he received a grant of twenty acres "at the bounds betwixt Roxbury and Dorchester." Subsequently he became possessed of other lands. In 1638 he sold his house, and two years later removed to Windsor, Connecticut. Soon after his arrival in 1640 he was granted a lot in the Palisades, containing ten roods. As late as 1890 this was occupied by Mrs. Anson Loomis. "Mathewe Sension" was a grand juror, November 19, 1643, and in December, 1644. The name of Matthias Sension appears on a list of settlers in Wethersfield between the years 1636 and 1645. He was a juryman at Hartford on March 28, 1650, and again on May 7 of that year. On June 1, 1654, "Matthias Sension of Wethersfield" was brought before a particular court at Hartford because "he had sold syder to Indians by which they was Drunke." He was also both plaintiff and defendant in a number of small civil cases. In 1654 he removed to Norwalk, Connecticut. His name appears in a list of freemen of Norwalk, dated October 11, 1669. He was chosen townsman, February 15, 1660. He died in Norwalk in October or November, 1669.

His son, Matthias St. John, was born in 1630, and died in December, 1728-29. He served as selectman of Norwalk; was fence-viewer in 1659, and we find his name in connection with various town affairs.

His son, Matthias St. John, was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, 1667-68. His name appears in connection with a number of town proceedings. On February 21, 1700-01, he or his son was appointed to beat the drum on Sabbath days. His name also appears on record in connection with a number of real estate transactions. In 1712 he received a grant of home lot No. 16 from the proprietors of Ridgefield. In 1714 he was a grand juror, and in 1717 served as sexton of the church for an annual stipend of thirty-five shillings. In 1716 he received a grant of fifteen and a half acres in Ridgefield. He married, about 1690, Rachel, born December 16, 1667, daugh-



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ter of Jonathan and Abigail (Marvin) Bouton. Matthias St. John died in Wilton, August 17, 1748.

His son, Benjamin St. John, was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, about 1700. He was fence-viewer, 1726-40; surveyor of highways, 1730-36; grand juror in 1732; tythingman, 1749. He removed to New Canaan in 1774, and he and his wife joined the church there by letter that year. He died in 1782.

His son, Matthias St. John, was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1734, and died in New Canaan, March 20, 1819. He was surveyor of highways, 1773; grand juror, December 7, 1778; was corporal in Lieutenant Curtis's company, Ninth Regiment Connecticut Militia, from October 25, 1776, to January 25, 1777; ensign of the Ninth company alarm list, Ninth Regiment, in October, 1779. He served sixteen days in Captain Samuel "Handford's" company of militia, Colonel Jonathan Hart's regiment, in alarm for relief of Fort William McHenry. He married (first) June 28, 1758, Naomi, born in 1734, died August 27, 1780, daughter of Abraham and Naomi (Pond) Weed, of New Canaan. Matthias St. John and wife were admitted to the church, March 25, 1759.

His son, Colonel Enoch St. John, was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, October 14-15, 1765, and died there April 23, 1846. He was surveyor of highways, 1790-99; lister, 1793; was pensioned at forty dollars, March 4, 1831. He married in Norwalk, November 17, 1788, Sibyl Seymour, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Rockwell) Seymour.

His son, Samuel St. John, was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, August 25, 1793, and died at Hartford, Connecticut, July 21, 1866. For many years he engaged in the cotton commission business at Mobile, Alabama, and at New Orleans, Louisiana. He left the south long before the Civil war, retiring from active business life with a competence somewhere in the '30s. He resided at Newport, Rhode Island, and subsequently in New Canaan and Bridgeport, Connecticut. "He was the first man to write letters upon the Government being the only authority and power for creating a currency and supplying it to the people. From this originated the 'Greenbacks', so-called, and the National Banking System. To him was issued the first insurance policy in the United States, not, however, on his own life. He furnished the \$10,000 to Texas to accomplish her Independence." He married, in Baltimore in November, 1826, Sophia Jenkins Williams, born in Brooklyn, Connecticut, August 19, 1798, and died in Bridgeport, Connecticut, December 27, 1855, daughter of Howell and Dorothy (Wheat) Williams, of Brooklyn, Connecticut. Of their five children, three grew to maturity, namely: William Henry, born in October, 1829, and died January 26, 1860; Howell Williams; Caroline Grosvenor, born August 27, 1832, married James Campbell, and resided in Pasadena, California.

Their son, Howell Williams St. John, was born in Newport, Rhode Island, near the old stone mill, April 3, 1834. He was prepared for college under private tutors, was for some time a pupil of Stiles French, a noted educator, and later graduated from Sheffield Scientific School, a member of the class of 1855, under Professor William A. Norton, in the civil engineering course, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He then followed engineering in central Texas and Iowa. His maternal uncle, Samuel May Williams, planted the first American colony in Texas, in association with Stephen F. Austin, and the land apportioned them was termed the Austin and Williams grant. Mr. St. John located the line of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, and after following his chosen vocation, civil engineering, in Texas for a number of years, removed to Iowa, where he was associated with Mr. T. A. Wilcox, who later became his brother-in-law, and they there engaged in locating railroads. During this period the panic of 1857 came, and their business was deferred in consequence. Mr. St. John then went to Clearwater, Minnesota, where for a number of years he engaged in the manufacturing business with his brother-in-law, James Campbell. He also served as private in the Kandyohi Rangers, mounted troops who patrolled the frontier to guard against Indians; and was in the State service under Captain Nelson in the early '60s.

During the latter years of the Civil war, Mr. St. John returned to Connecticut and in October, 1867, entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company in the capacity of actuary under the presidency of the father of Morgan G. Bulkeley, then president and chief executive of the company. Mr. St. John was the first incumbent of that office, and performed the duties to the time of his death, on the 25th of September, 1924, and was probably the oldest actuary in the profession.

He was ex-president of the Actuarial Society of America, in the founding of which he was one of the prime movers, and served as its second president. He was a member of the Connecticut Historical Society; the American Economic Society; and formerly of the American Statistical Society, of which he was one of the early members; the University Club of Hartford; was made a Mason in St. Mark's Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Granby, Connecticut, also took chapter degrees there; became a member of the Council, Royal and Select Masters, while a resident in Mobile; he was the only northern man given the degrees in that lodge.

Mr. St. John married Elizabeth E., daughter of Justus Wilcox, M. D., of Granby, Connecticut. They have one son, William Henry St. John, of Hartford.

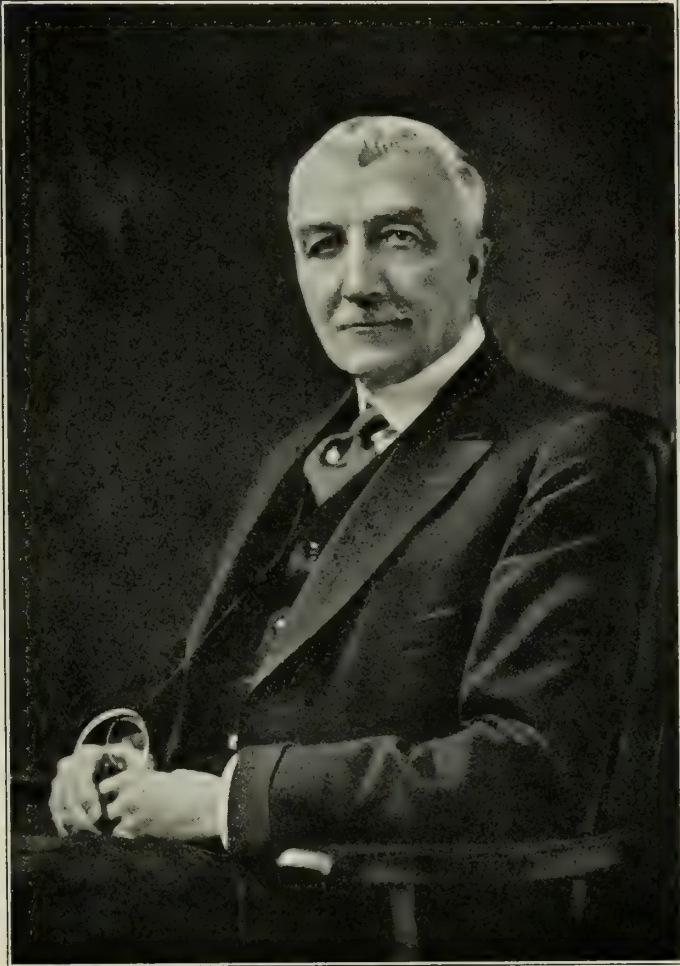
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#### ARCHIBALD ASHLEY WELCH

Archibald Ashley Welch is the president of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford and in insurance circles has not only won notable success but high honors have also been conferred upon him by his associates and contemporaries in this great field of business. Few men are able to speak so authoritatively upon insurance questions, his sound opinions being the result of broad experience and the comprehensive knowledge that he has acquired through study, investigation and close application. In his entire career he has exemplified those qualities which make for an honorable as well as a successful business career and his example therefore is well worthy of emulation. Hartford claims him as a native son. He was born October 6, 1859, his parents being Henry Kirke White and Susan Leavitt (Goodwin) Welch, and his ancestral line is traced back through several generations to James Welch, who became the founder of the family in America and who served as a soldier in King Philip's war in 1676. By reason of this he was granted land at Voluntown, Connecticut, and removed from his former home in Rhode Island to settle upon his new possession, there passing away in 1726. His son, Thomas Welch, a large land-owner of Windham county, Connecticut, was the father of the Rev. Daniel Welch, who was graduated from Yale in 1749 and was ordained minister of the church at North Mansfield, June 29, 1752, there continuing his pastorate until his death April 29, 1782. He was the father of Rev. Moses Cook Welch, D. D., numbered among the Yale alumni of 1772. He taught school and studied law but at his father's wish discontinued his preparation for the bar. He aided in the struggle for American independence until ill health prevented his farther service, after which he studied for the ministry and became his father's successor at North Mansfield, being ordained June 2, 1784. For forty years he served as pastor there, his labors being ended by death April 21, 1824. He was a member of the Yale College Corporation during his last two years and in 1824 Dartmouth College conferred on him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Archibald Welch, son of Rev. Moses Cook Welch, studied medicine at Yale and was licensed to practice in September, 1816, after which he followed his profession in Mansfield and Wethersfield, Connecticut, up to 1848, also taking up practice in Hartford in 1841 and there continuing until his death in 1853. He had been in practice for twenty years when Yale University conferred on him the M. D. degree. For ten years he was in charge of the medical department of the Connecticut state prison, and the Connecticut Medical Society honored him with election to the offices of secretary, vice president and president. He was elected to the general assembly, kept thoroughly informed on the leading questions and issues of the day and was widely known as a temperance advocate. He was returning from a meeting of the American Medical Association in New York when the train on which he was traveling went into the river through an open drawbridge and he thus met his death.

Henry Kirke White Welch, son of Dr. Archibald Welch, was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, January 1, 1821, and chose the law as his life work. He was a Yale graduate of 1842 and after preparing for the bar became a law partner of Judge Nathaniel Shipman and soon won prominence in the profession. He was also a director of the old Continental Insurance Company. His high standing as a man and citizen and his marked ability and keen mentality led to his selection for many important public offices. He was chairman of the high school committee and represented Hartford in the state legislature. On October 5, 1858, he married Susan Leavitt



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Goodwin, daughter of Edward and Eliza Amy (Sheldon) Goodwin and a descendant of Ozias Goodwin, who came to America with his brother, Elder William Goodwin, and settled in Hartford. Before leaving England he married Mary Woodward and the line of descent comes down through Nathaniel, Samuel, Samuel (II), George and Edward Goodwin to Mrs. Welch. By her marriage Mrs. Welch became the mother of five children: Archibald Ashley; Edward G., who was born January 14, 1861, and died in 1894; Frances G., who was born March 7, 1864, and is the wife of Bernard T. Williams; Henry Kirke White, who was born December 4, 1865, and became an official of the J. B. Williams Company of Glastonbury, Connecticut; and Lewis S., who was born July 19, 1867, and was graduated from Yale in 1889.

The eldest son, Archibald Ashley Welch, spent his early youth as a pupil in the North school of Hartford, was graduated from the high school in 1878 and then matriculated in Yale but at the end of the junior year left college to start out in the business world. His initial position was that of clerk in the actuary's office of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, but he resigned in 1890 to become actuary of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of this city. Feeling the necessity for still more thorough educational preparation, he returned to Yale in 1891 and was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1882, while Trinity conferred upon him the A. M. degree in 1922. Resuming active connection with the Phoenix company, he was elected second vice president in 1904 and was appointed vice president in January, 1915. He was made a member of the board of directors and in February, 1924, was elected to the presidency of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, to the growth, development and success of which he has continuously contributed for a period of thirty-eight years. He is also a trustee of the Society for Savings, a director of the Phoenix Insurance Company (Fire) and of the Phoenix State Bank and Trust Company and the Bankers Trust Company of Hartford.

On the 24th of October, 1889, Mr. Welch married Miss Ellen Bunce, a daughter of James M. and Elizabeth (Chester) Bunce, the former well known in business circles as a wholesale grocer of Hartford and as vice president of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have long occupied an enviable position in social circles and he is also a popular member of the Hartford, Hartford Golf, University and Farmington Country clubs of Hartford, the Century Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the University and Yale clubs of New York city and the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Kappa fraternities. His religious faith is that of the Christian Science church and in his political affiliation he is a republican. In all matters of citizenship he takes a progressive stand and for fifteen years has done effective service as chairman of the high school committee. Moreover, he is a director and vice president of the American School for the Deaf at Hartford and president of the Hartford School of Music, is a trustee for the Watkinson Library and the Wadsworth Athenaeum and a director of the Art Society. In these connections are evidenced his deep interest in those organizations which make for intellectual and cultural progress and it is well known that throughout his entire life his influence and aid have been given on the side of those forces which contribute to the uplift and the advancement of the individual. In his chosen field of labor honors have been bestowed upon him, as he was chosen president of the Actuarial Society of America, thus receiving public approval of his service to the profession. From early colonial days the name of Welch has figured in connection with the history of Connecticut and the record of Archibald A. Welch has conferred added dignity and honor upon the family name.

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#### PHILIP A. GLAZIER

Philip A. Glazier is successfully following in the business footsteps of his father and exerts a strong influence in manufacturing circles of South Glastonbury but lives in Hartford, making his home at No. 120 Whitney street. He was born in Glastonbury in 1885 and is a son of Frank D. and Emily S. (Williams) Glazier. His father established one of the large industries of this locality and was active in the conduct of the business until January 31, 1928, when he retired. He resides in South Glastonbury and at one time was prominently identified with public affairs, serving for a term in

the Connecticut legislature, to which he was elected on the republican ticket. Mr. Glazier has four children, three sons and a daughter.

Philip A. Glazier attended the public schools of his native town and was graduated from Yale University in 1907. For several years he worked in his father's mill, acquiring a detailed knowledge of the industry, and in 1914 went to New York as the firm's representative. The office in New York city was closed in 1927 and on returning to Glastonbury he was made assistant manager of the Glazier mill. Since February 1, 1928, he has been general manager of the plant.

In 1917 Philip A. Glazier married Miss Clara Currie, of Ottawa, Canada, and they now have two children: Patricia, who was born in 1918; and William Stuart (II), born in 1925. Mr. Glazier is identified with the Masonic order, the Hartford Golf Club and the Yale Club of New York city. His devotion to duty and business probity are well known to his associates and have met with a rich return of personal regard as well as material prosperity.

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#### WILLIAM STEWART HYDE

William Stewart Hyde was born in Manchester, Connecticut, February 16, 1881, the son of John and Margaret (Hunniford) Hyde. He attended the public schools, graduating from the South Manchester high school in 1898. He received his B. A. from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1902 and his LL. B. from Yale Law School in 1904. In that year he was admitted to the bar and entered the law office of Judge Herbert O. Bowers, at South Manchester, with whom he was associated until the latter's death in November, 1927.

In politics he has always been a republican. He represented the town of Manchester in the house of representatives in the sessions of 1911, 1913 and 1915, and in the latter year was house leader. In 1918 he was chosen judge of probate for the district of Manchester, which position he now continues to occupy. He is also a director of The Manchester Trust Company, The Manchester Building & Loan Association, The Manchester Memorial Hospital and a trustee of The Savings Bank of Manchester.

In 1911 he married Miss May Chaffee, daughter of Theodore D. and Emma (Hollister) Chaffee, of Manchester, and has two children, Stewart C. Hyde and Frances Hyde.

He is a member of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal church; a thirty-second degree Mason; a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and Encampment; of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine; also The Manchester Country Club and The Hartford Club.

He is a member of the American Bar Association and of the Connecticut State Bar Association. His practice has been a general one which has brought him a wide acquaintance throughout the state.

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#### ALBERT NEWFIELD

Tobacco growing has long been one of the substantial industries of Connecticut and in connection therewith many firms and individuals have found a profitable field. Among this number is the Hartman Tobacco Company, of which Albert Newfield is chairman of the board. Their business has been developed along substantial lines and is now one of extensive proportions, returning a gratifying annual income to the stockholders. Mr. Newfield is a native of Austria. He was born December 27, 1883, and is a son of Adolph and Nettie (Stone) Newfield, who were also natives of Austria, whence they came to the United States in 1886, settling in Danbury, Connecticut, where the father engaged in mercantile pursuits, retaining his residence there until his death in 1909.

Albert Newfield was educated in the public schools of Danbury and after he had completed his studies began learning the watchmaking trade, continuing in that business for ten years. In 1906 he came to Hartford, where he has since made his home, and here he was connected with the jewelry business of H. P. Levy for about a year.





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In 1908, however, he turned his attention to the tobacco trade in connection with the firm of A. & S. Hartman and in 1910 was admitted to a partnership. Since that time he has been continuously interested in the business, has made a close study of trade conditions and has contributed largely to the success of the organization, which has extensive plantation holdings and a large trade as packers.

On the 2d of June, 1910, Mr. Newfield was united in marriage to Miss Frances Hartman, daughter of Adolph Hartman, one of the founders of the firm of A. & S. Hartman. They are the parents of three children, namely: Albert, born March 25, 1911; Richard, born March 18, 1914; and Marion, born August 15, 1916.

In community affairs Mr. Newfield is deeply interested and considers it the obligation as well as the privilege of citizenship to exercise his right of franchise and support those measures which he deems essential to public welfare. In 1926 he was elected to represent Hartford in the Connecticut general assembly and was made a member of the important finance committee. He is also a director of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of Temple Beth Israel. It was Mr. Newfield who organized the Tumble Brook Country Club, of which he was president for four years and which now has a membership of two hundred and fifty. He may well be proud of this achievement, as it is a credit to the social activities of Hartford. Moreover, he is one of the well known business men here, his course having been marked by a steady progress that indicates his wise use of his time, his talents and his opportunities.

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#### FRANK ERNEST GANNETT

Frank Ernest Gannett was born at Bristol, New York. He is owner of the third largest group of newspapers in the United States in which is included The Hartford Times. As a newsboy he carried one of the papers which he now owns. As a reporter he worked his way through Cornell University, of which he is now a trustee. When he completed his Cornell course in 1898 he was chosen by Jacob Gould Schurman, then president of Cornell, to accompany him as secretary to the first commission sent to the Philippine Islands, Dr. Schurman being head of that commission.

On June 1, 1900, Mr. Gannett returned to Ithaca and became editor of the Ithaca Daily News and for a time was editor of the Cornell Alumni News. Later he spent a year as editor of the Pittsburgh Index and then purchased a half interest in the Elmira Gazette, which in 1907 merged with the Elmira Star, making the present Elmira Star-Gazette. In 1912 he extended his interests to Ithaca by purchasing the Ithaca Journal, which later merged with the Ithaca News, making the present Ithaca Journal-News.

In 1918 with associates Mr. Gannett purchased and consolidated the Rochester Times and the Rochester Union-Advertiser, thereby establishing the Rochester Times-Union, which has been developed into one of New York state's strongest and finest newspapers and has recently moved into a new million dollar home. Mr. Gannett then established his home in Rochester.

In 1921 Mr. Gannett and his associates purchased the Utica Observer and the Utica Herald-Dispatch and combined them into the Utica Observer-Dispatch. In July, 1923, the Elmira Star-Gazette acquired the Elmira Telegram and the Elmira Advertiser, adding them as Gannett properties, each continuing its identity, however.

In January, 1924, Mr. Gannett's associates retired and he personally took over the properties. In June, 1925, the Newburgh News was purchased. In April, 1927, the trustees of the estate of the former owner chose Mr. Gannett as buyer of the Plainfield (N. J.) Courier-News. In June, 1927, Mr. Gannett took over the Beacon News, and in September, 1927, the Olean Herald. On January 24, 1928, he purchased The Hartford Times and during the same year added the Ogdensburg (N. Y.) Republican-Journal, the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat & Chronicle and the Albany (N. Y.) Knickerbocker Express and the Albany Evening News.

An evidence of Mr. Gannett's standing among the publishers of New York state is found in the fact that for seven consecutive years he was president of the New York State Publishers' Association, which he founded. In 1916 he was president of the New York Associated Dailies and he was president of the New York



Press Association during the trying days of the war. Upon his initiative the Empire State School of Printing was established at Ithaca in May, 1922, an effective institution which he has headed from the start and to which New York state publishers have contributed more than two hundred thousand dollars. The success of this school has been so great that it has been made the nucleus of the American Newspaper Publishers' Institute, now in process of endowment and which will provide a complete theoretical and practical education for every branch of newspaper service, including the mechanical, business and editorial branches.

Cornell University has bestowed double honor on Mr. Gannett. His election as president of the Cornellian Council and as trustee of the University was announced on the same day. He is associated in this trusteeship with George F. Baker of the First National Bank of New York, Charles M. Schwab, Walter Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, Ira A. Place, vice president of the New York Central lines, and other prominent men.

Mr. Gannett has always spurned political preferment and possesses no political ambitions for either himself or his papers. He is of a family of New England stock, members of which are prominent in the New England states, his ancestors having settled in Scituate, Massachusetts, in 1640. In 1920, he married Caroline Werner of Rochester, daughter of the late Judge William E. Werner, of the New York state court of appeals. They have one child, Sarah Maria, born in 1923.

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#### JOHN CINCINNATUS WILSON

Into a life that did not attain length of years, John Cincinnatus Wilson, of Hartford, Connecticut, placed an amount of wisely directed, productive effort that gave him high rank among New England's industrialists. The record of his business career shows him not as a specialist in a particular line of human endeavor, but as an able master of the principles of business and industrial organization, endowed with talents in the direction of men and enterprises that brought success and prosperity to the interests with which he was identified. His consideration for others, his charm of manner, his intuitive responsiveness in cordiality to all whom he met in a social or business way placed everybody at ease and endeared him to all who were privileged to come in touch with him. Mr. Wilson brought to the solution of practical problems the force of great mentality, a deep knowledge of human nature, and keen vision into the economic laws governing the manufacture and distribution of all products. In the many offices to which he was called he bore a reputation for unquestioned integrity and stanch advocacy of straightforward methods in every business procedure, and in his death, in his fifty-fifth year, the world of affairs lost a member whose influence was constantly on the side of right and progress, and who exemplified the stanchest virtues.

Mr. Wilson was a descendant of a Maryland family founded in Georgia by George Wilson, an ensign in the Revolutionary Army. He and his wife, Rhoda (Spence) Wilson, moved from Caroline county, Maryland, to Walton county, Georgia, in 1781. His son, George Asbury Wilson, was born in Walton county, Georgia, in 1800 and followed agriculture throughout his active years. He was a democrat in political faith and a member of the Methodist church. He married Upsila Newson and they were the parents of the following named: John C., Robert, Mrs. Rhoda Burkhead, Mrs. Susan Land, Mrs. Emma Todd and A. W. N.

The last named, a son of George Asbury and Upsila (Newson) Wilson, like his father, was an agriculturist during all his active years. From 1861 to 1864 he served in the Confederate Army, leaving the service after the fighting around Vicksburg, Mississippi, because of the loss of his right arm in action. He held the rank of first lieutenant and commanded Company C, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Georgia Infantry. Upon his return to his Georgia home, he found the territory devastated by the troops under General Sherman but with characteristic determination and vigor took up the work of reclaiming the land and became one of the leading planters of that section. His religious belief was that of the Methodist church and although he never entered public life, he was a strong democrat. A. W. N. Wilson married Susan Hindsman.

John Cincinnatus Wilson, son of A. W. N. and Susan (Hindsman) Wilson, was



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born at Moreland, Coweta county, Georgia, July 22, 1864. After preparatory education he entered Emory University at Oxford, Georgia, and completed the studies of his junior year. Ill health prevented his return to college, and he began business life as a retail merchant of Columbus, Georgia, disposing of his interests in this place to accept a position as traveling salesman for the Clark Thread Company in January, 1889. Mr. Wilson remained with this company until April, 1895, resigning to go to London, England, and after his return to the United States located in Hartford, Connecticut, in May, 1897. Here he identified himself with the Hartford Rubber Works Company, was also connected with the Seamless Rubber Company of New Haven and later was made president of the India Rubber Company of New Brunswick, New Jersey. In 1904, Mr. Wilson was elected vice president and treasurer of the Pickering Governor Company of Portland, Connecticut, and in 1913 he became president and treasurer of the Smyth Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut, also the Sigourney Tool Company of Hartford. He was identified with these last three organizations at the time of his death in 1919, and had promoted their development and increasing prestige. Mr. Wilson was a director of the Fidelity Trust Company of Hartford but aside from the offices named acquired few interests, concentrating the full force of his powers upon these enterprises and bringing them to commanding positions in their respective lines. By his business associates Mr. Wilson was held in enduring respect for outstanding executive qualities, while his pleasing and cordial personality gained him their close cooperation.

In young manhood he became a member of the Masonic order at Luthersville, Georgia, and was elected to the Kappa Alpha fraternity chapter at Emory College. His clubs were the Union League of New York, the Hartford and the Farmington Country, while his religious faith was manifest in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

On the 7th of October, 1903, in Hartford, Connecticut, John Cincinnatus Wilson married Grace Loines Hall, daughter of John Henry and Sarah Garrett (Loines) Hall. Their children were four in number, namely: Grace Jean, born August 1, 1904; John Hall, who was born December 1, 1907, and died July 5, 1908; Elizabeth, whose natal day was March 7, 1910, and who passed away two days later; and John Cincinnatus, who was born February 28, 1913.

John Cincinnatus Wilson, manufacturer and financier, died in Hartford, January 23, 1919, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. The story of his life is one of achievement along lines of service to mankind, and the accomplishments of his career were worthy.

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#### FRANK P. MOULTON

Frank P. Moulton, writer of several textbooks on Latin and also prominently known as an educator, his capability and outstanding qualities giving him high rank, was a native of the state of Maine, born on the 11th of June, 1851, his parents being Joseph and Judith (Moulton) Moulton, who were also born in the Pine Tree state. In his youthful days Frank P. Moulton attended the Maine State Seminary, a preparatory school, and afterward entered Bates College, from which he was graduated with valedictorian honors in the year 1874. On the completion of that course he became principal of the high school of Littleton, New Hampshire, and after spending some time in that connection accepted the position of assistant principal and teacher of Latin in the New Hampshire Literary Institution, with which he remained for a period of seven years. He then accepted the proffered position of head of the Latin department in the Waltham high school of Waltham, Massachusetts, where he continued for a number of years. He then came to Hartford in 1892, and entered into active association with the Hartford high school in the Latin department, in which he remained for twenty-four years, where the service which he rendered was of the highest standard. In fact he was regarded as one of the foremost Latin instructors of New England. He also prepared and published several textbooks on Latin which were largely used in our high schools and in England. The recognition of his keen mentality and of his contribution to the educational field was indicated in the fact that he received the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts from Bates College and also the degree of Doctor of Literature.

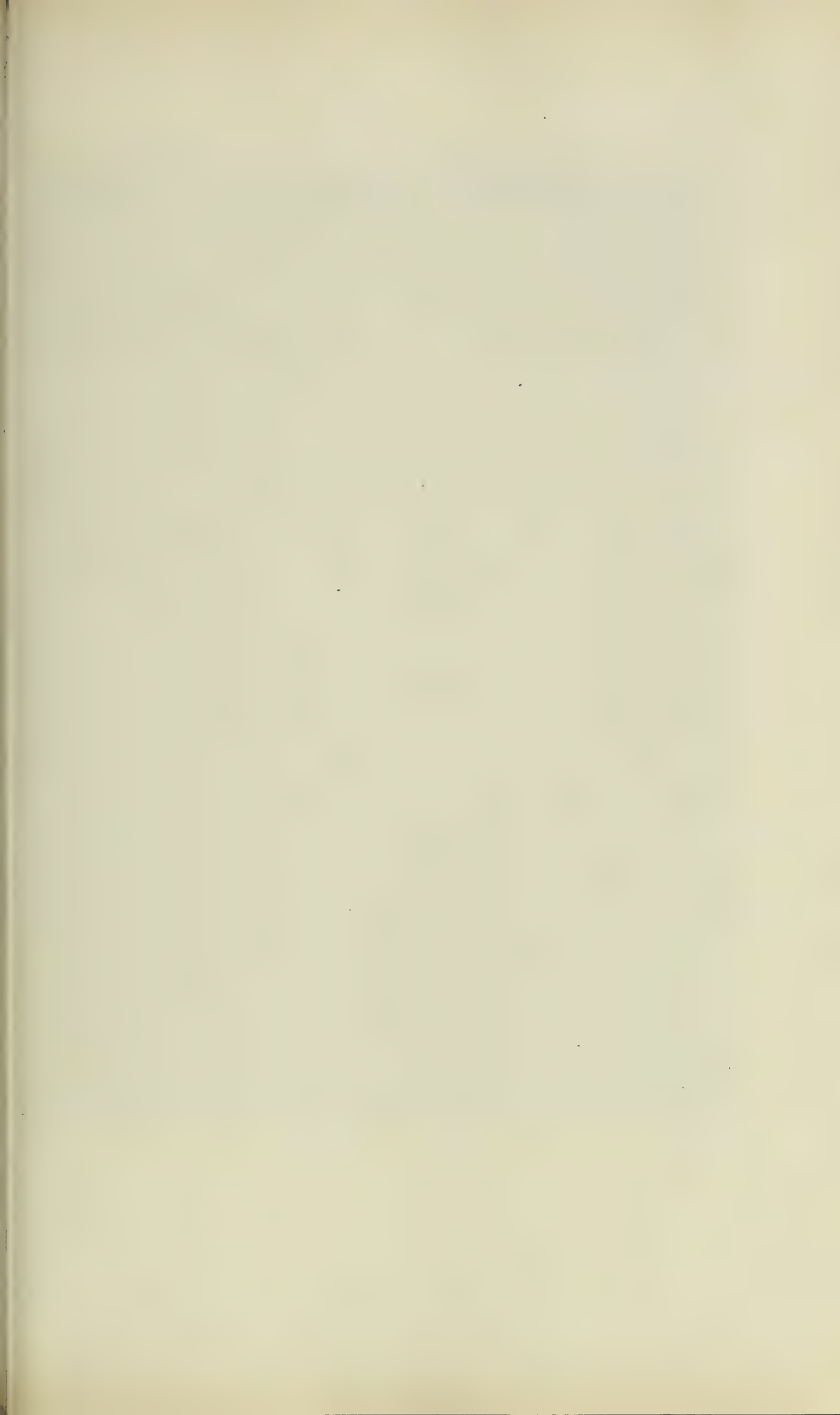
On the 27th of January, 1880, Mr. Moulton was united in marriage to Miss Rachel E. White, a daughter of Thomas G. and Mary (Stinson) White, of Maine. He had four children: Harold C., who passed away at the age of forty-three years; Carl F., who is now associated with the Aetna Fire Insurance Company; Marion J., wife of J. N. H. Campbell of Hartford; and Jasper R., teacher of mathematics in Wellesley high school of Wellesley, Massachusetts. On the 22d of March, 1928, Mr. Moulton was called to his final rest. He was held in the highest respect for his outstanding qualities and pronounced characteristics. He was an able master in his chosen field of work, concentrating the full force of his powers on instruction and the preparation of adequate textbooks. He showed the keenest interest and enthusiasm for everything that he undertook and his labors were comprehensive in their scope and most valuable in result.

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#### WILLIAM A. KNOFLA

In the year 1910 Adolph and Mary (Quoos) Knofla came to Manchester, Connecticut, from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, bringing with them their family of nine children, numbering six sons and three daughters. These children were educated in the public schools of Manchester and William A. Knofla, who was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1891, after completing his education returned to the Keystone state, where he worked as a carpenter's apprentice. After rounding out the full time of his apprenticeship he again came to Manchester and here entered the employ of George M. Barber, with whom he remained until 1915, when he started out in business on his own account and has since been engaged in building operations here, being accorded many contracts, some of which have been of an important character. Passing years have chronicled the constant growth of the business which he founded in 1915 and which is now carried on under the name of the Manchester Construction Company, with William A. Knofla as president and treasurer and Albert F. Knofla as secretary of the company. They operated for a considerable period, however, under the name of Knofla Brothers and the firm became well known in connection with the building interests of this district. In the year 1919, however, it was decided to incorporate in order to have the advantages offered by larger capital, which would enable them to handle greater contracts. At the close of the year 1920 the business interests of the corporation were all acquired by William A. Knofla, Albert F. Knofla and Esther C. Knofla. Since the incorporation the company has constructed many of Manchester's prominent buildings, including the Nathan Hale school on Spruce street, the Watkins Brothers furniture store, the South Methodist Episcopal church, the Manchester State Armory, the Manchester Masonic Temple and many others. In the year 1915 the company's business amounted to twelve thousand dollars and then William A. Knofla entered into active association therewith, his qualities as a leader, his undaunted enterprise and his business sagacity being demonstrated in the fact that today the annual business of the company amounts approximately to three quarters of a million dollars. On the 23rd of February, 1926, its capital was increased to one hundred thousand dollars. The Manchester Construction Company has membership with the Associated General Contractors of America.

Mr. Knofla was married in the year 1919 to Esther K. Clemson, of Manchester, daughter of Andrew and Mette (Faborn) Clemson. Mr. and Mrs. Knofla have one child, Earl William, who was born in this city February 14, 1926. For a considerable period William A. Knofla has been active in civic affairs, especially concentrating his efforts upon those projects which are fathered or fostered by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, of which he has been a director for several years and was president in 1925. He is likewise a member of the Kiwanis Club of Manchester and was its president for the year 1927. He is likewise affiliated with the Manchester Masonic lodge, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S., and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His wife is active in the Order of the Eastern Star and both are members of the Second Congregational church, interested in its work and also in the social activities of the city. They hold membership in the Manchester Country Club and Mr. Knofla is a member of the City Club of Hartford and the Shelter Harbor Country Club of Rhode Island. He served in the







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World war in the chemical warfare division and he is a member of the Army & Navy Club and of the American Legion, while his wife is identified with the ladies' auxiliary of the Legion. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he manifests a keen and helpful interest in the civic welfare of the community, serving for one term as a member of the board of assessors. The cause of education also finds in him a warm friend and his cooperation can always be counted as a factor in efforts to achieve higher standards in manhood and citizenship.

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#### ALBERT F. KNOFLA

Albert F. Knofla, associated with his brother, William A. Knofla in the Manchester Construction Company, which is operating extensively in building lines in Manchester, was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1896, and was a youth of about sixteen years when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knofla, brought their family to Connecticut. Here he continued as a public school pupil and later began work at the carpenter's trade, serving a regular apprenticeship and gaining intimate and accurate knowledge of the business. The period of his apprenticeship was passed in his native state, after which he returned to Manchester and for one year was in the employ of his elder brother, William A. They then formed a partnership under the firm style of Knofla Brothers and so operated until 1919, when they incorporated under the name of the Manchester Construction Company. The following year the entire business of the company was taken over by William A., Albert F. and Esther C. Knofla. Albert F. is the secretary of the company and general superintendent of construction, and his broad experience well qualifies him for the duties and responsibilities that thus devolve upon him.

Mr. Knofla was married November 4, 1918, to Miss Ethyle Gallagher, of Manchester, daughter of Arthur L. and Minnie M. Gallagher. Mr. and Mrs. Knofla have one son, Robert A., who was born November 19, 1922. They are members of the Second Congregational church and also of the Manchester Country Club, while Mr. Knofla is connected with the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the City Club of Hartford and the Shelter Harbor Country Club of Rhode Island. In Masonry he has taken the various degrees of the York Rite, becoming a Knight Templar, and of the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second degree, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Directors Association. Mrs. Knofla is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. Such in brief is the life history of Albert F. Knofla, who enjoys the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellowmen and who in his business career has made a most creditable record, being entirely responsible for the execution of many of the large and important contracts which are awarded the company of which he is now secretary.

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#### ARTHUR AUGUST KNOFLA

Arthur August Knofla, engaged in the real estate and insurance business at South Manchester, with offices at 875 Main street, was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1900, and was therefore a little lad of but ten years when the family removed from the Keystone state and took up their abode in South Manchester, Connecticut. His education was pursued as a public school pupil of Manchester to the time of his graduation from high school with the class of 1918. After putting aside his textbooks he managed a confectionery store owned by his brothers for a period of two years. At the end of that time his brothers disposed of the store and he became associated with them as an employe in the building contracting business. Soon thereafter he went to Seymour, Connecticut, as manager of a chain store for the Globe Grocery Company and three months later was transferred to Manchester. It was not long, however, before he resigned this position to again go to work for his brothers. On the 1st of August, 1921, he opened a real estate and insurance office in the House & Hale block. His business began to grow and two years later he moved his office to the Farr block. When two more years had passed he moved

with his brothers to the old Foresters Hall, which had been remodeled and where he occupies a spacious suite of offices adequate for the demands of his rapidly growing business.

On the 8th of October, 1925, Mr. Knofla was united in marriage to Alice M. Peterson, of South Manchester, daughter of Oscar and Deborah (Hulander) Peterson. Mr. Knofla has been an active member of St. Mary's Young Men's Club, also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a director, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter, R. A. M.; Adoniram Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T., and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

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#### DUDLEY SEYMOUR INGRAHAM

As a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Bristol, Dudley Seymour Ingraham is widely and favorably known and ably assists in the conduct of the business established by his great-grandfather, who was regarded as one of the foremost clock makers of this country. Dudley S. Ingraham was born August 14, 1890, in this city and is the younger of the two sons of William S. and Grace (Seymour) Ingraham, a sketch of whom is published elsewhere in this volume.

In the acquirement of an education Dudley S. Ingraham attended the local schools and was next a pupil in Andover Academy. His studies were completed in Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1913. After his graduation he returned to Bristol and became connected with the E. Ingraham Company, gradually advancing until made vice president in 1915, being active in management of the company and a forceful factor in its success.

In Ipswich, Massachusetts, Mr. Ingraham was married July 30, 1923, to Miss Marion E. Morton, and they now have four sons: Seymour Morton, Joseph Theodore, Dudley Seymour, Jr., and Robert Alexander.

In May, 1918, Mr. Ingraham enlisted in the service of his country and was assigned to duty with a hospital unit; later was transferred to a gun officers camp, and in November, 1919, was honorably discharged. He is a zealous member of the First Congregational church and superintendent of the church school. In politics he is a republican and his public spirit has been expressed by three years' service on the Bristol board of education. He is secretary of the executive committee of the Bristol Hospital and chairman of the home committee of the Visiting Nurses, chairman of the building committee of the Nurses Home and Boys Club, and chairman of the Community Chest drive.

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#### LEWIS HAWLEY HODGE

From newsboy to the office of assistant treasurer of the Society for Savings in Hartford constitutes the business record of Lewis Hawley Hodge, who from the outset was actuated by a determination to earn an honest living and gain advancement step by step. The years have chronicled his steady progress until he now occupies an enviable position in financial circles of Connecticut's capital. He was born in Glastonbury, this state, January 31, 1881, a son of Charles Hawley and Emma R. (Hollister) Hodge, both natives of East Glastonbury, Connecticut. They represented early families of Hartford county, each family being of English lineage, while settlement was made in Glastonbury during the period of early development there. The Hollister family was planted on American soil about 1642 and Lieutenant John Hollister was one of the influential residents of Wethersfield, Connecticut, where he and other representatives of the name were connected with agricultural interests. He entered into the public life of the community and held various offices, taking active part in the civic affairs of that period. The great-great-grandmother of Mr. Hodge was Eunice Hale Hollister, who lived to the notable age of one hundred and one years and four months, passing away in East Glastonbury, Connecticut, December 26, 1885. Charles H. Hodge, the father of Lewis H. Hodge, became a prominent



business man of Glastonbury, where he died September 23, 1925, his widow still making her home in that city.

After attending the public schools Lewis H. Hodge continued his education in a business college. From an early age he was compelled to earn his own living, owing to the fact that his father was not in affluent circumstances, and he became a newsboy, delivering the Hartford Times and also working in the tobacco fields as opportunity offered for ten cents an hour. He also accepted various other jobs in order that he might earn a few dollars. A realization of the value of educational training led him to enter business college and following his graduation there he worked at various places, trying to better himself. A laudable ambition prompted him to make the best possible use of every opportunity that offered and on the 1st of March, 1901, he entered the bank of the Society for Savings as a stenographer. From that position he gradually worked upward until he became general assistant and on the 1st of June, 1921, was elected assistant treasurer. Close application, thoroughness and reliability have constituted the basis of his advancement and he justly deserves the praise implied in the term—a self-made man. He is also a director and vice president of the Glastonbury Laundry. At various times he has been called upon for cooperation in matters of public moment and is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce of East Hartford and was chairman of the World War Memorial Fund. He was also treasurer of the East Hartford Nursing Association for several years, was treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Association for several years and at the present writing, in 1928, is a member of the school building committee. All projects which have to do with the development, improvement and upbuilding of East Hartford receive his endorsement and earnest support.

On the 22d of October, 1902, Mr. Hodge was married to Johannah M. Bentley, of East Hartford, and they have two children: Earl Hawley, born July 7, 1905; and Marjorie, born March 15, 1914. The son is a graduate of the East Hartford public and high schools and also of the Connecticut Agricultural College, and he is now employed by the state department of agriculture. The family residence is at 50 Tower road in East Hartford and they also have a summer home at Bolton, Connecticut. Mr. Hodge enjoys life in the open and is a member of the Manchester Rod and Gun Club. He belongs to Orient Lodge, No. 62, A. F. & A. M., of East Hartford and his has been a well spent life in which sterling traits of character have won him warm regard, while his forcefulness, laudable ambition and capability have constituted the rounds of the ladder on which he has climbed to success.

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#### JOHN F. ROLFE

John F. Rolfe, general manager and treasurer of The Hartford Times, was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. His early newspaper experience was gained with the Associated Press, the New York World and the New York Sun, which he served in a reportorial capacity in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania as their representative. He became editor of the Elmira Weekly and Tri-Weekly Advertiser in 1900 and was sports and telegraph editor with the Elmira Daily Advertiser. From October, 1901, until February, 1928, he was connected with the Corning Evening Leader, which paper he served in every capacity from city editor to manager. Mr. Rolfe, upon the purchase of The Hartford Times by F. E. Gannett, was chosen to represent him in the management of this paper.

Mr. Rolfe has served as director of the Empire State School of Printing in Ithaca and of the New York State Press Association and has been a guest lecturer in various university school of journalism, as well as the author of many business and advertising articles in trade publications. During his residence in Corning he was a member of the various Liberty Loan committees during the World war, chairman of publicity for the War Chest and director of publicity for the war stamps and postal savings, and at various times assistant fuel and food administrator. He was also a member of the district draft board, having charge of the preparation and education of drafted soldiers, and was a member of the New York State National Guard Reserve, formed as a home defense organization. He was for many years interested in health work and for eighteen years a member of the board of health



in Corning and was one of those instrumental in securing the model milk regulations which are now a law of New York state.

He was a member of the Tuberculosis Camp Commission for eight years and had a wide and varied experience in the establishment of these and similar camps for the development of undernourished children. He was chairman of the finance committee which secured the building fund and endowment of the Corning Hospital. He was secretary of the Denison Park committee which raised the funds for and developed one of the most beautiful city parks in New York state, it being transferred upon its completion to the municipal government which maintains it. He was, for eighteen years, the vice president and director of the Corning Printing Company and a former director for several years of the Corning Chamber of Commerce, Corning Homes, Inc., and Crystal City Realty Company.

Mr. Rolfe comes of Revolutionary stock on both sides of his family. On the Rolfe side he is a direct descendant of Honour Rolfe and of Benjamin, one of the proprietors of Newbury, Massachusetts, and of the family of which the poet Whittier's mother came. On his paternal grandmother's side he is a descendant of Stephen Hight, after whom Hightstown, New Jersey, was named and who was one of the original surveyors of Steuben county. On his mother's side he descends from the Seaman family of New England and from the Connecticut Potters, who settled in Potter county, Pennsylvania, and from whom that county takes its name.

He was, for many years a director of the Steuben county (N. Y.) Young Men's Christian Association, a member of the executive and examining committee of the Steuben county Boy Scouts and a director of the Girl Scouts.

Mr. Rolfe is a director of The Hartford Times, the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, Hartford Better Business Bureau and of the Connecticut State Fair. He is a member of Hartford Rotary Club, an honorary member of Corning (N. Y.) Rotary Club, and is a member of the Masonic order, the Episcopal church, and of the Hartford Club.

Mr. Rolfe married, in Elmira, Bertha Emily, daughter of William and Mary Ann Butterworth. Upon making their home in Corning Mrs. Rolfe was for many years prominent in club work, having been chairman of the publicity committee for the seventh New York district of the American Federation of Women's Clubs.

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#### GEORGE EDWARD ABBOTT

In 1912 George Edward Abbott, the head of the Abbott Ball Company of Elmwood, erected a factory for the manufacture of balls for ball bearings. He had already engaged in that line of business for a number of years and had established a trade of substantial proportions which had steadily grown until it demanded further space and he erected the building which would adequately house his interests. Since that time his business has continued to grow and expand until Mr. Abbott ranks with the leading manufacturers of this section of the state, alert, energetic and of sound judgment and clear vision.

It has been said that to adequately understand a man and what he does one must know something of his ancestral record, and research indicates that the Abbott family has been long and prominently associated with the history of New England. In colonial records the name was spelled Abbitt. It had its origin in the Hebrew term Ab, meaning father, and from the monasteries of Syria it spread through the east and became generally accepted in all languages as designating the head of a monastery. In England at an early date the name was spelled with one "t" but the present orthography was later adopted. Robert Abbott was admitted a freeman of Watertown, Massachusetts, September 3, 1634, and there received several grants of land. In 1640 he removed with a small company to Wethersfield, Connecticut, then called Watertown, and was a juryman for the "Particular Court" at Hartford, July 12, 1640, and September 2, 1641. His name appears thirtieth on a list of seventy freemen of the "Court of New Haven" and he otherwise figured prominently in the public life of his day and community. About 1645 he removed to Branford, Connecticut, where he died September 30, 1658. He was twice married and Joseph Abbott, the youngest of his thirteen children, was born in Branford and was living in New Haven in 1683. Stephen Abbott, the eldest child of Joseph Abbott, was



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born in Branford and was married January 6, 1724, to Hannah Frisbee, of Branford, born August 14, 1693. About 1750 Stephen Abbott and his wife removed to Middlebury, Connecticut, where he died at an advanced age, while his wife passed away December 25, 1803, when she had reached the age of more than one hundred years. They were the parents of Daniel Abbott, born in Branford, January 4, 1725. He lived for some time at Middlebury, Connecticut, and on March 1, 1763, married Lois Smith, of Wallingford, who died in August, 1800.

Daniel Abbott (II), the second son of Daniel Abbott (I), was born in Middlebury, June 24, 1768, followed farming and was married July 25, 1787, to Lois Terrel, who died in Middlebury, January 16, 1836. They were parents of Daniel Abbott (III), who was born in Middlebury, September 18, 1796, and became a farmer and manufacturer there. In 1837 he removed to Southford, where he built a flour and feed mill and also two large manufacturing plants. About 1849 he began manufacturing paper and developed a constantly increasing business, introducing new and improved methods. He was married February 10, 1819, to Sally Sherman, who was born March 27, 1801, and was a member of the same family as General William Tecumseh Sherman. Daniel Abbott (III) passed away on the 7th of March, 1859. To him and his wife were born six sons and two daughters, all natives of Middlebury save John B., who was a native of Southford.

Their son, Elijah Edwards Abbott, born in Middlebury, January 26, 1827, obtained a public school education, learned the machinist's trade and worked under his father in the paper mills. In young manhood he was employed at Gananoque, Ontario, Canada, in a machine shop and foundry owned by his eldest brother, Daniel Sherman Abbott, Jr. At the latter's death July 12, 1861, Elijah E. Abbott succeeded his brother as owner of the business, which he conducted until a few years prior to his own demise, his last years being spent in honorable retirement. For many years he was United States deputy consul at Gananoque and was a member of the Masonic lodge there. On the 11th of April, 1848, he married Mary Jane Buell, who was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, December 11, 1827, the eldest daughter of Samuel and Minerva (Wadhams) Buell. Through the Buell line George E. Abbott also became a descendant of the Griswold and Loomis families, of equal prominence in the pioneer history of New England, and of the Allgar, Collins and Leete families. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah E. Abbott became the parents of seven children. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking a helpful part in various branches of the church work.

George Edward Abbott, son of Elijah Edwards and Mary Jane (Buell) Abbott, was born in Gananoque, Ontario, Canada, November 16, 1864, and when he had completed his public school education he learned the machinist's trade under the direction of his father and continued in his employ until he had attained his majority, when he returned to the land of his forefathers, with New Britain, Connecticut, as his destination. There he obtained a position as a machinist and toolmaker with the Case Engine Company, continuing to serve in that connection for five years. He was afterward a machinist and toolmaker with the firm of Yale & Towne, of Stamford, but after a year withdrew and went to Providence, Rhode Island, where for a short time he was with the firm of Brown & Sharpe. He next came to Hartford and entered the employ of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company as a toolmaker. Subsequently he was with the Sigourney Tool Company for five years and for a decade was with the New Departure Manufacturing Company of Bristol, acting as master mechanic for that corporation during the last six years of the period. While he was thus engaged that company began the manufacture of balls for ball bearings and Mr. Abbott designed the special machinery necessary for the production of the product. Desirous that his labor should more directly benefit himself, he resigned his position and rented a small room on Hicks street, Hartford, in which he installed a few machine shop tools, designed and drafted his own special machinery and had the necessary patterns for casting made. When his equipment was completed he made five hundred pounds of balls, which he then took out on the road and sold. Returning, he made more balls which he sold, and in course of time he had built up a trade sufficient to enable him to employ a boy as assistant. From that time forward the business has constantly grown and expanded and in 1912 justified the erection of a factory building, which he located in Elmwood, Connecticut. This was but the first unit of his present large plant, for he has since made various additions and today has one of the best equipped factories of this kind in

the country. The business is now carried on under the name of the Abbott Ball Company and has reached gratifying proportions. Mr. Abbott's knowledge of the machinist's trade has enabled him to secure everything necessary in equipment and enables him to wisely direct the labors of the men in his employ. At the same time his executive ability prompts his careful management and systematization of the business, which has grown year by year until it has become one of the important productive industries of Hartford county.

Mr. Abbott has a son and a daughter, namely, George Kenneth Abbott, born June 16, 1890, and Edith, born July 27, 1899.

Mr. Abbott is a thirty-second degree Mason, having membership in Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, R. A. M.; Ionic Council, R. & S. M., of Bristol, Connecticut; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T., of Hartford; Connecticut Consistory; and the Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Hartford, Connecticut. He exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit and high purposes of the craft but outside of business prefers to give his time and attention to his family and friends. He is also a member of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, Manufacturers Association of Hartford County, National Association of Manufacturers, Hartford Club and Hartford Rotary Club.

In manner he is free from ostentation and display, but the sterling worth of his character is widely recognized and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard, recognizing his forcefulness as displayed in the establishment and development of an extensive business and his loyalty in citizenship.

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#### WILLIAM A. SANBORN

Possessing broad, enlightened and liberal-minded views, faith in himself and in the potentialities for development in Hartford, William A. Sanborn chose the field of real estate as his life work and his has been an active career in which he has accomplished important and far-reaching results contributing in no small degree to the expansion, material growth and improvement of his city. A native of Charlestown, Massachusetts, he was born September 4, 1864, his parents being Daniel Alfred and Ann Rogers (Forster) Sanborn. Research seems to establish beyond doubt the fact that the family is of English origin, with a coat-of-arms as follows: Argent, a chevron sable, between three mullets gules. Crest: A right hand holding a sheaf of arrows proper. There is another branch of the family which shows the arrows sable, and still another with a crest consisting of a lion rampant azure. As early as 1194 A. D. the name appears in England in the old form of De Sandeburne and in the fourteenth century the spelling was Samborne, or Sambourne, which orthography has been maintained in England, and the first American settlers also used the "m" and the final "e." After several generations, however, the modern spelling was adopted. William Sanborn, son of William and Anne (Bachiler) Sanborn, of Brimpton, Berks, was born about 1622 and the preponderance of evidence shows that he and his three brothers came to America with their grandfather, Rev. Stephen Bachiler, in 1632. Records speak of them in Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1639, and "in June, 1640, a house lot on the road towards the sea was granted to him." He married Mary, daughter of John Moulton, of Ormsby and of Hampton, New Hampshire, and died November 18, 1692. His son, Stephen Sanborn, born in Hampton, September 4, 1671, was a soldier of the wars of 1704 to 1708 and died June 21, 1750. He was married July 26, 1693, to Hannah, daughter of Lieutenant James Philbrick, of Hampton, and their son, Stephen Sanborn, was born at Hampton, May 1, 1694. He was married November 30, 1721, to Ruth Levet, of Hampton, where they always resided, the wife dying May 30, 1776, and the husband May 30, 1778. Their son, Amos Sanborn, born in Hampton, June 1, 1726, there resided until his father's death, when he removed to Moultonborough. He died March 3, 1815. To him and his wife, Polly, was born a son, Robert Sanborn, in Hampton, February 6, 1762. He became a resident of Sandwich, New Hampshire, married Mary Glines and died February 24, 1851. Their son, David Ambrose Sanborn, born in Sandwich, New Hampshire, February 14, 1795, died in Somerville, Massachusetts, February 19, 1875. He was a brick manufacturer and prominent citizen. He married Hannah Adams, who was



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born January 18, 1794, and died July 15, 1875. This worthy couple were grandparents of William A. Sanborn of this review.

Daniel Alfred Sanborn, father of William A. Sanborn, was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, April 5, 1827, and studied in the office of a prominent civil engineer of Boston. He was at one time superintendent of railroads in Maine and again in Delaware, and he took a contract to fill in a part of what is now the Back Bay district of Boston. In 1866 he entered the employ of J. B. Bennett, manager of the Cincinnati office of the Aetna Insurance Company, to make maps for insurance work. His was one of the earliest attempts in this direction and there was a very small demand for such maps in the beginning, but he possessed determination and courage and his perseverance resulted in building up a most important business, which he conducted profitably until ill health forced him to retire several years prior to his death, April 11, 1883. On the 6th of October, 1853, he had married Ann Rogers Forster, who was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, January 10, 1832, and died November 17, 1910.

William A. Sanborn, having attended private schools, continued his education in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Polytechnic Institute, after which he became associated with his father in the insurance map business. His residence in Hartford dates from 1890 and in 1901 he established his present real estate business, which has maintained a steady growth, reaching extensive and gratifying proportions. He has always specialized in developing high-class realty propositions, especially in residence districts, and has also had the agency for a number of the leading business buildings of the city. Gradually his activities have increased in scope and volume until many corporate interests today acknowledge indebtedness for success in large measure to his sound judgment and wise counsel. He is now president and treasurer of the Sanborn Map Company of New York, vice president and director of "Estate of Charles Forster" of Strong, Maine, director of the First Bond & Mortgage Company of Hartford, secretary and assistant treasurer of The Stratford Company of Hartford, director of the Institute for the Blind in Hartford, commissioner of the East Side Fire Board of West Hartford, director and vice president of the Capitol National Bank of Hartford, and formerly he was a director of the Colonial Bank and a director of the Standard Fire Insurance Company. The list of his business associations at once places him in the front rank among the leading citizens of Hartford.

On the 30th of October, 1884, Mr. Sanborn married Miss Nellie A. Smiley, a daughter of Joseph E. and Nellie Aurelius (Wightman) Smiley, of Philadelphia. They have an only child, Eleanor, born October 18, 1901. They have a beautiful summer home at Eastern Point, Connecticut, and are leaders in the social life of Hartford. In the social and club circles of Hartford and also of New York William A. Sanborn is prominently known. He has membership in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club (previous secretary), the Hartford Yacht Club (commodore), Curling Club of Hartford (previous president), Hartford Chamber of Commerce, Connecticut Historical Society, Sons of American Revolution, Wadsworth Athenaeum, Get-Together Club, Reciprocity Club and Hartford Automobile Club. He also belongs to the Union League Club of New York, the Automobile Club of America (New York), the American Museum of Natural History of New York and the Horticultural Society of New York. All this is indicative of the nature of his interests and activities outside the strict field of business and in matters of citizenship he has ever maintained a progressive and helpful attitude. He served as a member of the sewer board of West Hartford and also of the school board and gives hearty endorsement and earnest support to plans and projects looking to the upbuilding and development of the city. His sterling traits of character are many and he stands as a man among men, honored and respected wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

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#### ULYSSES JOHN LUPIEN

Ulysses John Lupien is a mechanical engineer of high standing and has been prominently identified with the industrial life of South Manchester for eight years. A native of Cohituate, Massachusetts, he was born December 12, 1883, and is a son of Frank and Laura (Brousseau) Lupien, who reside on a farm near Chelmsford, in Middlesex county, Massachusetts. He completed a course in the high school at

Wayland, Massachusetts, and subsequently was a student in the engineering department of Harvard University, which awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. For about one and a half years he was employed in the research department of the General Electric Company and in September, 1907, became an instructor in the Lowell Textile School at Lowell, Massachusetts, teaching mathematics, physics and electrical engineering. In addition he was athletic coach and acted in that capacity for eight years. During 1918 he spent four months in the shipyards at Sparrows Point, Maryland, serving as a planning engineer for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and then returned to Lowell, Massachusetts. Mr. Lupien was a member of the faculty of the Lowell Textile School until 1920, when he came to South Manchester as educational director for the plant of Cheney Brothers and is now assistant manager of industrial relations department.

In August, 1907, Mr. Lupien married Miss Eugenie M. Gosselin, of Lynn, Massachusetts, and they now have four children: Frank U., a member of the sophomore class of Tufts College; Albert J., a freshman at Harvard; Theodore A., who is in his senior year in high school; and Ulysses J., an eighth grade pupil. The members of the family adhere to the Catholic faith and are communicants of St. James' church. Mr. Lupien has always manifested a keen interest in civic affairs and while a resident of Chelmsford was made chairman of the school board, serving from 1916 until 1920. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Manchester Country Club and the American Management Association of New York. Through practical experience and deep study Mr. Lupien has constantly enlarged his field of usefulness and his personal qualities are such as inspire confidence and command respect.

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#### HON. RAYMOND A. JOHNSON

Possessing an alert mind, keen analytical powers and an energetic nature, Judge Raymond A. Johnson has risen rapidly in a most exacting profession and is accorded a place of prominence in legal circles of South Manchester. His pronounced ability and strength of character have led to his selection for public offices of trust and responsibility and the notable service which he rendered to the town as a legislator will long be remembered and appreciated. Born August 31, 1895, in Derby, Connecticut, he is a son of George A. and Mary (McCrindle) Johnson, the former a civil engineer who brought his family to Manchester in 1898.

At that time Raymond A. Johnson was a child of three years and here he obtained his early education, attending the Ninth District schools. In 1914 he completed a course in the South Manchester high school and in the fall of that year enrolled as a student in the law department of Boston University, from which he was graduated with honors in 1917. He chose Manchester as the scene of his professional labors and in the summer of 1917 secured a desirable location in the post office block owned by George W. Smith. It was in 1918 that Mr. Johnson received his first political appointment, becoming examiner of public records for the town of Manchester, and in 1919 he was chosen by Judge Alexander Arnott as assistant prosecuting attorney. His work attracted favorable notice and in 1921 he was selected by the general assembly for the office of police court judge, for which he proved equally well qualified, tempering justice with mercy. Judge Johnson is well versed in legal science and accurately applies his knowledge to the points in litigation. His course on the bench was strongly approved and in 1923 he was again named by the general assembly for the same office.

On July 12, 1921, Judge Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Dougan, a daughter of William and Flora (Coulton) Dougan, and a member of one of the prominent families of South Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Elsie Althea, born September 23, 1923; and Raymond A., January 28, 1925.

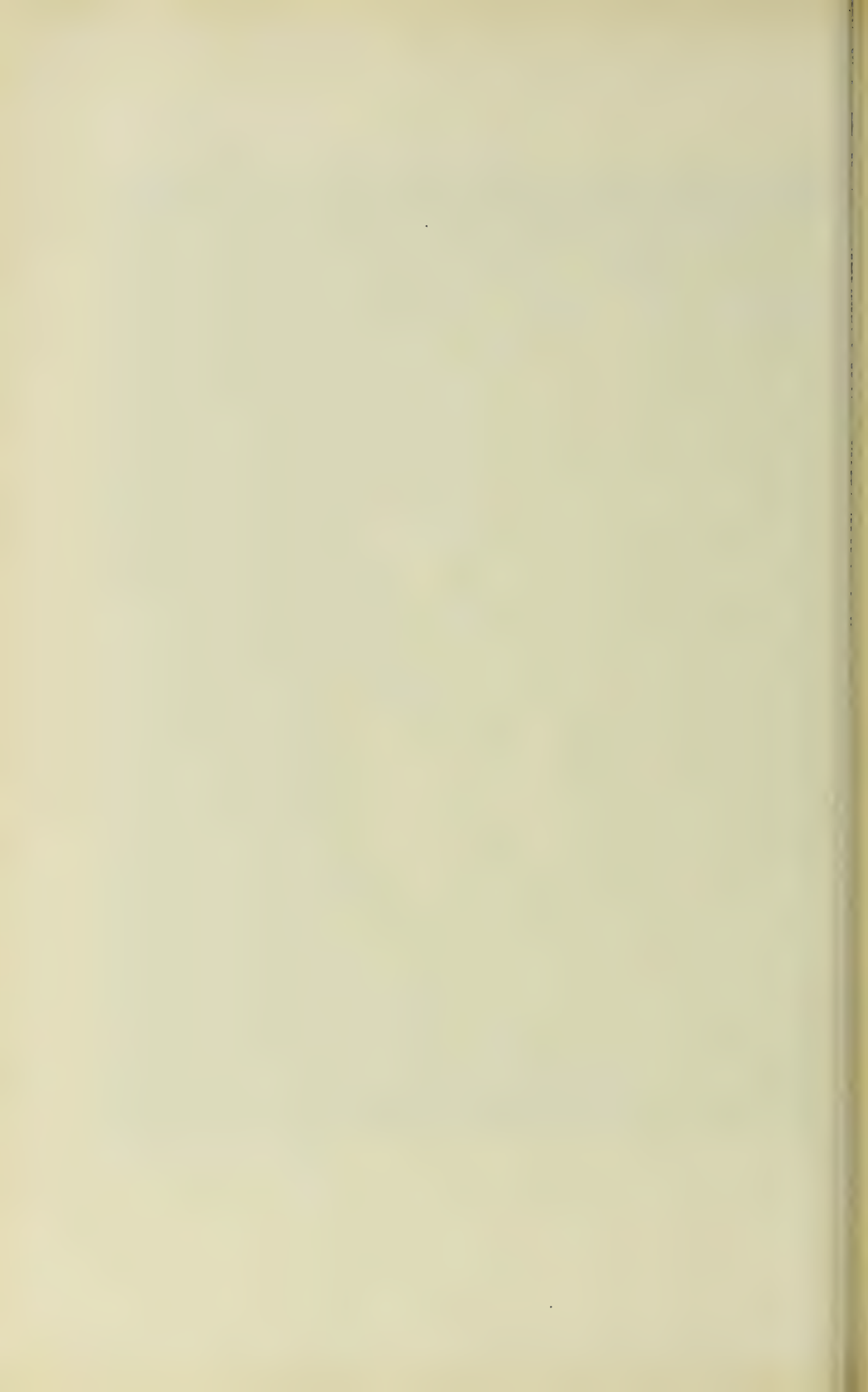
In politics the Judge is a republican and in 1922 was elected to represent his district in the lower house of the state legislature, being one of the youngest men ever sent from the town to that law-making body. His talents were soon recognized and he was appointed a member of the judiciary committee—an important assignment. In the session of 1923 he introduced his first measure, the Manchester Armory bill, which other representatives had tried unsuccessfully to put through the legis-





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lature, and a bitter contest ensued. Through herculean efforts he won the victory and Manchester was given the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars with which to build an armory, the largest state appropriation ever secured in the history of the town. Judge Johnson was reelected for the session of 1926 and again for the sessions of 1927 and 1929. In January, 1928, he was appointed First Assistant Attorney General.

Judge Johnson attends the Center Congregational church and contributes liberally toward the support of all local projects of worth. He was made a member of the charter revision committee and a member of the building committee of the new Hartford County building, erected at a cost of two million dollars and in these connections has done an important service for the community. A lover of clean sport, he derives much enjoyment from the national game and was president of the Manchester Baseball Club. He is a member of Manchester lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the local Country Club and was one of the directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Along professional lines he is connected with the Phi Delta Phi fraternity and the Alumni Association of the Boston University Law School. A young man of magnetic personality and substantial worth, Judge Johnson enjoys the esteem of many friends and combines in his character all of the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen.

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#### FRANK E. TRIPP

Frank E. Tripp, vice president of The Hartford Times and general manager of the Gannett Newspapers, Incorporated, was born in Breesport, New York, February 21, 1882. Mr. Tripp's grandmother was Nancy Fairbanks of the Fairbanks family, Dedham, Massachusetts, 1630, and his grandfather was James Tripp of Kennebunkport, Maine, of the Tripp family, Newport, Rhode Island, 1680.

Mr. Tripp, who for twenty-two years has been associated with Frank E. Gannett, owner of the Gannett Newspapers, Incorporated, is one of the best known newspaper men in the United States. He has had a wide experience in the editorial, circulation, advertising and executive phases of newspaper work. He became one of the owners and vice president and director of The Hartford Times when this newspaper was acquired on January 24, 1928, from the Burr Printing Company.

Mr. Tripp, in addition to The Hartford Times, has general supervision over fourteen other newspapers published in New York and New Jersey and is publisher of all three of the newspapers in Elmira, New York, as well as holding the vice presidency and directorship in all of the newspapers of the group. He is a member of the Masons, Shriners, Rotary Club, Elks and has held many important honorary and executive positions in civic organizations. His home is in Elmira, New York.

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#### EDWARD FRANCIS AHERN

Edward Francis Ahern, secretary and general manager of P. Berry & Sons, Inc., with offices at 389 Windsor street in Hartford, was born November 21, 1886, in the city where he still resides, and is a son of Matthew J. and Bridget (Driscoll) Ahern. The father, a native of Ireland, came to America with his parents about 1847, the family home being established in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he acquired a limited education. In 1858 he came to Hartford and was associated with the New England Granite Works of James B. Batterson & Company for forty-seven years, his long connection being proof of the fact of his capability and fidelity. He died in 1907. His wife was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and was a representative of the Driscoll family that was here established during the pioneer epoch in the settlement of the state.

Edward F. Ahern attended the Arsenal school and the Hartford high school, from which he was graduated in 1904, while subsequently he spent four years in the employ of John D. Browne of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company. In 1908 he became associated with P. Berry & Sons, Inc., as a traveling salesman and in that connection succeeded in increasing the development of the trade, while recog-



dition of his business ability came to him in 1916, when he was made secretary and general manager. He has since occupied this dual position, fully measuring up to the requirements and meeting the standards of service demanded in that office.

On the 29th of April, 1912, Mr. Ahern was married to Miss Agnes L. Long, of Hartford. Their three children are: Edward F., Jr., born February 7, 1913; Ann Berry, born June 21, 1916; and Mary Agnes, October 21, 1921. The family residence is at 80 Cone street.

Mr. Ahern enjoys horse racing and golf and has membership in the Hartford Golf Club. He also belongs to the Hartford Club and the Lions Club and in political circles is well known through his earnest support of democratic principles. He is a member of the board of water commissioners through appointment of Mayor Batterson on the 1st of May, 1928. He was the campaign manager for John F. Gaffey, a mayoralty candidate in 1928, and he has taken an active part in furthering the interests of the democratic organization here, reaching out along lines that are effective and resultant.

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#### JOHN EDGAR AHERN

John Edgar Ahern, secretary of the accident department of the Travelers Insurance Company, was born in Hartford, August 6, 1880. John E. Ahern completed his education by graduating from the Hartford high school as a member of the class of 1898 and the same year initiated his business career by entering the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company. He was assigned to the accident department, working his way upward through the various positions in this department until in 1912 he was made secretary and has so continued through all the intervening years.

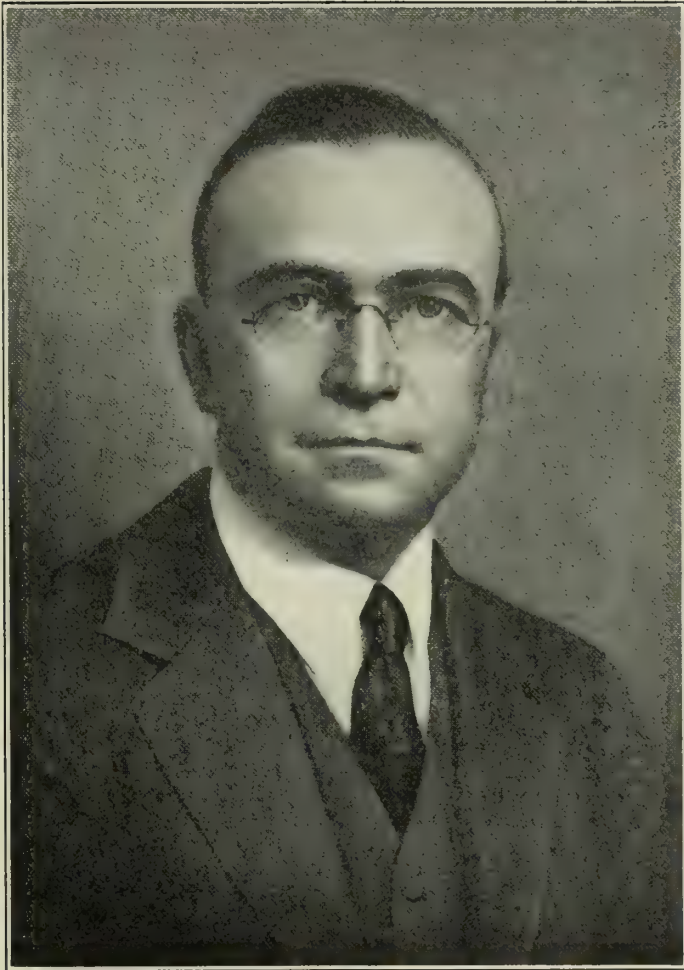
On the 3d of January, 1923, Mr. Ahern was united in marriage to Miss Mae E. Connors, of Hartford, Connecticut, and they have one son, John E., Jr. Mr. Ahern belongs to the Hartford Club and Hartford Golf Club, which indicates his appreciation of the social amenities of life, and he also has membership with the Knights of Columbus. He was chairman of the Bureau of Personal Accident and Health Underwriters for a number of years and is a fellow of the Insurance Institute of America.

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#### DANA TURLEY LEAVENWORTH

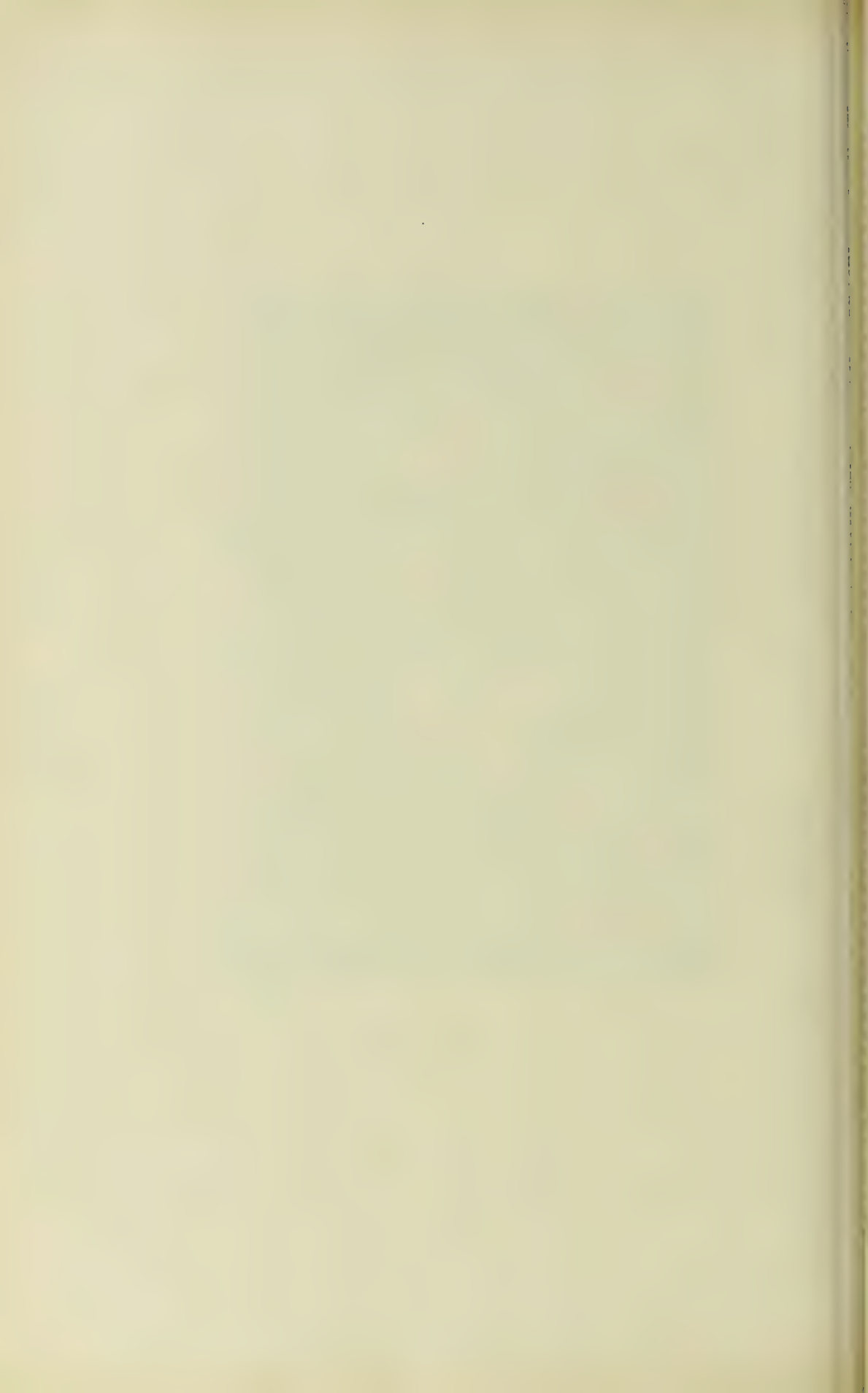
Dana Turley Leavenworth, who won his title by service in the World war, is numbered among the successful business men of Hartford and worthily bears a name which for more than two and a half centuries has stood for the highest traditions in Connecticut's citizenship. He was born June 25, 1888, in Roxbury, this state, and is a son of George W. P. and Cora (Turley) Leavenworth, the former a native of Connecticut, while the latter was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. In the paternal line Captain Leavenworth is of English lineage. Dr. Thomas Leavenworth, the American progenitor of the family, came from England about 1668 and was one of the earliest settlers of Stratford, Connecticut. Captain David Leavenworth, an ancestor, fought in the Revolutionary war. George W. P. Leavenworth, above mentioned, lives in the ancestral home at Roxbury, Connecticut. He, as well as his father, the late John Henry Leavenworth, were men who throughout their lives were loyal and devoted to the town of Roxbury. Each was active in town affairs, was chosen as selectman, and also represented the town in the legislature, so that their influence has become a part of the history of Roxbury. The Turley family is of Protestant Irish origin and its representatives were merchants of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and cotton plantation owners, on the Red River.

While acquiring an education Captain Leavenworth attended the public schools of Woodbury and continued his studies in Yale University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910. After his graduation he became an employe of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, with which he remained for about six years, during this time residing in Hartford and Waterbury. In 1916 he went to the Mexican border with the Second Connecticut Infantry, serving from July to November, when he was honorably discharged. He enlisted on the day



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DANA T. LEAVENWORTH





after the United States declared war on Germany, and about April 20, 1917, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. In August, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and sailed from Montreal for France in September with Company K of the One Hundred and Second Infantry, Twenty-sixth Division, which was transported to Havre by way of Liverpool and Southampton. Captain Leavenworth was for some time acting adjutant of the One Hundred and Second Infantry and also commanded at different times during the war several companies of this regiment, having seen eight months' active service at the front as a captain with the same regiment, and about two years' overseas service. He participated in the engagements of Seicheprey and Chateau Thierry, the Aisne-Marne and St. Mihiel offensives and the Verdun-Argonne campaign. He was mustered out May 1, 1919, at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, with a highly creditable military record and for three years thereafter was associated with Kidder, Peabody & Company, investment bankers of Boston. In January, 1923, he returned to Hartford and became a member of the firm of Eddy & Leavenworth, Inc., investment bankers, as the vice president of the firm. This firm is now in process of liquidation. The successor company is The Capital National Company, of which he is assistant secretary.

Captain Leavenworth was married February 20, 1924, in Cheshire, Connecticut, to Miss Marie C. Schmitz, and they have a son, Robert Dana, who was born October 20, 1925. They reside at No. 56 Bretton road and the business address of Captain Leavenworth is No. 414 Asylum street. He is connected with the Officers Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army, in which he holds the rank of captain. He is a member of Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at Waterbury, Hartford Golf Club, University Club of Hartford and the Yale Club of Boston. His religious views are in harmony with the teachings of the Congregational church and he is one of the trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and of the Fund for Ministers. Captain Leavenworth is a broad-minded man of patriotic impulses and high principles and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### THOMAS F. KANE, M. D.

In public office, in medical practice and in private life Dr. Thomas F. Kane has made his service of benefit and value to his fellowmen. He was born in Hartford, February 23, 1863, and is a son of Patrick and Bridget (Spellacy) Kane, who were natives of Ireland but settled in Hartford in the early '50s, here maintaining their home, so that their son Thomas had the advantage of training in the public and high schools. His more specifically classical course was taken in Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the Bachelor of Arts degree was there conferred upon him in 1884. Having mentally reviewed the broad field of business with its countless opportunities along agricultural, professional and commercial lines, he decided to devote his attention to medical practice and enrolled as a student in the Harvard Medical College, in which he studied for two years. He then entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York city and won his M. D. degree among the alumni of 1887. A year thereafter was devoted to serving as interne in the New York Hospital and late in the year 1887 he returned to Hartford, where he opened an office. For more than forty years he has continued a member of the medical profession here, conscientiously performing his duties and keeping abreast with modern methods that his labors may be of the utmost value to his patients. He belongs to the City, County, State and American Medical Associations and the interchange of thought and ideas in their meetings has added much to his efficiency, while in the field of experience, too, he has also learned many valuable lessons.

On the 5th of October, 1905, Dr. Kane was married to Miss Mamella Quinn, a daughter of Patrick A. and Mary S. (Scott) Quinn, of Hartford. They have two children: Thomas Quinn, born March 5, 1908; and Mary Scott, born November 6, 1912.

Dr. Kane belongs to the Hartford Club and in his political connection is a democrat. For many years he has given beneficial service to his community as a member of the local health board and for an extended period has also served on the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He has likewise served on the state board of charities and has thus ably cooperated in the

organized effort to ameliorate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate. In all that he does he is actuated by a spirit of broad humanitarianism and his genuine friendship for his fellowmen has been manifest in many tangible ways.

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#### MICHAEL FRANCIS CLAFFEY, M. D.

Dr. Michael Francis Claffey, a member of the medical profession at Bristol, specializing on the treatment of the eye and ear, was born at Colchester, Connecticut, January 14, 1886, and is a son of Michael and Anna (Conway) Claffey. The family removed to Naugatuck, Connecticut, where the Doctor was reared and where he attended the graded and high schools. He afterward became a student in Niagara University, there remaining for two years, and subsequently he matriculated in the University of Vermont for the study of medicine, winning his professional degree at his graduation with the class of 1914. He gained broad and valuable experience in hospital work as interne in the Waterbury Hospital, with which he was thus associated for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he returned to Naugatuck, where he opened an office in 1916, there devoting his attention to professional duties until April, 1918, when he entered the United States army in the chemical warfare department and was commissioned first lieutenant, remaining in that branch of the service until mustered out on the 6th of September, 1919.

In the same year Dr. Claffey entered the New York Eye and Ear Hospital, in which he remained for a year, gaining comprehensive knowledge of ophthalmology and otology. He thence removed to Waterbury, Connecticut, where he practiced until April 6, 1922, when he opened an office in Bristol, where he has since continued. Through the intervening period of six years his practice has steadily increased in volume and importance, and at all times he keeps abreast of modern professional thought and methods, being familiar with the latest researches and discoveries. From July 5 to September 15, 1927, he spent in Bordeaux, France, where he took a postgraduate course in medicine.

On the 30th of June, 1919, at Asheville, North Carolina, Dr. Claffey was united in marriage to Helene Delpire, and they are the parents of a son, John D. Dr. Claffey has membership in the Bristol lodge of Elks and also in the Improved Order of Red Men. He has gained many friends during his residence in Bristol, owing to his personal worth, while his professional ability has established him among the capable medical practitioners of his section of the county.

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#### HON. ALFRED EDMUND BURR

Time constitutes the acid test which indicates the real worth of an individual and proves the lasting qualities of his contribution to the world's work. While twenty-eight years have been added to the cycle of the centuries since Alfred Edmund Burr died, his labors still are evident in the business enterprises which he established or promoted and in the influence which he exerted over the lives of others. He was widely known as the founder of The Hartford Daily Times. Throughout all the years of his connection with this journal he furthered the development and progress of city and state and he was the friend of the laboring men, even to the end that he sought change in the laws for their benefit. He recognized, too, what added industries would mean to the city and did much to secure the establishment of business enterprises here. He figured in the banking circles of Hartford and he labored untiringly for the welfare of boys, but all this was so intimate a part of the life of Hartford as to need more detailed mention; and to those who were associated with him, and to those who know aught of his career, he expressed a most lovable, kindly nature, reminding one that

"Not unto all is God's good gift  
Of simple tenderness allowed."

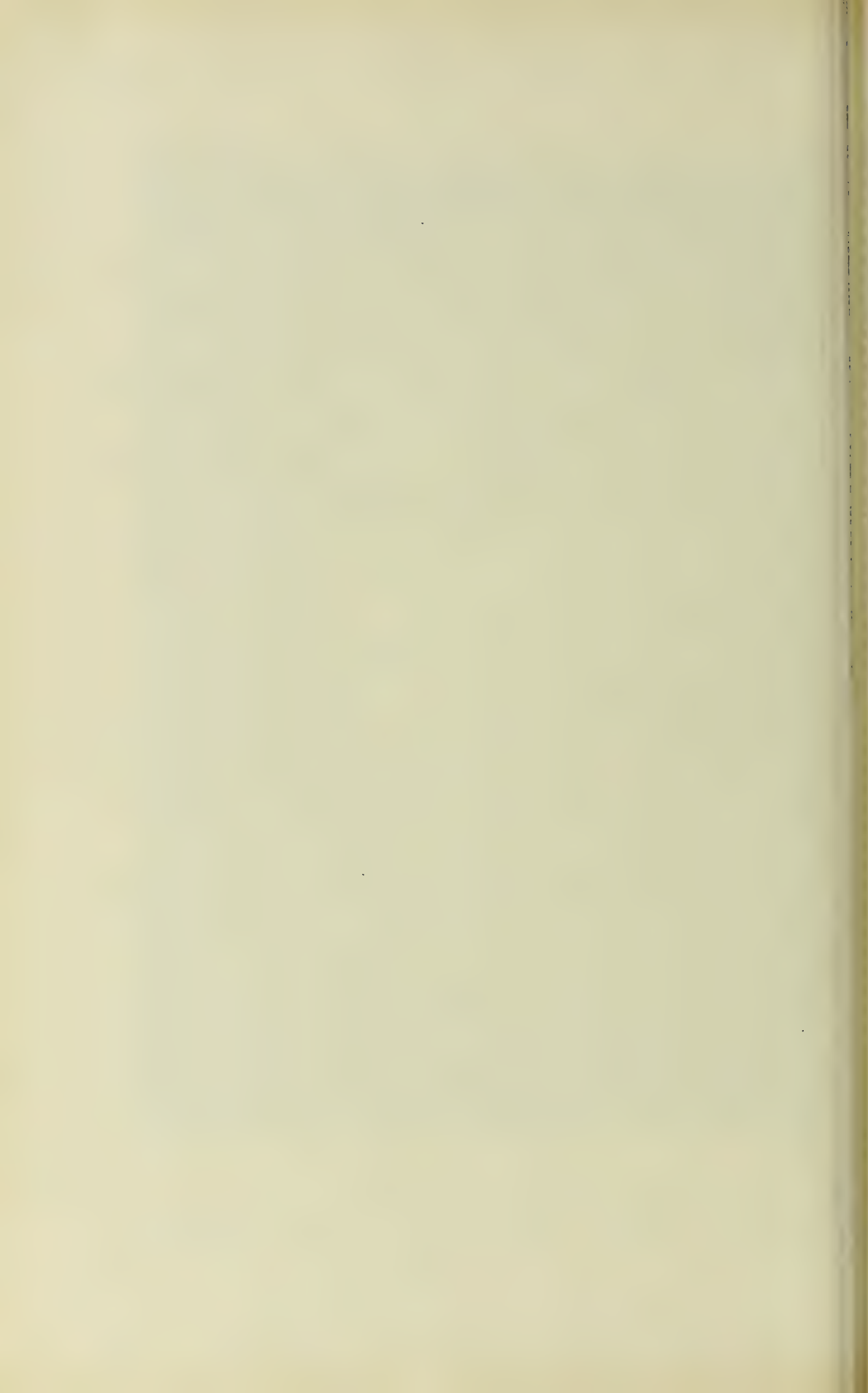
Hartford feels a justifiable pride in the fact that Alfred Edmund Burr was one of her native sons. He was born March 27, 1815, his parents being James and Lucretia (Olcott) Burr, while his ancestral record was one of close connection with the capital





DR. MICHAEL F. CLAFFEY





city inasmuch as three of his ancestors were numbered among the original proprietors of the town. He traced his line of descent down from Benjamin Burr, who aided in founding Hartford in 1636 and was one of the original proprietors. Through Thomas of the second generation and Thomas of the third generation the line came down to James Burr, his father. On the distaff side he was descended in the seventh generation from Thomas Olcott, numbered among Hartford's original proprietors of 1639 and one of the early merchants who contributed to the pioneer commercial development of Connecticut. The direct ancestors in successive generations were Samuel, Thomas (II), Joseph, Joseph (II) and Lucretia (Olcott) Burr. His father, James Burr, who was connected with the East India trade, had two of his brigs captured by French privateers toward the close of the eighteenth century and another was lost in a gale off the Barbadoes. The heavy losses which he suffered caused Alfred E. Burr to seek employment when a young lad of thirteen years. He obtained the job of apprentice on the Connecticut Courant, the property of George Goodwin & Sons, and there he won various promotions until in 1836 his employers made him an offer of partial ownership, but under the condition that he should attend a certain denominational church and uphold the political faith which had been the policy of the paper. This offer Mr. Burr declined.

The Hartford Weekly Times was established in 1817. It was inspired and directed by John M. Niles, "toleration" leader, United States senator and postmaster general under President Van Buren. A distinguished contributor was Gideon Welles, Lincoln's secretary of the navy. In 1838 the Times was owned by Judge Henry A. Mitchell, who had resigned his position as state's attorney of Hartford county and to assume management of the paper. In November of that year Mr. Burr called at the office, asking if Mr. Mitchell would sell a half interest in the Times, and his suggestions concerning the improvement of the paper, especially in its mechanical features, led Gideon Welles, who was present on that occasion, to advise Mr. Mitchell to admit the young man to a partnership relation. He assumed charge over the mechanical department but almost at once became connected with certain editorial work and in 1840 he bought out his partner, taking full possession on January 1, 1841.

The progressive spirit which characterized his entire life was soon manifest. After two months he began issuing a morning edition, called the Daily Times, and when after two months' experience he felt that the working men preferred an evening paper, he brought forth the Daily Times at their hour of leisure and within a year had increased the daily circulation to three thousand copies. Unalloyed success was not his, for in order to make the purchase he had to incur an indebtedness, large for him, but year by year he decreased this by prudent business methods. It became the end and aim of his life to publish a journal that would be of real worth to the community and state and he never deviated from his purpose even to accept high political honors which at times were proffered him. He was fortunate in that he came into close touch with John M. Niles, Thomas H. Seymour, Loren T. Pease and Gideon Welles, distinguished democratic leaders of the state, who, making daily visits to his office, discussed there the vital questions of the day and matters of international moment. It was a splendid school for the young journalist, who caught a vision of conditions and opportunities affecting political machinery and governmental regulations that was of the greatest worth to him as an editor. He became a most fearless exponent of what he believed to be right and his editorials presented his beliefs in a clear, terse, concise and forceful manner. He did not believe in the bitter antagonism which so often were manifest in the journals of his day, especially through the era that preceded and followed the Civil war and while that conflict raged, yet never for a moment did he withdraw from a position which he believed to be right. It is doubtful if any other agency was so potent in directing political thought and action in Connecticut as was the Hartford Times under the leadership of Mr. Burr. In this connection one of his contemporaries wrote at the time of his death: "Mr. Burr made the Times a democratic newspaper of the most steadfast and rock-bound quality, and, standing on that ground, he adhered firmly to his principles when the organization was threatened with disruption by unwise leadership. With all his might he opposed the movement to repeal the Missouri Compromise, and when that unfortunate act led on to the fatal schism of 1860 he stood with the supporters of Breckenridge and the south, against Stephen A. Douglas and the doctrines of squatter sovereignty, and was most influential in the

large vote Connecticut cast for Breckenridge, as compared with other New England states. He believed that the war which broke out in 1861 had been needlessly forced upon the country, and that it might have been averted by a wise spirit of conservatism and adherence to democratic principles, and so did not swerve from his consistent course, and when another four years rolled around nearly forty-nine per cent. of the total vote of Connecticut supported the policy advocated by the Times. He stood in the storms of those days like adamant for what he believed to be sound and conservative principles in government, and there is probably no man today who will dare to say that his motives at that time were not as pure and as patriotic as when, over thirty years afterward, in the campaign of 1896, the Times, with his entire acquiescence, repudiated the heresies which populists, disguised as democrats, had thrust into the party platform, and aided with all its influence in defeating the candidate for the presidency, whose election would have aimed a death-blow at the public credit. From the time when Mr. Burr first made the Times' influence felt as a political newspaper in Connecticut his relation to the organization of the party became an intimate one, and his activity in party work during political campaigns was second to that of no other man in the democratic ranks. For many years no democratic platform was adopted in Connecticut which was not wholly or in part prepared by him. In campaign after campaign he raised all money that was obtained for party work, never failing himself to be a large contributor."

It was natural that Mr. Burr should have direct voice also in the work of the party and he was again and again sent as a delegate to its state and national conventions, serving as such in 1876 when Samuel J. Tilden was the democratic nominee and again in 1880 when Grover Cleveland became the standard bearer of the party. The great problems which claimed the attention of both political organizations called forth his analytical power and he guarded carefully the interests of the laboring man in the framing of tariff laws and supported most earnestly and effectively much legislation that had to do with protecting the interests of the wage earner. For two terms he represented Hartford in the general assembly, supporting every project which he deemed vital to the welfare of the commonwealth. Such was his high standing that a republican speaker of the house appointed him to the responsible position of chairman of the education committee.

Mr. Burr always advocated high wages for the laborer and he recognized, too, that Hartford would be greatly benefitted by the establishment of business enterprises here that would furnish employment to the workmen, while at the same time the material development and prosperity of the city would be promoted. It was his feeling in this connection that led him to take active part in aiding in the establishment of the Colt firearms plant in Hartford. In 1873, as chairman of the commission which built the state capitol, he so directed the work that the cost came within the appropriations made, and again he rendered valuable service to the public as chairman of the committee having in charge the sale of Hartford's old town farm property, on which a handsome return was secured. He championed in notable measure the Hartford public high school, overcoming opposition to the plans and aiding the project to a successful conclusion. He was equally effective in overcoming opposition to Bushnell Park and rejoiced when that plan brought about the establishment of one of the most beautiful parks of New England. From 1872 until 1876 he served on the street board of Hartford, and his labors were a vital element in the building of the reservoir system of West Hartford. In 1877 he became a member of the state board of health, on which he served until 1893, acting as president thereof from 1885 until he retired from the board. For fourteen years, beginning in 1883, he was a member of the board of pardons.

His cooperation was naturally sought in connection with the city's business development and he became president or director of various corporations. He was instrumental in securing the charter for the Dime Savings Bank in 1870 and was its president for many years. He was also identified with the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company through a service of nearly thirty years on its directorate and was likewise a director of the Spring Grove Cemetery Association. He was the holder of one of the first policies issued by the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, this being written in 1846. Through all and above all, however, the Hartford Times held first place in his thought and interests and some years prior to his death he purchased the interest of his brother, Franklin L. Burr, who had been part owner from 1854. In later years Alfred E. Burr turned the management



and ownership of the paper over to his son, Willie Olcott Burr. The service of the father was sixty-one years and that of the son sixty years, a total of one hundred and twenty-one years, a record probably unequalled among newspapers of the United States.

On the 18th of April, 1841, Mr. Burr married Sarah A. Booth, a daughter of Abner Booth, of Meriden, Connecticut, and they became parents of three children, but one son, Edmund L., died at the age of three years. The daughter, Ella, became the wife of Dr. James McManus, of Hartford. Another son, Willie Olcott Burr, whose whole life was given to the Times, died in 1921.

Mr. Burr was always keenly interested in the welfare of boys and took a prominent part in promoting the Good Will Club and in securing a club building. He acted as president of the club for many years and was always the genial friend and wise counselor of its young members. Of Unity church he long served as a trustee, and every phase of the city's material, intellectual and moral growth was fostered and promoted by him. The Hartford Business Men's Association at his death passed a resolution which contained the following: "He was recognized for more than half a century as an active promoter, by pen and word, of every enterprise for the welfare and advancement of his native city. He gave his valuable aid in making Hartford the important business center that it is today, and he was always foremost by his personal labor and example in forwarding the growth of the city as a municipality and the benefits as individuals. His active participation in many large enterprises, and his connection with some of the city's greatest banking, insurance and manufacturing corporations, gave him a close insight into the business life and needs of Hartford, and, knowing them, he was earnest in his labors for the advancement of the people, alike by aid from his private means and the publicity and encouragement given in the columns of the newspaper he controlled."

The Hartford Daily Times remains as a monument to his initiative, his business ability and his progressive spirit. Many public projects equally attest his effective interest in the city and state. The intellectual men of Connecticut profited by his advice and broad-minded attitude on public questions, but in the heart of the great mass of people his memory is cherished because of his tender spirit, his lovable qualities, his high purposes, and well may those who were his associates say of him:

"His life was gentle, and the elements  
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the world: 'This was a man.'"

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#### CHARLES FRANCIS BROOKS

Charles Francis Brooks, building superintendent of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company at Hartford, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, September 11, 1863, and is a son of Phillip A. and Ann (Walls) Brooks, the former a native of Quebec, Canada, and the latter of Ireland. He acquired a public school education at Bridgeport and at New Haven, and following the removal of the family to Three Rivers, in the province of Quebec, he finished his schooling in St. Joseph's College, having to learn and use the French language there. In 1879 he came to Hartford, where he was employed by the Adams Express Company and was connected with the trucking business for about ten years. He then became associated with his father in building operations and that relation was maintained for a decade. His identification with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company dates from October, 1903, at which time he was made building superintendent and has since filled the position, being today the oldest superintendent of Life buildings in Hartford.

In 1884 Mr. Brooks joined the Connecticut National Guard for a period of three years and afterward reenlisted, serving in all for about nine years. In 1920 he became a member of the Governors Foot Guard and thus served for four years, after which he joined the Veteran Corps and was commissioned major in 1925. He held the rank of major of Company A of the Veteran Corps during the World war.

On the 24th of October, 1888, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Hattie L. Brayman, of Danbury, Connecticut, and they became the parents of two daughters and a son, namely: E. Madeline, who is the wife of George S. Longley, Jr.; Louise E.,

the wife of Roy E. Clark, of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Francis Phillip, who died in October, 1908, at the age of seventeen years. The last named was in the United States navy and passed away at Mare Island, California, following his return from Central America.

Mr. Brooks is a member of Hartford Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., and he belongs to the Automobile Club of Hartford, serving on its board of governors and as chairman of its publication committee. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Hartford Building Superintendents Association, of which he is now the secretary. He is well known here and stands as a high type of the stable and substantial New England citizen.

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#### JOHN HENRY HALL

John Henry Hall of Hartford, Connecticut, exemplified in his life all those sterling qualities of mind and character which have made the name of New Englander a proud possession. Energetic and ambitious, he united hard common sense with that imaginative faculty which sees an opportunity in a rather unpromising opening, and, persevering and progressive, he adapted his methods of attack to the nature of the problem before him. Successful in business, he was generous of his time and of his means to the community of which he felt himself a part, and cheerfully fulfilled the duties as well as accepted the privileges of citizenship. He was an exemplar of all that was worthy and fine in the American business man, and left a memory that will always be held in reverent esteem. In Portland, where he resided for ten years, and in Hartford, in which city he spent the latter part of his life, there was no name in business circles that carried greater weight for ability and uprightness than that of John Henry Hall. He came of the best New England stock, and himself represented the ninth generation of that God-fearing, progressive and intelligent race which has done so much to imprint its own character upon American institutions.

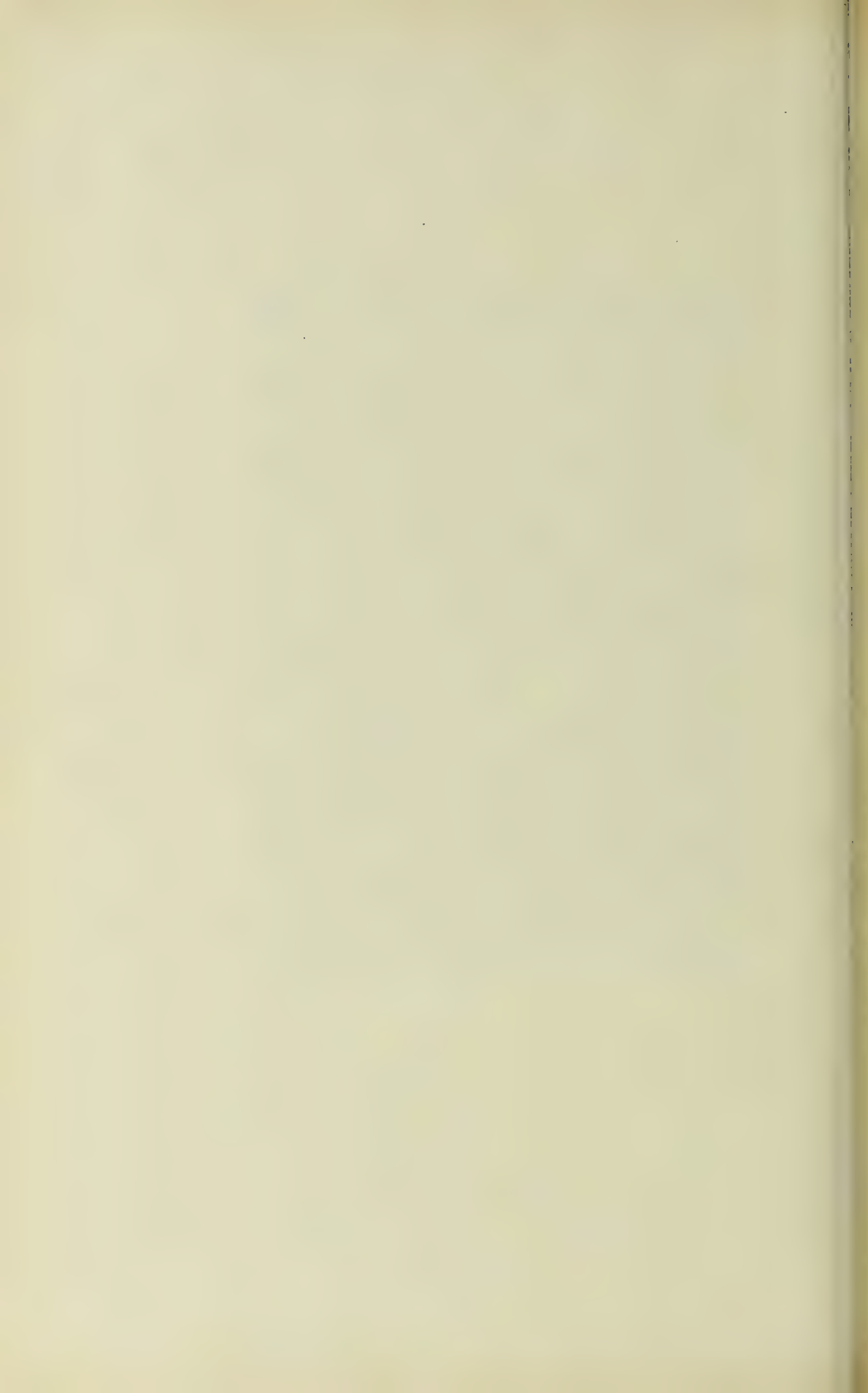
John Henry Hall was born March 24, 1849, in Portland, Connecticut, and as a young boy went to the local public schools. He was then sent to Chase's famous school in Middletown and later finished his school work at the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, Connecticut. Deciding upon a business career, he entered the employ of Sturgis, Bennett & Company of New York, at that time one of the largest importers of tea and coffee in the country. Here he remained for five years and did good work, winning promotions which put him at the age of nineteen at the head of the foreign and insurance departments. In December, 1877, he returned to Portland, having purchased a share in the Pickering Governor business. He saw the possibilities in the enterprise conducted under the firm name of T. R. Pickering & Company, although to a less shrewd eye they were not so evident. Into this venture Mr. Hall put his customary energy and his keen executive ability, with the result that it was soon in a more than prosperous condition. In the first five years of his association with the firm the sales increased from five hundred a year to five thousand. In addition to his interests in the Pickering Governor concern, Mr. Hall was in 1884 elected the president of the Shaler & Hall Quarry Company, with which his family had long been identified. He soon infused new life and energy, characteristic of the man, into this enterprise. He revolutionized its entire management, introduced new and up-to-date machinery and started it upon a new and thoroughly vigorous career, resulting in prosperity. Twelve years after he became connected with the business, a new company was formed called the Brainerd, Shaler & Hall Quarry Company, and he became the president and acted in this capacity until his death. In the meanwhile his own business, which had been carried on as a partnership, was reorganized as a corporation, Mr. Hall's official position being that of treasurer, while he also retained a proprietary interest.

Early in 1888 Mr. Hall became general manager and treasurer of the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Company and although his position was a trying one and he was new to the field, and the burden of the management and control of this world-wide corporation rested mainly on him, with marked insight and marvelous sagacity he soon mastered the situation, adopting new methods and infusing new life and vigor into the many and varied channels of its activities. When he took control



JOHN H. HALL





the business was bankrupt but he soon placed it on a firm foundation and continued in the service of the company for many years, being its president at the time of his death.

Mr. Hall always took a deep interest in the town of his adoption, and was prominent in working for its well-being. He refused nominations to both branches of the state legislature, it being necessary for him to concentrate his energies upon the undertakings to which he was committed. He received various offers of preferment from his fellow citizens who desired his ability in the conduct of municipal affairs, but refusing some, he served from 1890 to 1896 on the city board of water commissioners. In 1895-96 he served as state senator from the first district of Hartford, his party affiliations being democratic, and in 1896-1900 supported the gold wing of the organization.

Mr. Hall was a director in various Hartford corporations, among these being the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Hartford National Bank and the Dime Savings Bank. He was one of the organizers of the Board of Trade and was a member of its first board of directors. In New York he was a director of the Neptune Meter Company. His name was also on the membership rolls of the Hartford Club, the Manhattan Club, the Engineers' Club, the New York Yacht Club of New York city and the Metropolitan Club of Washington. Moreover, he held membership in the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars and the Mayflower Society. In Masonry he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and his religious faith was indicated in his membership in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Protestant Episcopal, in which he was senior warden.

On the 9th of February, 1870, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Sarah Garrett Loines, of New York, who was descended from Quaker stock on her father's side and also from the family of Hopkins of Rhode Island. Mr. Hall died June 25, 1902, after an illness of about three weeks, and many tributes were paid to his memory and to the sense of the loss the community had sustained. He was able and upright as a business man. Loyalty to the highest, as he knew it, was the keynote to the character of the man, and it was to be seen in his business relations, his contact with the community at large and in his social connection.

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#### MATTHEW J. HAYES

Matthew J. Hayes, a well known contractor of New Britain operating under the name of the Hayes Construction Company in the execution of all kinds of building contracts except residences, illustrates in his career what can be accomplished through determined effort wisely directed. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and obstacles have seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed and persistent effort on his part. Born in Manchester, Connecticut, in 1880, he is a son of John A. and Ellen (Toohey) Hayes, who were natives of Ireland, the mother coming to the new world in 1860. The father, who was born in 1846, followed railroading and died in 1881.

Matthew J. Hayes pursued his early education in St. Mary's parochial school and afterward attended the Huntsinger Business College in Hartford. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the B. H. Hibbard Company, building contractors, for whom he worked for eighteen years. The business was incorporated in 1906, at which time Mr. Hayes was appointed assistant treasurer, and in the year 1917 he was elected president of the Hibbard Company, a fact which indicates that he had made steady advancement, constantly developing his powers and meeting every situation with a capability that produced gratifying results. In 1919 he incorporated the Leavitt & Hayes Company, which continued operations under that name until 1922, when Mr. Leavitt withdrew, since which time the business has been carried on under the name of the Hayes Construction Company. His work covers a wide scope, including all kinds of contract building except residences, and the success of the undertaking is further guaranteed in the fact that he owns a lumber yard which furnishes him needed builders' supplies. The company erected the Swedish Bethlehem church of New Britain, St. Ann's church of Hartford, the Smalley and Vance street schools of New Britain, and now has under construction

a war memorial building which when completed will cost approximately two hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Hayes is the president and treasurer of the Hayes Construction Company, with C. J. Callahan as secretary and a director. The company belongs to the Association of General Contractors of America and also to the local association of contractors.

In 1916 Mr. Hayes married May L. Ferguson, who was born in New Britain, and their family now numbers three sons: Matthew F., born in 1917; Robert, in 1919; and John Earl, in 1924. The two elder sons are attending the Stanley school. The parents are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of New Britain and Mrs. Hayes is connected with various activities of women in this city. Fraternally Mr. Hayes is allied with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is also a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Shuttle Meadow Club. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and in matters of citizenship he meets all requirements but concentrates the major part of his time and attention upon his business affairs with the result that success in substantial measure is rewarding his labors.

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#### C. P. TOMLINSON

C. P. Tomlinson, president of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, was born in Danbury, Connecticut, June 6, 1886, his parents being Wilbur F. and Antoinette (French) Tomlinson. He is of the ninth generation of the family to have lived in this state, the first representative of the family here being Henry Tomlinson, who settled in Milford, Connecticut, in 1652.

After he had graduated from the high school of Danbury, Carl Perkins Tomlinson attended the Bingham School in Asheville, North Carolina, and later entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University where he graduated in 1907. He is the thirteenth member of his branch of the Tomlinson family to graduate from Yale, the first being Dr. Agur Tomlinson, Yale College, 1744.

Leaving Yale in 1907 he followed engineering work that took him over the United States, Canada and Europe. In 1914 he became associated with the Grangers Manufacturing Company of Boston and West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, which had been organized by his father in 1912. This company is engaged in the manufacture of limestone products and Mr. Tomlinson has been identified therewith as general manager since 1915 and was made vice president in 1923. He has resided in Hartford since 1914 and his residence is 218 North Beacon street.

In 1926 he was elected president of the Capitol National Bank of Hartford, which was organized that year. He is a director of the Grangers Manufacturing Company and the American Brick Company both of Boston, The W. F. Tomlinson Company of Danbury, Connecticut, The Capitol National Bank and Trust Company and the Capitol National Company.

On the 11th of December, 1913, Mr. Tomlinson was married to Miss Louise Treacy, the daughter of Dr. William and Isa (Lear) Treacy, of Helena, Montana. He is a Mason and a republican in politics and has membership in the Country Club of Farmington, Vernon Hall, Phi Gamma Delta, the University Club of Hartford and the Yale Club and Engineers Club of New York. He is treasurer of the Connecticut Society of the Founders and Patriots of America, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a fellow of the American Geographical Society and an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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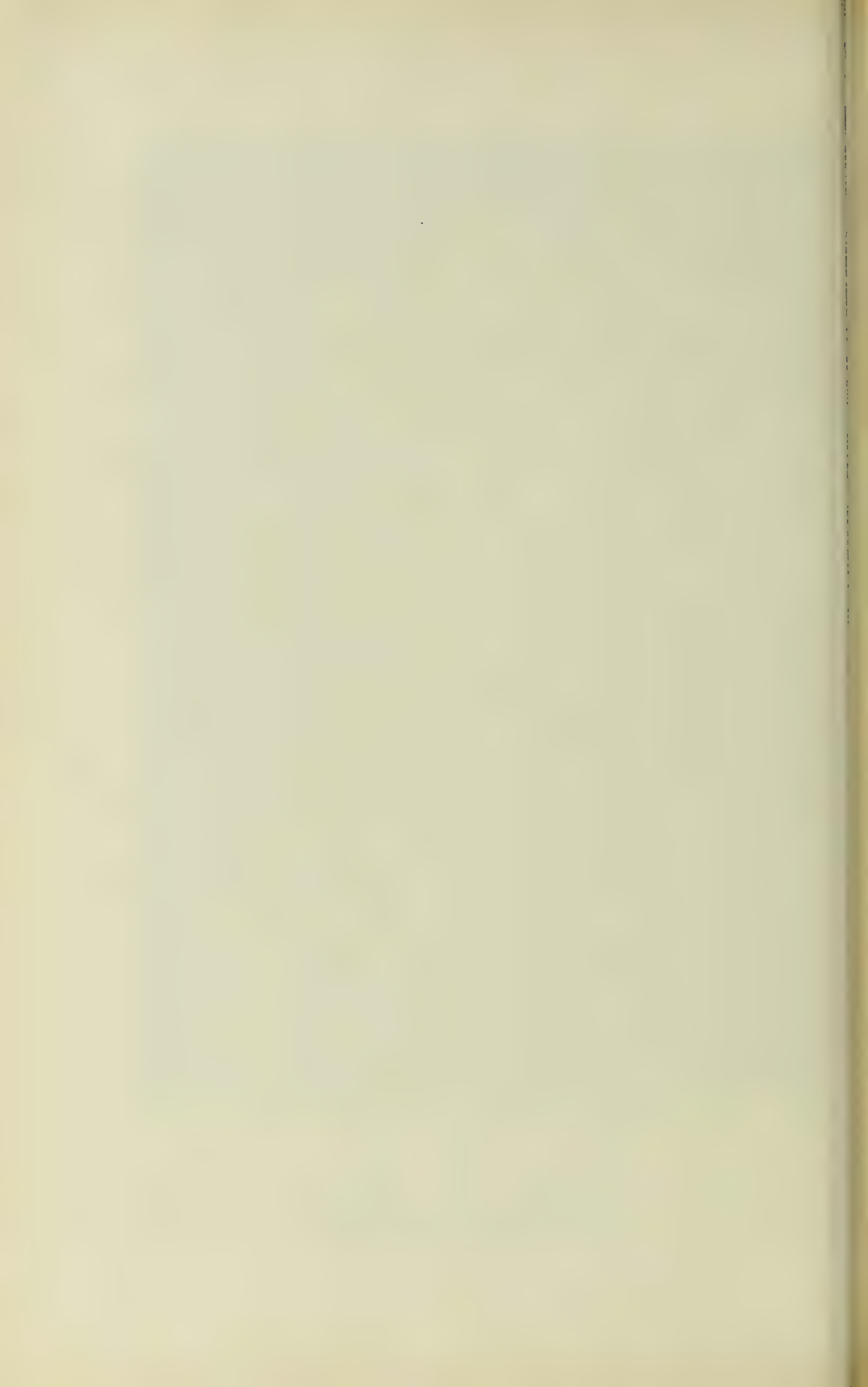
#### JAMES A. MCGREGOR

On the roster of East Hartford's public officials appears the name of James A. McGregor, who has established an enviable reputation as first selectman and maintains his home in Burnside. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, April 14, 1865, a son of James and Jane (Allan) McGregor and was educated in the public schools of his native city. Afterward he obtained work in a paper mill in the village of Currie and remained there until 1890, when he came to the United States. For





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two years he was in the employ of a paper manufacturer of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and in 1892 came to East Hartford. He was identified with the Burnside paper mills until 1914, when he went to Dalton, Massachusetts, and continued in the same line of business, of which he acquired a highly specialized knowledge. In 1922 he returned to East Hartford and was active in the paper industry until he met with an accident which incapacitated him for business. In the fall of 1905 Mr. McGregor became a member of the board of selectmen of East Hartford and is now serving for the third term. He was elected first selectman in October, 1927, and has shown that he is the right man for the office, discharging his important duties with marked efficiency and characteristic thoroughness and fidelity.

On the 15th of October, 1895, Mr. McGregor was united in marriage to Miss Julia Gleason, a native of New York state, and for thirty-three years they have journeyed together through life, sharing its joys and sorrows. Mr. McGregor is a member of the Exchange Club of East Hartford and Orient Lodge, No. 162, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church of Burnside and closely follows its teachings. As a citizen he is loyal, progressive and public-spirited and measures up to high standards in every relation of life.

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#### STANLEY HART OSBORN, M. D.

Dr. Stanley Hart Osborn, commissioner of health for the state of Connecticut, was born May 3, 1891, in Peabody, Massachusetts, a son of Charles Lincoln and Alice Cornelia (Hart) Osborn. The father was a prominent leather manufacturer of Peabody, where he passed away in 1919, while the mother still survives. The public school system of his native city accorded Dr. Osborn his early educational privileges and he prepared for his professional career as a student in the Tufts College Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1914, the M. D. degree being at that time conferred upon him.

Immediately afterward Dr. Osborn began to prepare for public health service. He attended Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in which he did postgraduate work in public health and tropical medicine, receiving the Certificate of Public Health in 1915 from both institutions. He also attended the Harvard Summer School in 1914, where he took postgraduate and municipal sanitation work, and in the same year he was employed as acting biologist for the Metropolitan Water Board in Boston. From 1915 until 1916 he was in charge of a field unit sent to Serbia and Montenegro by the American Red Cross Sanitary Commission for combating the then prevalent typhus fever epidemic in those countries. In 1916 he was made district health officer of the Massachusetts State Department of Health, occupying that position for a year, and in 1917 he became epidemiologist of the Massachusetts State Department of Health, serving in that capacity until he obtained a leave of absence to enter the war.

In September, 1917, Dr. Osborn was commissioned a first lieutenant of the United States Army Medical Corps and went into active service in April, 1918. Three weeks later he went to France, where he served with the American Expeditionary Forces and also with the British forces until July, 1919. He was epidemiologist for the Thirty-ninth Division overseas and also served as battalion medical officer in charge of the sanitary squads, receiving his discharge in July, 1919. On his return he again became epidemiologist in that state. On the 30th of April, 1920, he was appointed director of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases and deputy commissioner of health for the state of Connecticut, assuming the duties of the position in Hartford on the 1st of May, 1920, and so continuing until November 1, 1922, when he was appointed commissioner of health for the state.

In September, 1921, Dr. Osborn was married to Miss Gertrude Mellen Hooper, a daughter of William Leslie and Mary (Hurd) Hooper, of Somerville, Massachusetts, and their children are: Stanley Hart, Jr., born October 13, 1924; Henry Hooper, born December 3, 1926; and William Charles, born March 21, 1928.

Dr. Osborn belongs to the Rotary Club and fraternally is a Mason and an Elk. He belongs to the Hartford City, Hartford County, Connecticut and American Medical Associations. He is also a member of the New Haven County Public Health



Association, Connecticut Public Health Association, the American Public Health Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Along these lines is indicated the trend of his activity and his interest and he finds his keenest delight in solving the intricate and involved problems which have to do with the laws of health.

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#### CHARLES TERRY TREADWAY

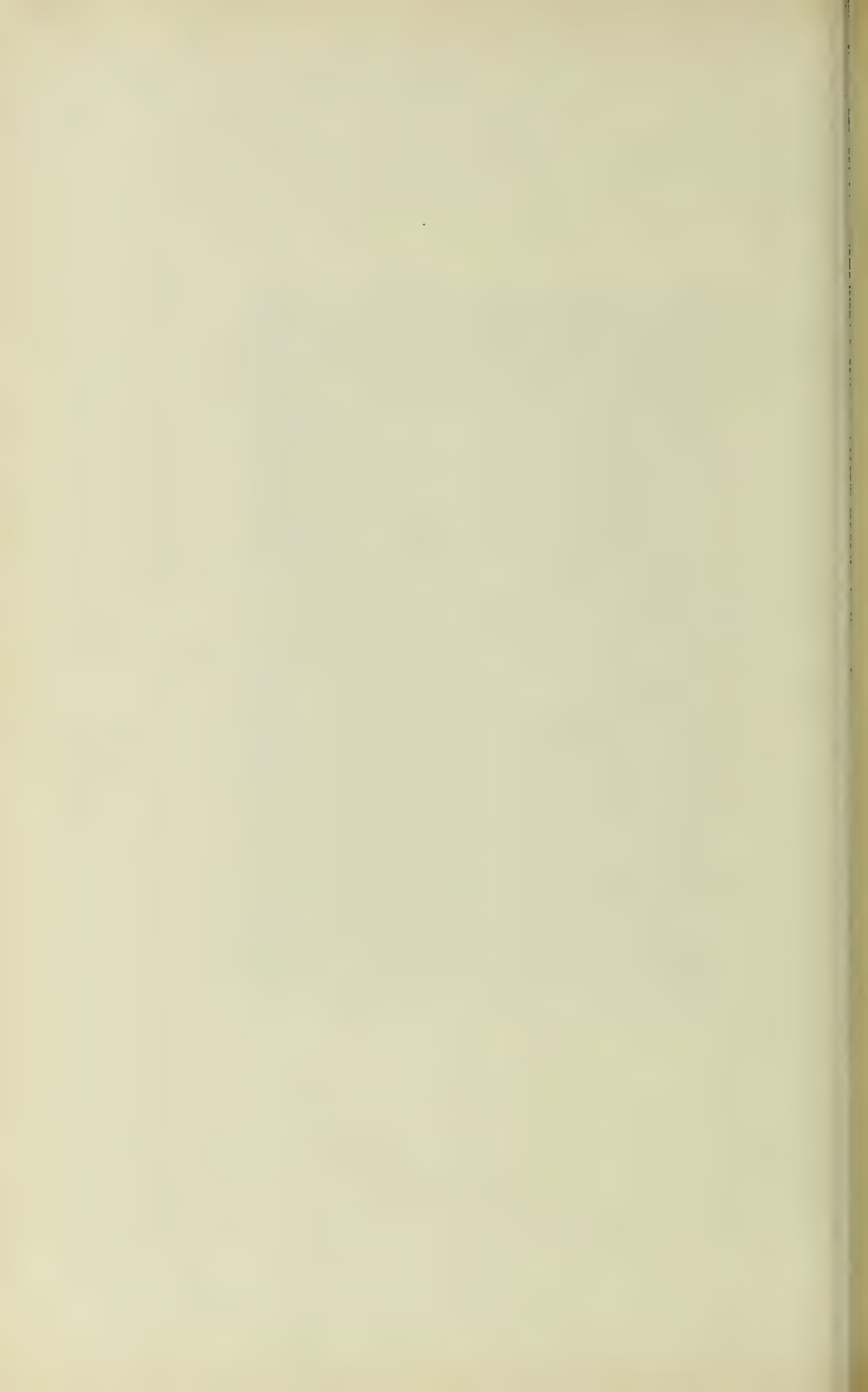
The interests of Charles Terry Treadway cover all those forms of activity which lead to the development of honorable manhood and progressive citizenship. His name is synonymous with the history of Hartford county in its present-day epoch of growth and modern development. Business has formed but one phase of his career, as at all times he has fully met the duties and obligations of citizenship and been active in the promotion of those projects which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. He is perhaps most widely known as a financier and is now chairman of the Bristol National Bank and of the American Trust Company at Bristol, having for nearly thirty years been prominently associated with the banking interests of the state. He was born in Bristol, September 8, 1877, a son of Charles S. and Margaret (Terry) Treadway, both of whom were of Scotch lineage. The father was a son of Charles and Emily (Candee) Treadway, who were residents of Bristol, where their son, Charles Seth, was born January 24, 1848. At the age of twelve he accompanied his parents on their removal to Winsted, Connecticut, where he completed his education with a high school course. In his later youth and early manhood he was variously employed. At the age of fifteen he began learning the trade of clock making with the Waterbury Clock Company but after a few months obtained a clerkship in the Waterbury post office. There his alert industry won the attention of A. S. Chase, then president of the Waterbury National Bank, who one day inquired if Mr. Treadway would like to learn the banking business. He immediately responded in the affirmative and was made an office boy in the Waterbury National Bank. There his adaptability and efficiency won him promotion until he was serving as one of the youngest tellers in the state of Connecticut. Again the readiness with which he met a situation and the efficiency with which he discharged his duties won him attention that opened to him a further way of business advancement. He made the acquaintance of Andrew Terry, founder of the Andrew Terry Company, manufacturers of malleable iron at Terryville, Connecticut, who offered to make him secretary and teller of a new bank in Lawrence, Kansas, of which Mr. Terry was the president. For four years he filled that position of responsibility and when in 1875 the Bristol National Bank was organized by John Humphrey Sessions and Miles Lewis Peck, he was offered the cashiership. This he at once accepted and after thirteen years' absence from Connecticut he returned to Bristol, where he continued to act as cashier of the Bristol bank until 1899, when he was elected to the presidency as the successor of Mr. Sessions, who had passed away. For sixteen years Mr. Treadway remained at the head of the institution, which enjoyed rapid and substantial growth under his wise direction, becoming recognized as one of the strong financial institutions of the state. He also figured in the industrial development of the town, becoming a stockholder in the New Departure Manufacturing Company a few years after its organization in 1887. In 1900 he was elected to the presidency and as its directing head made it an enterprise of international scope, while its business connections with foreign lands were promoted through the establishment of a branch factory in Germany. Mr. Treadway became associated with Everett Horton in the establishment and development of the Horton Manufacturing Company, which engaged in the manufacture of a steel fishing rod which Mr. Horton had invented. Mr. Treadway became the treasurer and the active manager of that business and he was also the vice president of the Bristol Brass Company and the Bristol Manufacturing Company, while as a director he contributed to the policy of the Blakesley Novelty Company, the Bristol Press Publishing Company and the Southington National Bank.

Mr. Treadway was also very prominent in the public life of the community, especially in his connection with constructive measures. It was he who in 1883 started a definite movement toward the improvement of conditions in Bristol. The conserva-



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CHARLES T. TREADWAY





tive and unprogressive element of the town opposed him in his plan for the establishment of an adequate public water supply. Notwithstanding this opposition, however, the Bristol Water Company was organized and the plant was finally constructed, with John H. Sessions as head of the company. At his death Mr. Treadway succeeded to the presidency of the water company and so served until his own demise. He was also the prime mover in installing electric lights in Bristol, his labors resulting in the organization of the Bristol Electric Light Company, which ten years later was absorbed by the Bristol & Plainville Tramway Company, an organization which was promoted by Mr. Treadway and which successfully took over the transportation and lighting interests of the city. Again Mr. Treadway succeeded Mr. Sessions in the presidency of these companies and so served until a few months prior to his death, when ill health obliged him to lay aside his duties in that connection. His fellow townsmen, recognizing the great value of his service in financial, industrial and commercial affairs and in the conduct of semi-public interests, naturally desired his cooperation in civic matters and he was elected to represent Bristol in the general assembly in 1884. In 1888 he was made treasurer of the town of Bristol, filling the office for twelve years, and upon the incorporation of the borough served as treasurer from 1894 to 1901, inclusive. Upon the organization of the free public library in 1892 he was made a member of its board of directors and so continued until his death, while at one time he was treasurer of the first school district. In the social activities of the community he was also well known, belonging to Townsend Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Waterbury, and to Reliance Council of the Royal Arcanum in Bristol. He was a director, a member of the board of governors and vice president of the Farmington Country Club and had membership in the Bristol Business Men's Association, the Waterbury Club and the Bristol Golf Club. He was a man of extremely broad vision and keen discernment in the consideration not only of banking and business problems but of public projects and opportunities as well, and he left an indelible impress upon the history of his community and the state.

On the 22d of December, 1873, Mr. Treadway married Margaret Terry, of Lawrence, Kansas, daughter of Andrew Terry of that place and a great granddaughter of Eli Terry, one of the original clockmakers of Connecticut. Mrs. Treadway died in 1880 and their daughter, Susan Emily, had passed away when four years of age, leaving Charles Terry the survivor of that family. On January 24, 1884, Charles S. Treadway married Lucy Hurlburt Townsend, daughter of George L. Townsend, of Waterbury. They had four children: Townsend Gillette, Morton Candee, Lucy Margaret and Harry, the last named dying in infancy. The mother passed away in 1917.

Charles Terry Treadway, the eldest son of Charles S. Treadway, supplemented his early education, acquired in the grammar and high schools of Bristol, Connecticut, by study in Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and when his preparatory course was completed entered Yale University, in which he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts at his graduation in 1900. His initial business experience came to him in connection with the New Departure Manufacturing Company of Bristol, with which he became identified as treasurer on the 1st of December, 1900, thus serving until January 1, 1914, when to his duties in that position were added those of chairman of the board. He filled both offices until 1919 and was also a director of that corporation from 1905 until 1921. His active connection with financial affairs in Bristol began with his election as vice president and director of the Bristol National Bank in 1905 and he entered more actively into relations with the institution when chosen to the presidency in 1907. He so continued until 1927, when he was made chairman of the board. He was the organizer of the American Trust Company and on its inception in 1919 was elected to the presidency. His cooperation has been sought in many other fields and he is now president and a director of the Horton Manufacturing Company and a director of the American Silver Company, the Bristol Brass Company, Landers, Frary & Clark, the Russell Manufacturing Company, the Veeder Root Company and a partner in the firm of Conning & Company, investment brokers of Hartford. His keen insight and sound judgment have proven vital forces in the successful conduct of these various business organizations. Men defer to his opinions, knowing that he has proven his business strength and capability in the conduct of many undertakings. In matters of judgment he is seldom, if ever, at fault and he has displayed notable ability in organizing and coordinating interests, bringing about a harmonious and productive whole.

On the 4th of June, 1902, Mr. Treadway was married to Miss Isabelle Graham Richards, daughter of William C. Richards, of Bristol, and they have two sons, Charles T., Jr., and Graham Richards Treadway. His appreciation of the social amenities of life finds expression in his membership in the Bristol Club, Farmington Country Club, Shuttle Meadow Country Club of New Britain, Hartford Club, Graduates Club of New Haven, Yale Club of New York city, Camp Fire Club of America and St. Bernard Fish and Game Club of Quebec, Canada. He also belongs to the Zeta Psi fraternity and in Masonry has attained the degree of Knight Templar in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, being also a Mystic Shriner. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His interest in community affairs has found tangible manifestation in many ways and on many occasions. He is a helpful member of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and with keen recognition of the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, he has worked untiringly for the success of the republican party, in the principles of which he so firmly believes. He has been chairman of the republican town committee and a member of the state central committee. He is on the board of directors of the Bristol Hospital and was a member of the executive committee of the Connecticut Manufacturers Association. When the country became involved in the World war he to the fullest met the requirements of loyal citizenship, acted as chairman of the Liberty Loan drives for his district, was chairman of the Red Cross and in every possible way promoted the various campaigns which at home proved the sustaining power of the troops at the front. He is a man of notably well balanced capacities and powers and notably sound in his judgment in placing valuations upon any of the activities which make up the sum total of life.

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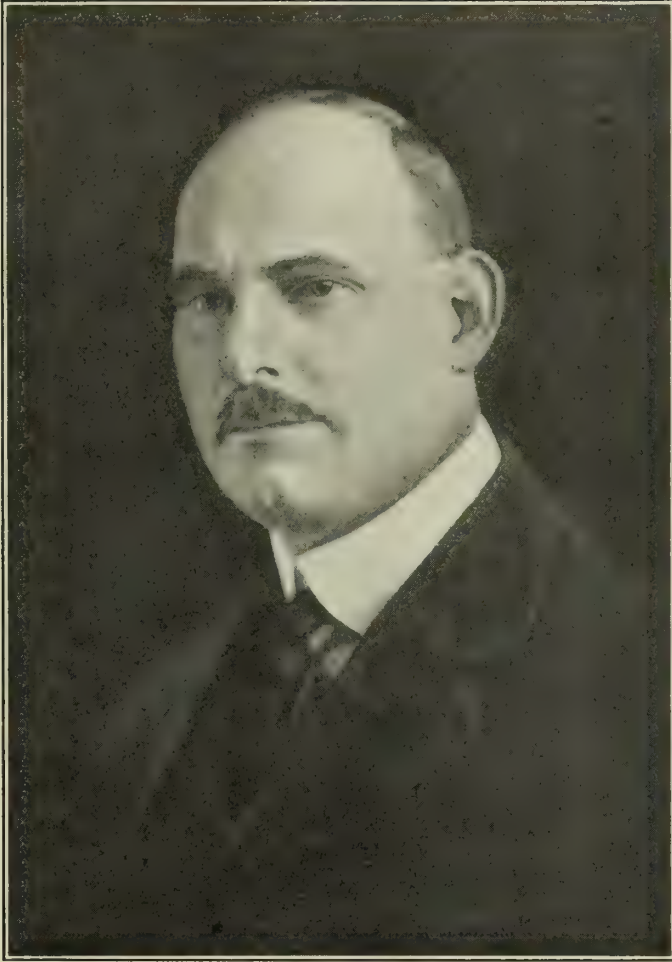
#### ALFRED CARL FULLER

Alfred Carl Fuller, brush manufacturer of Hartford, was born in Berwick, Nova Scotia, January 13, 1885, a son of Leander J. and Phebe Jane (Collins) Fuller, both of whom were of Canadian-American ancestry, the father being well known as a prominent farmer.

After acquiring a public school education Alfred C. Fuller in 1903, when eighteen years of age, went to Boston, Massachusetts, where several of his brothers had preceded him, and there became a conductor on the surface lines of the Boston Elevated Railroad. In this way he gained intimate, comprehensive and accurate knowledge of human character, which proved of great value to him in the development of his later business interests.

In 1904 Mr. Fuller entered into active association with the brush business by becoming a salesman for a company engaged in that line in Massachusetts. He soon realized the need of better brushes for various household tasks and in January, 1906, he established a small brush manufactory in Somerville, turning out a product that met modern-day needs. His business therefore increased rapidly and in April, 1906, he removed to Hartford, where he leased a small shed. His trade in the new field continued to grow, so that it soon became necessary to hire several men to manufacture the brushes which he was selling in the larger New England cities. His trade grew by leaps and bounds and in October, 1913, the Fuller Brush Company was incorporated. He instituted the method of selling direct to the consumer through demonstrations in the home, a method that has awakened the deep interest of the business world. Mr. Fuller is now president of the Fuller Brush Company, with headquarters in Hartford, but with over five thousand representatives in all parts of the United States, Canada, England, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the West Indies. Its factories are located at Hamilton, Canada, and in Hartford and Mr. Fuller is devoting his entire business time to the management of this enterprise, the constant expansion of which has been one of the miracles of modern business. He is also a director of the City Bank & Trust Company of Hartford.

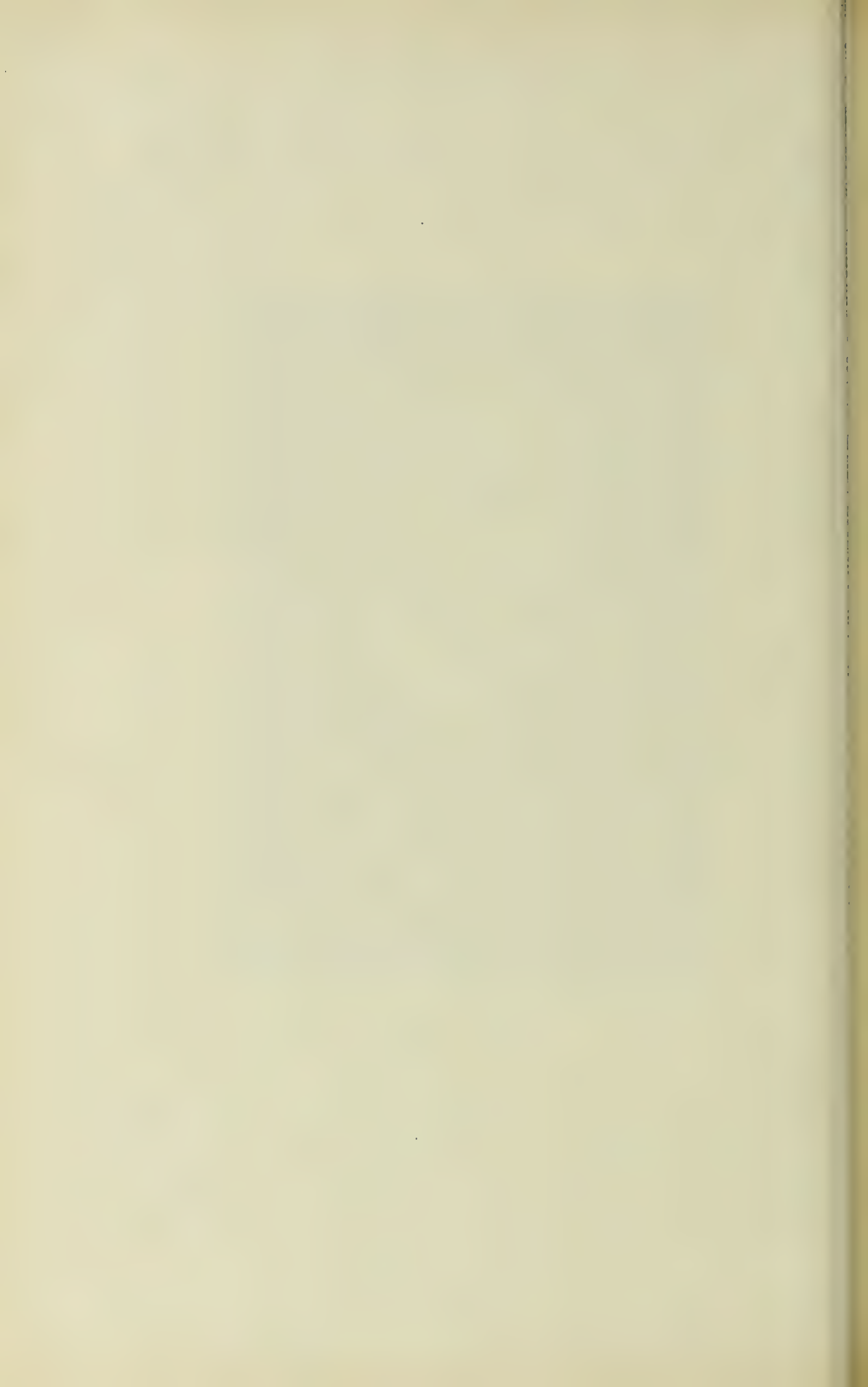
On the 10th of April, 1908, Mr. Fuller married Evelyn W. Ells, of Kentville, Nova Scotia, and the other members of their household are their two children, Alfred Howard and Avarad Ells Fuller. Mr. Fuller is well known in club circles through his membership in the Hartford, Hartford Rotary, Hartford Golf, Wam-



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ALFRED C. FULLER





panoag Country, Shelter Harbor Golf, Shuttle Meadow Country and Sequin Golf clubs and in the Congressional Country Club of Washington, D. C. He also belongs to the Hartford Advertising Club and he is a thirty-second degree Mason. During the World war he actively participated in the various drives which made the home work the defense of the soldiery in the field. He became a naturalized citizen in 1918 and his interest in community welfare is shown in his service as a member of the board of directors of the Hartford Community Chest and as a trustee of the Kingswood School of West Hartford. His political belief is that of the republican party and his religious faith that of the Christian Science church.

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#### WILLIAM HOLMES CROWLEY, M. D.

There is no physician of Hartford who more fully conforms his practice to the highest ethical standards of the profession than does Dr. William Holmes Crowley and he commands therefore the fullest respect and confidence of his brethren of the medical fraternity as well as of the general public. He was born in Hartford, April 6, 1869, his parents being Timothy and Mary (Holmes) Crowley, and while spending his youth under the parental roof he mastered the branches of learning that constitute the public and high school curriculum. He then had the advantage of further educational training in the Buffalo University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1888, on the completion of his more specifically literary course. His desire to take up the practice of medicine and surgery then led him to matriculate as a medical student in the same school and he won his professional degree in 1890. Immediately after he located for practice in Collinsville, Connecticut, where he remained for seventeen years or until 1907, when he returned to his native city, where he has since followed his profession. His standards are very high and he has utilized every opportunity to add to his knowledge and thereby promote his skill and efficiency in keeping with the intricate problems that concern health and disease. He has always enjoyed a good practice and his patients have in him the utmost confidence.

On the 14th of January, 1891, Dr. Crowley was married to Miss Louise B. Wagner, of Collinsville, Connecticut, and they have two children, William H., Jr., and Beatrice L.

During the entire period of his residence in Collinsville, Dr. Crowley served as chairman of the board of education and the public school system found in him a stalwart champion whose labors in its behalf were far-reaching and beneficial. The major part of his time, however, has been given to professional interests and he is now serving on the staff of St. Francis Hospital of Hartford, of which he is one of the directors. He also keeps in touch with the trend of modern medical research and discovery through his connection with the Hartford City, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations. He never deviates from a course which he believes to be right and his sterling qualities as a man and as a citizen, as well as a physician, have gained him high place in public regard.

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#### EDWARD B. PECK

A notable career was that of Edward B. Peck, who attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years and was an active factor in the world's work, until a few months ago. His life was proof of the fact that old age is not necessarily a synonym of weakness and inactivity, for there is an old age that gives out of its rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others and grows better and stronger mentally and morally as the years pass on. This was exemplified in the history of Edward B. Peck and his life contains much of inspirational value to those around him.

Mr. Peck was a native of Galveston, Texas. He was born January 31, 1840, a son of Ralph B. and Caroline (Merwin) Peck, who were natives of Brookfield, Connecticut, but then residents of the Lone Star state, whence they removed to Bridgeport, Connecticut, about 1855, when their son Edward was a youth of fifteen years.

He attended the public schools of Galveston up to that time and afterward continued his studies in Bridgeport, where he subsequently engaged in teaching school from 1858 until 1868, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In the latter year, however, he changed the line of his activity by becoming a clerk with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, with which he remained continuously until his death, covering a period of sixty years. It is doubtful if any other man in Connecticut can claim a longer connection with the insurance business, and none can show a record for greater faithfulness and fidelity than he. The years brought him promotion in recognition of his diligence and enterprising effort, and he became assistant secretary of the company many years ago. His labors were a valuable contributing element to its growth and success and his own record was synonymous with the development and progress of the business.

Mr. Peck was a member of the Hartford Club and of the Connecticut Historical Society. In politics he was a republican and was always deeply interested in matters of citizenship, while at all times he gave his support to plans and measures having to do with civic welfare. His life should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished not only in the attainment of success in business but in the retention of that physical, mental and moral strength which makes for a vigorous, active and honored age.

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#### CECIL AUBREY DICKINSON

The business interests of Windsor find a worthy representative in Cecil Aubrey Dickinson, who is the manager of the P. Lorillard Company. The plant at Windsor, which is now directly under his control, was built by him and eventually sold to the corporation with which he is now associated. He came to this state from Virginia, having been born in Goochland county of the Old Dominion on the 29th of March, 1883. His parents were Bickerton W. and Amanda (Waddy) Dickinson and the father was well known as a merchant of Richmond, Virginia, where he died in 1919. In the following year the mother came to Windsor, Connecticut, to make her home with her son.

In the acquirement of his education C. A. Dickinson attended the public schools of Richmond until graduated from the high school with the class of 1900. He then entered the employ of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company at Richmond, with which he remained until 1904, when he became associated with the American Cigar Company. In 1906 he arrived in Windsor, Connecticut, where he was employed as a clerk by the American Cigar Company, with which he remained until the summer of 1907. He then went to New York state, where he worked in what is known as the Big Flats section with the American Tobacco Company, and during the latter part of that year and in the following year he was with the company at Dayton, Ohio, and at Madison, Wisconsin. In 1908 he went to New York city and was later transferred to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, there remaining for two years. In 1910 he became identified with the P. Lorillard Company, Inc., and removed to Hartford, Connecticut. In association with F. W. Morgan, Mr. Dickinson built the plant at Windsor, located in Pierson lane, in 1914. Later he built another plant at East Granby, Connecticut, and sold both of these to the P. Lorillard Company, Inc., in October, 1924, by which concern he was retained as leaf manager for New England, having charge in this territory of the interests of the company, which manufactures all lines of tobacco, utilizing all the various kinds of tobacco raised in New England and also importing tobacco from Turkey, Havana and Porto Rico. This is one of the largest tobacco manufacturing concerns in New England and its product is disposed of through jobbers. In the capacity of leaf manager Mr. Dickinson is contributing in notable measure to the success of the business. Always active in this line, he is thoroughly familiar with every branch of the trade from the standpoint of production, manufacture and sale and his efforts are an important contributing element to the prosperity of the corporation which he now represents. In addition to his interests of this character he is a director of the Windsor Trust Company and one of the commissioners of the Windsor fire district.

On July 31, 1922, Mr. Dickinson married Miss Grace Gilmore, a native of Hartford, and a daughter of Mrs. Nellie Gilmore. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson make their





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CECIL A. DICKINSON



home at 354 Broad street, Windsor, where they are widely and favorably known. Mr. Dickinson is a member of the Asylum Avenue Baptist church, while his wife holds membership in the First Church of Christ, Congregationalist, of Hartford, in which she is a contralto soloist. He is likewise identified with Masonry, has taken the degrees of the York and Scottish rites and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is a popular representative of the Hartford Club and the Plymouth Meadow Country Club. His friends, and they are many, find him at all times genial and affable, and the high respect accorded him attests not only his achievements in the field of business but the admirable personal qualities which he displays.

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#### ROBERT LESTER WAITE, M. D.

For eighteen years Dr. Robert Lester Waite has been a representative of the medical profession in Hartford and is now associated in practice with his brother, the firm occupying an enviable position in professional circles. Dr. R. L. Waite has specialized in the treatment of diseases of the eye, and is on the consulting staff of Hartford Hospital. He was born in this city September 13, 1882, his parents being James N. and Maria B. (Hawkins) Waite, who here make their home. In the acquirement of his education he passed through the consecutive grades of the public schools and after leaving high school attended Yale University, winning his Bachelor of Philosophy degree as a member of the class of 1905. His mental review of the broad field of business, with its opportunities along many lines, convinced him that he preferred a medical career and accordingly he entered Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, Maryland, gaining his professional degree in 1909. Through the succeeding year he was associated with Dr. James Bordley, a famous specialist of Baltimore in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. This association was of great value to the young physician, bringing him intimate knowledge of the methods followed by his distinguished preceptor. In 1910 he became associated with his brother, Dr. Frank Louis Waite, and they are now practicing successfully in Hartford. His brother, who is his senior, has long been established here, and only a brief period had passed before Dr. Robert L. Waite had given evidence of his ability, particularly in the field in which he specializes. His practice has become more and more extensive and important as the years have passed, and the further recognition of his ability came in his appointment to the position of assistant ophthalmologist of Hartford Hospital.

On the 6th of November, 1912, Dr. Waite was married to Miss Florence Burt, of Hartford, and they are well known in this city, in which practically their entire lives have been passed. Dr. Waite has never sought to figure prominently in any field outside the strict path of his profession, preferring to devote his entire time and energies to the work that devolves upon him, realizing the great responsibility that ever confronts the physician. He has constantly augmented his skill by reading and study as well as by experience and his patients are benefitting therefrom. Moreover, he keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and practice through his membership in the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations.

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#### HON. GARDNER CLARKE WELD

Hon. Gardner Clarke Weld has not only demonstrated his ability to wisely and successfully control business interests of importance but has also proved equally adequate in the discharge of official duties as mayor of New Britain, which position of trust and responsibility he capably filled for one term, 1926-28. He was born December 9, 1891, in New Britain, Connecticut, where his parents, William Lewis and Rose (Gardner) Weld, still reside. There he entered school, completing the work of consecutive grades until he left the high school and began learning the more difficult lessons in the school of experience, starting out in the business world in 1909



as messenger boy in the employ of the New Britain National Bank. There he continued until 1915, his diligence and reliability winning him promotion to the position of bookkeeper, but he resigned to enter the employ of Roy T. H. Barnes of Hartford, head of a prominent firm dealing in stocks, bonds and securities. For this firm Mr. Weld traveled extensively throughout Connecticut, selling securities until March, 1917. In the meantime he watched with interest the progress of events which were ultimately shaping the country's advent into the World war. He enlisted in Troop B, Third Squadron of Connecticut Cavalry, and was stationed at Niantic until October, 1917, when he went overseas. Sent to the front line, he was wounded in action in France on July 22, 1918, and was there confined in a hospital for a long period. He remained overseas for eighteen months and was discharged as a corporal April 4, 1919.

With his return to America, Mr. Weld reentered the employ of Roy T. H. Barnes, with whom he continued until April, 1920, when he organized the Citizens Coal Company of New Britain and has since remained its president, in which connection he has been instrumental in building up a business of substantial and gratifying proportions. He is also treasurer of the H-O-W Knitting Company of New Britain and has likewise contributed to the successful management of this enterprise, for he displays sound judgment in determining the value of any business situation and in foretelling the possibilities of trade connections.

On the 30th of September, 1924, Mr. Weld was married to Miss Agnes Vance, a daughter of the late Congressman Robert J. and Matilda (O'Connor) Vance, of New Britain. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is likewise well known in club circles, being connected with the Shuttle Meadow Country Club and the New Britain Club. He has membership in the American Legion and is a past commander of Eddy-Glover Post No. 6. Outside of his manufacturing interests he is perhaps most widely known through his political activity, for he has been a staunch republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has filled several offices. He was city councilman of New Britain from the third ward in 1916-17 and on the 4th of April, 1926, entered upon a two years' term as mayor of the city. He studied civic problems with the same thoroughness that he considers business questions and was actuated by the same spirit of progress and improvement in the management of municipal interests. In a word, he is a high-class man and is extremely popular among his acquaintances, while those who have known him from his boyhood to the present are numbered among his staunchest friends, which is indicative of the fact that his has been a well spent life.

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#### MARK SPAULDING BRADLEY, M. D.

Ancestors of Dr. Mark Spaulding Bradley fought for American Independence in the Revolutionary war and through all the intervening years down to the present representatives of the family have borne their part in wisely shaping the development and progress of the communities with which they have been identified. They have been found ready to meet changing conditions and the broadening opportunities which have come with the passing years, and Mark Spaulding Bradley is today an exponent of the spirit of the age in his mastery of modern scientific problems having to do with the practice of medicine and surgery. Through the development of his powers he has come to leadership not only in the medical profession but also in connection with business interests which have had to do with the improvement and upbuilding of Hartford.

A native son of New England, he was born January 16, 1868, in East Jaffrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, his parents being Dr. Oscar Holmes and Julia A. (Spaulding) Bradley. The ancestral line is traced back to Nathaniel Holmes, who came from Ireland and established his residence in Londonderry, New Hampshire, being a worthy representative of the Scotch-Irish element that has meant so much in American citizenship. His son, Jonathan Holmes, the great-grandfather of Dr. Bradley, served as an officer of the American army in the Revolutionary war and was on duty at Bennington, Vermont, under General Stark and also passed through



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DR. MARK S. BRADLEY





the memorable battle and winter at Valley Forge, where the soldiers under Washington underwent untold hardships and privations. In the maternal line Dr. Bradley is descended from Edward Spaulding, of English birth, who arrived in the new world in 1630, settling at Braintree, Massachusetts. His father, Dr. Oscar Holmes Bradley, took up the study of medicine and became a distinguished surgeon of southern New Hampshire, where he also figured prominently in business circles as a bank president.

The youthful days of Dr. Bradley were passed in East Jaffrey, where he mastered the elementary branches of learning, while later he matriculated in Dartmouth College, where he studied for a year. Subsequently he pursued a course in biology in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University and then turned to the profession of which his father was an eminent representative. Whether inherited tendency, environment or other cause had most to do with his choice of a life work it is perhaps impossible to determine, but the success of his later years have proven that the choice was well made. He won his M. D. degree upon graduation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University as a member of the class of 1892 and had his first practical experience by serving as an interne in the New York City Hospital. Ambitious to make his work of the greatest usefulness in medical and surgical practice, he then went abroad and studied in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Halle and Berlin, pursuing postgraduate courses in medical schools and hospitals, in which he thoroughly investigated the methods of medical and surgical procedure.

With his return to his native land Dr. Bradley opened an office in South Manchester, Connecticut, where he engaged in general practice for a decade. He then again went abroad for special study with the purpose of specializing in diseases of the skin, ear, nose and throat. His highly developed powers in this field are widely acknowledged. He has always kept in touch with the trend of modern scientific thought, research, and investigation and his labors have been of far-reaching and beneficial effect. When for the second time he completed a course in foreign lands and was thus more thoroughly equipped for the onerous and responsible duties of his profession, he located in Hartford and his ability along the line of his specialty soon gained him position among the leading dermatologists, aurists, and laryngologists of New England. He has been on the visiting staff of the Hartford Hospital for twenty years and is now their chief dermatologist, and is also on the consulting staff of the Manchester Memorial Hospital. For three years, from 1904 until 1907, he served as medical director of the Hartford Life Insurance Company and for nine years was assistant medical director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. While his practice has long been of an extensive and important character, he has yet found time to cooperate in the management and direction of other business interests which have proven a vital force in Hartford's industrial and commercial growth. He became a director of the Hartford, Manchester & Rockville Tramway Company, so continuing to serve for many years, or until 1905, when he resigned. He was chosen secretary and one of the directors of the Manchester Light and Power Company and is also a representative of the directorate of the Williams Brothers Manufacturing Company and the Glazier Manufacturing Company, both at Glastonbury. He was also at one time a director of the Vernon Woolen Company of Vernon, Connecticut, which passed out of existence in 1908. In all these organizations his sound judgment and keen discrimination have been recognized and his opinions have at all times carried weight in business councils.

On the 5th of July, 1904, Dr. Bradley was married to Miss Jessie E. Goodnow, who was born in East Jaffrey, New Hampshire, November 10, 1879, her parents being Walter Lucius and Mary Adelaide (Upton) Goodnow. To the doctor and his wife were born five children: Priscilla, who was born April 13, 1905, and died April 19, 1928; George Goodnow, born December 25, 1906; Anne, who was born April 27, 1908, and is deceased; Catherine, born July 12, 1907; and Lois, born March 29, 1916.

Politically, Dr. Bradley is a republican and recognizes and meets the duties and obligations of citizenship. His religious faith is indicated in his attendance at the Baptist church and fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in Manchester Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M.; Wadsworth Council, R. & S. M.; and Washington Commandery, K. T. He also belongs to the Yale Club of New York City, the Hartford "Get together Club," Country Club of Farmington, the Hartford Club, the Hartford Yale Alumni Association and the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and Theta Delta Chi Club of New York City. Along strictly professional lines his association is with the City, County and State Medical Societies and the American

Medical Association and through his connection therewith, as well as through wide reading, he keeps abreast with the advanced thought and methods of the day, his highly developed powers gaining him deserved eminence in the field of his specialty. Dr. Bradley has traveled extensively throughout this country and Europe and has also visited Africa and South America. His life has been one of broad usefulness to his fellowmen and he has ever been faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

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#### L. HOYT PEASE

Exemplifying the best of New England traditions in business and public service, the influence of the life of L. Hoyt Pease has been far-reaching in the institution with which he was connected in a business way, and in the community to the welfare of which he devoted so much of his time and strength. At his passing the community lost a citizen of substantial worth whose many sterling qualities were attested in the high regard which was uniformly entertained for him.

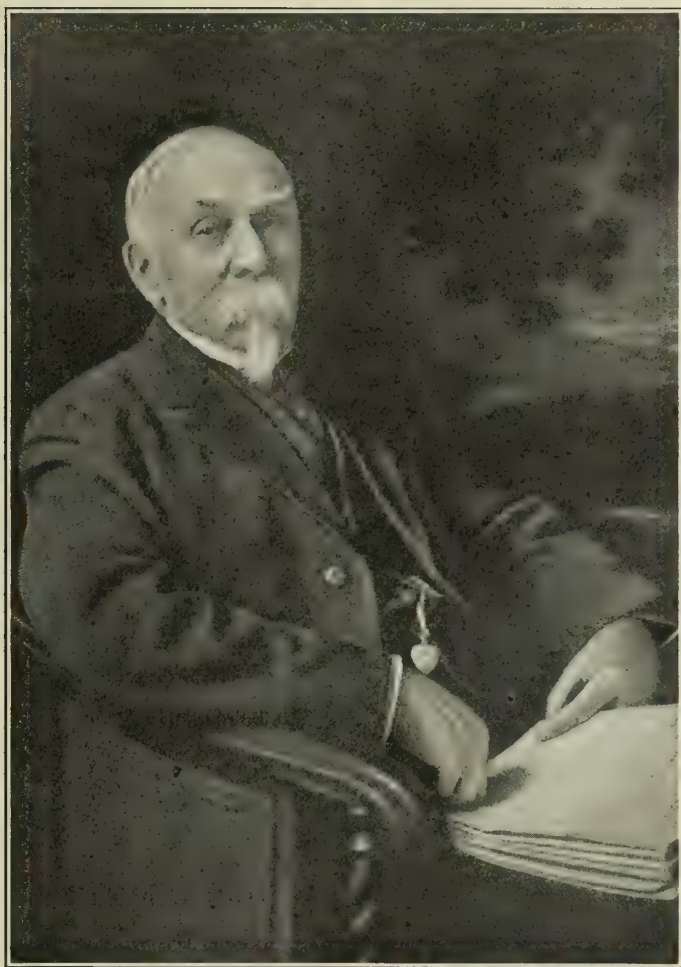
L. Hoyt Pease was born in Winsted, January 20, 1845, of the marriage of Julius W. and Mary (Hotchkiss) Pease, and was a representative of one of the old families of New England, being a direct descendant of Robert Pease, who came from England, where the family had lived for centuries, and crossed the Atlantic on the ship "Francis" in 1634, accompanied by his brother, John Pease, and his eldest son, Robert Pease. He settled in Salem, Massachusetts, and through succeeding generations the family has contributed to the development and upbuilding of New England.

When he was two years of age, the family moved from Winsted to New Britain, where he was reared, the public schools affording him his educational privileges until he had mastered the work of the grades, when he entered the New Britain high school, from which he was graduated in 1862, a youth of seventeen years. He immediately started in business and in 1864 became an employe at the Stanley Works of New Britain, being actively identified with that business for more than a half century. In 1887 he was made one of directors and the secretary of the corporation and in 1906 was elected treasurer, which office he continued to fill until his death. In the days when the business was struggling to gain a successful footing, his sound judgment, his enterprise, close application and thoroughness contributed to the desired result. Into still other fields he directed his efforts and became a prominent figure in financial circles as one of the organizers of the Burritt Savings Bank of New Britain, which elected him to its presidency, he being the first to fill the office. For many years he was on the directorate of the Mechanics National Bank and with the organization of the New Britain Trust Company he became its vice president and so continued throughout his life.

In 1880 Mr. Pease was married to Miss Julia Lillian Sawyer, a daughter of Henry E. and Julia (French) Sawyer. They had a family of three children: Herbert Hoyt; Maurice Henry; and Dorothy Sawyer, who became the wife of Robert T. Frisbie.

Mr. Pease always took a deep and helpful interest in community affairs, giving his support to those measures which were a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He voted with the republican party and for many years served as chairman of the republican town committee of New Britain. In 1884 he entered upon a two years' term as councilman and in 1886 became alderman, while in 1890 he was elected mayor of his city, to which he gave a business-like and progressive administration. The cause of education ever found in him a stalwart champion and his interest in the schools was manifest in twenty-four years' service on the school board, and at the time of his death he had served many years as chairman of the board's finance committee. He favored improvements in the school system and facilities with a recognition of the requirements of a growing industrial city. Several new school buildings were built under his supervision as chairman of the finance committee to the economic advantage of the city.

Mr. Pease was also prominently identified with the First Ecclesiastical Society and was its clerk and treasurer for more than thirty-eight years. He passed away in New Britain, March 20, 1919, when he was seventy-four years of age. His life had been one of activity and usefulness, guided by the soundest principles of integrity in



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L. HOYT PEASE





business, of honor and progressiveness in citizenship and of loyalty to all those forces which make for upright manhood in every relation of life. He had the esteem of all who knew him and the warm friendship of those who came within the closer circle of his acquaintance.

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WILLIAM PORTER, M. D.

For forty-four years Dr. William Porter has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Hartford and no history of the city would be complete without his record because of the high position to which he has attained, owing to his unflinching devotion to the call of duty and to the fact that at all times he has kept abreast with modern thought, investigation, research and progress concerning the laws which govern human life. Dr. Porter is a native of Beloit, Wisconsin, born October 16, 1855. However, he is a descendant of an old New England family and the ancestral line is traced back still farther to England, where the Porters, an ancient and honorable family, were granted a coat-of-arms, described as follows: Sable, three church bells, argent; canton, ermine. Motto: *Vigilantia et virtus*. Records show that when William the Conqueror went to England he was accompanied by a Roman knight, William de la Port, from whom the line is traced down through Ralph de la Port, Robert de la Port, Hugh de la Port, who married a daughter of William Russell, to their son, John Porter, of Markham, England, who married a daughter of a Mr. Gardiner, of Bishops Norton, Lincolnshire. The line comes on down through John Porter, Augustine Porter of Belton, John Porter, William Porter of Wryhall, to John Porter, who was born in England in 1590 and came to America in 1633 with his wife, Rose, and in 1635 was one of the founders of Windsor, Connecticut. Their son, Samuel Porter, born in England in 1626, was the father of Samuel Porter, born in 1660, and from him the line comes down through Eleazer Porter, his son Eleazer, born in 1728, William Porter, who was born in 1763 and died in Hadley, Massachusetts, about 1848. He was a merchant, physician and agriculturist. He married Lois Eastman and afterward Charlotte Williams and by his first marriage had two sons, John and William.

The latter, grandfather of Dr. Porter, was born in Hadley, Massachusetts, November 14, 1792, was graduated from Williams College in 1813 and won high rank as a member of the bar at Lee, Massachusetts. He also represented his district in both houses of the general assembly and was a man of marked capability and of prominence in his state. He married Mary Ann Quincy, who died December 2, 1835, while William Porter survived until February 11, 1853, passing away in Lee, Massachusetts.

The eldest of their children was William Porter, who was born in Lee, January 10, 1820, and, like his father, attended Williams College, being numbered among its alumni of 1839. Because close study had impaired his health, he sailed for Florida and spent seven years in that sunny clime. Later he entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York city and following the completion of his studies devoted his life to the work of the ministry and to activity in the educational field. In 1845 he became professor of Latin in Beloit College at Beloit, Wisconsin. A man of scholarly attainments, his wisdom, combined with his geniality, kindness and innate tact, made his influence of great benefit to all with whom he came in contact. He was married July 13, 1854, to Ellen Gertrude Chapin, who was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 15, 1831, a daughter of Laertes Chapin. Her ancestry is traced back to Deacon Samuel Chapin, who settled in Springfield, Massachusetts, with his family in 1642 and on the 10th of October, 1652, became one of the magistrates of the town. He died November 11, 1675, while his wife, Cecily, passed away February 8, 1683. Their son, Jepheth Chapin, was born in 1642, actively participated in the battle of Turner's Falls, May 18, 1676, and died in February, 1712. He was married July 22, 1664, to Abilenah Cooley, who died November 17, 1710, and on May 31, 1711, he married Dorothy Root, of Enfield, Connecticut. His son, Deacon David Chapin, was born November 16, 1682, was a prominent churchman and was married November 12, 1705, to Sarah Stebbins, who died February 6, 1726. His second wife, Mindwell Holton, died October 21, 1758, while Deacon David Chapin survived until July 8, 1772. His son, Deacon Edward Chapin, was born February 16, 1724, was mar-

ried July 6, 1752, to Eunice Colton, of Longmeadow, and died January 6, 1800. Their son, Aaron Chapin, born April 20, 1753, was a cabinet maker in early life and afterward became an expert watch repairer. He served as deacon of the First Congregational church in Hartford. On September 11, 1777, he married Mary, daughter of Zebulon King, of East Windsor, Connecticut. She died February 21, 1829, and he passed away December 25, 1838. Their son, Laertes Chapin, was born in Hartford, August 21, 1778, and under his father learned cabinetmaking, which he followed throughout his entire life in Hartford and East Hartford. On November 12, 1809, he married Susanna, daughter of Gad Merrick, of Franklin, New York, and following her death on September 9, 1811, he married Laura Colton, of Hartford, Connecticut, who died September 18, 1854, having for seven years survived her husband, who passed away October 30, 1847. Among the children of the second marriage was Ellen Gertrude, wife of William Porter. They became parents of four children: William; Frank Chamberlin, a Yale professor, who married Delia Lyman; James, who died in infancy; and Mary Quincy, living in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Reared in his native city, Dr. Porter supplemented his early educational training by study in Beloit College and then spent three years in a paper mill in Dalton, Massachusetts, where he had established his home. Attracted, however, to professional life, he became a student in what is now the medical department of Northwestern University of Chicago and there won his M. D. degree in 1882, after which he did postgraduate work in Paris and Vienna, receiving instruction from some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons on the continent. With his return to his native land he settled in Hartford in January, 1884, and through the intervening years has made steady progress in his profession until he stands today as one of the eminent representatives of the medical fraternity in Connecticut, with a practice commensurate with his ability. He also serves on the staff of the Hartford Hospital and he is an honored member of the city, county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association.

On the 27th of June, 1885, in Hartford, Dr. Porter was married to Mrs. Frances (Pease) Hall, widow of Ezra Hall and daughter of Edwin T. Pease, one of the founders of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company. By her previous marriage she had two children, Robert and Elizabeth, and to Dr. and Mrs. Porter has been born a daughter, Margaret Chapin, now the wife of Atwood Collins Page. Mrs. Porter holds membership in the Immanuel Congregational church. Both the Doctor and his wife have long been prominent in social circles in Hartford, where they have resided for so many years and where his professional service has proved of the greatest benefit to his fellowmen, his work being at all times actuated by the highest ideals. A man of strong purpose, of unfaltering energy, kindly, sympathetic nature, he is the loved physician in many a household in Connecticut's capital.

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#### WILLIAM GRANT SQUIRES

William Grant Squires, master mechanic for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, with offices in Hartford, was born in the town of Southbury, Connecticut, October 20, 1874, his parents being Charles Monroe and Sarah (Hamlin) Squires, also natives of this state. The father was a miller by trade and operated both a woodworking mill and grist mill, while in addition he conducted a grocery store on the Housatonic river. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

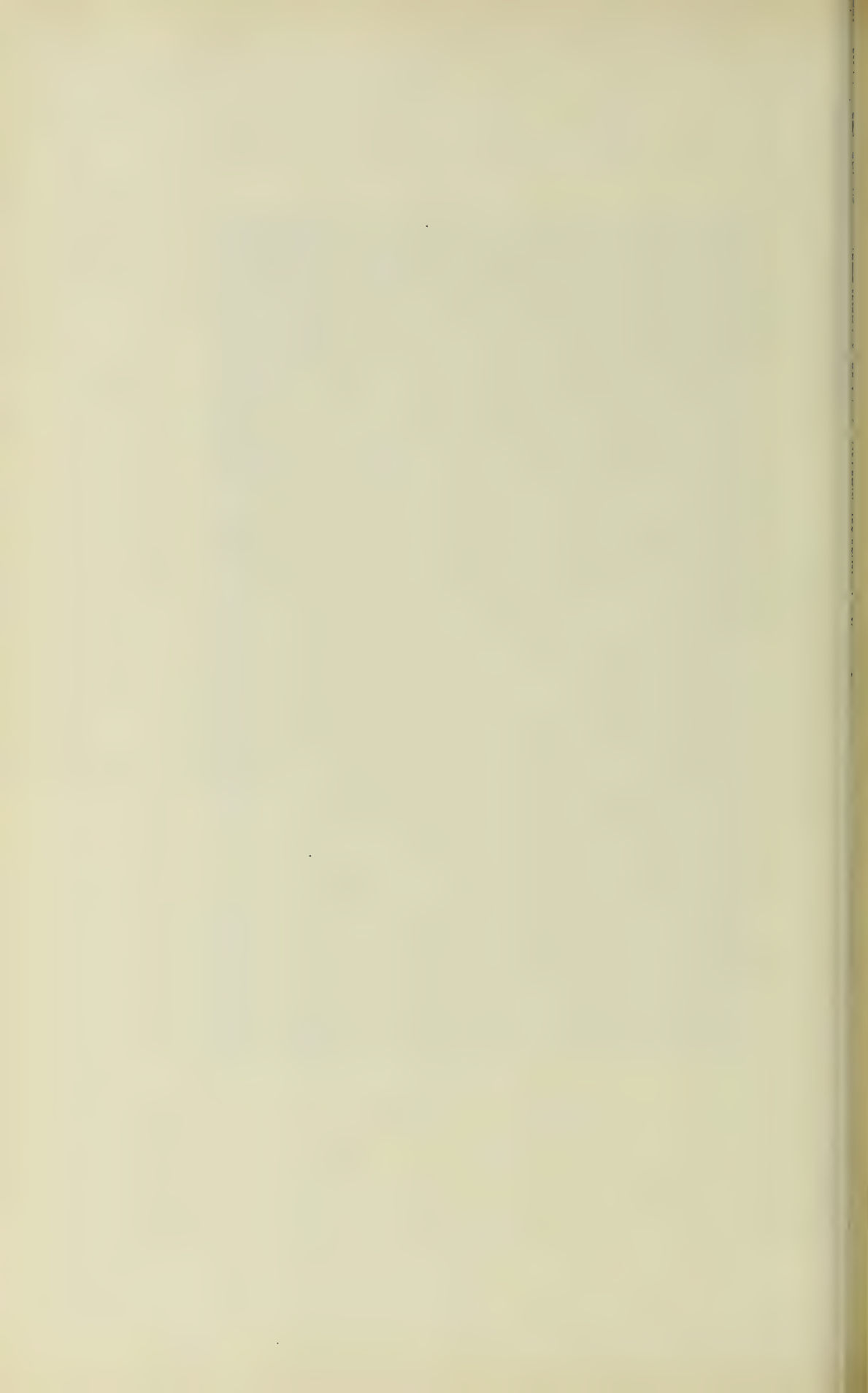
William G. Squires pursued his education in private, public and high schools, being graduated from the East Hartford high school in 1889. He took up railroading in the following year in the East Hartford shop of the New York & New England Railroad and afterward filled a number of positions, being rapidly promoted. For seventeen years he was a locomotive engineer, making the run into Boston and other cities. His last run was on a passenger engine of which he was in charge for several years. He was next promoted to fuel supervisor and afterward became general fuel supervisor for the entire system. During the war he was supervisor for the government supervision of fuel, with headquarters in New York, having charge of all the fuel east of the Mississippi river, including New England. After the war he resumed his former position, again becoming general fuel supervisor for the railroad, and in 1922 was advanced to the position of master mechanic of the Hartford division of





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WILLIAM G. SQUIRES



the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, having charge of the New Haven, Hartford and Willimantic division. Thus he has advanced to a position of large responsibility in railway circles and adequately meets his duties and the requirements of his office in every particular. He is also a director of the East Hartford Trust Company and of the East Hartford Company and is recognized as a man of sound judgment in business matters.

On the 19th of June, 1902, Mr. Squires married Miss Christine Smith Nicoll, of East Hartford, where they reside. He is well known in Masonic circles and belongs to the Masonic International League of Masonic Clubs. He is also identified with the Rotary Club of East Hartford and is in thorough sympathy with its purposes to uphold the standards of American citizenship and to promote public progress. He is a director of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce, is a fire district commissioner, and he belongs to the New England Railroad Club, the New Haven Railroad Club, the Railroad Veterans Association, the International Railway Fuel Association and the Road Foremen's Association. He is widely known as an outstanding figure in connection with railway operation in this section of the country and his advancement is the immediate outcome of capability and energy wisely directed.

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#### WILLIAM MILLS COOPER

William Mills Cooper, engaged in the undertaking business in Suffield, was born at Marietta, Ohio, February 1, 1867, a son of Samuel A. and Hattie E. (King) Cooper. The father, a native of Ticonderoga, New York, became secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Marietta Chair Company of Marietta, Ohio. Later he spent some time in Chicago and afterward retired, living in eastern Connecticut until he passed away April 7, 1921. His wife, a descendant of the William King family, died about 1903.

William Mills Cooper attended the schools of his native city and was afterward associated with his father in business in the factory office. In 1883 he came to Suffield, where he was associated in business with his uncle, Warren Wesley Cooper, but later went to Chicago, where he was again identified in business with his father. In 1894 he returned to Suffield, where he has since lived, and here he took up the work of undertaking in connection with his uncle. He was graduated from the Renouard Training School for Embalmers in the city of New York in 1902. For a time he was in charge of the establishment and later took over the business, which he has since conducted. It was established by G. Austin, and Warren W. Cooper, who became an employe of Mr. Austin, took over the business in the '60s, since which time it has been carried on under the name of Cooper. Warren W. Cooper passed away September 4, 1905, and William Mills Cooper is now proprietor. Warren W. Cooper was quite active in local affairs and served as first selectman of Suffield for a number of terms. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and he married Martha A. King.

In 1901 William M. Cooper was elected judge of the probate court and took over the office in 1902, since which time he has served in that capacity, covering more than a quarter of a century. He has always been active in local affairs and is a staunch republican in politics.

In 1895 Mr. Cooper married Miss Clara Franzen, who was born in Chicago, and they have a son, William Alden Cooper, now a farmer of Granville, Ohio. Mr. Cooper is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Consistory Mason and also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Suffield Country Club and attends the Second Baptist church.

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#### ARTHUR C. HEUBLEIN

Arthur C. Heublein, who has gained distinction in the field of medicine and surgery, has practiced for a fourth of a century and his work has largely been the expression of modern scientific research in his chosen field. He is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, he having been born here, September 18, 1879. His grandparents, Andrew and Elena (Meissner) Heublein, were natives of Suhl, Germany,



whence they came to America in 1850, settling in Hartford, Connecticut, since which time representatives of the family have won prominent place in the business, professional and social life of the city. Andrew Heublein died May 30, 1899, at the age of seventy-nine years.

His son, Gilbert F. Heublein, mentioned elsewhere in this work, was the father of Dr. Heublein. Dr. Heublein pursued his early education in the public schools of Hartford and afterward attended the Peekskill (New York) Military School. Having mentally reviewed the broad field of business with its countless opportunities, he decided to make the practice of medicine his life work and in 1898 enrolled as a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city, winning his M. D. degree at his graduation with the class of 1902. He then gained broad and valuable practical experience as an interne in the Hartford Hospital and was splendidly qualified for professional duties and responsibilities when he opened an office for the private practice of medicine in his native city on the 1st of January, 1905. Success attended him almost from the beginning and for five years he remained in general practice but was constantly directing his study and his labors into a special field—that of Roentgentherapy and Roentgenography. In the later years of his professional career he has concentrated his efforts and attention upon this particular field and has gained a notable place as a specialist.

Dr. Heublein was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Whipple, who was born April 3, 1875, a daughter of Marcus and Frances (Kincaid) Whipple, of North Pownal, Vermont. They now have two children: Gilbert Whipple, born October 5, 1908; and Frances Louise, born July 25, 1912. The parents hold membership in St. John's Episcopal church of Hartford and Mrs. Heublein belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, which indicates her connection with one of the oldest families of New England. In the field of social interest Dr. Heublein has connection with the Hartford, Hartford Golf, Wampanoag and Automobile clubs, but he has never allowed anything to interfere with the faithful performance of his professional duties and thus it is that he has gained his high rank in the medical profession. He is serving on the staff of the Hartford Hospital as Roentgenologist and he has membership in the Hartford, Hartford County and Connecticut State Medical Societies, in the American Medical Association and in the American Roentgen Ray Society. He is a fellow of the American College of Roentgenology, the American Radium Society, New England Roentgen Ray Society and the Radiological Society of North America, thus keeping in close touch with the advanced thought and discoveries of the profession to which he has himself made valuable contribution in the field to which he has elected to give the greater part of his time and effort.

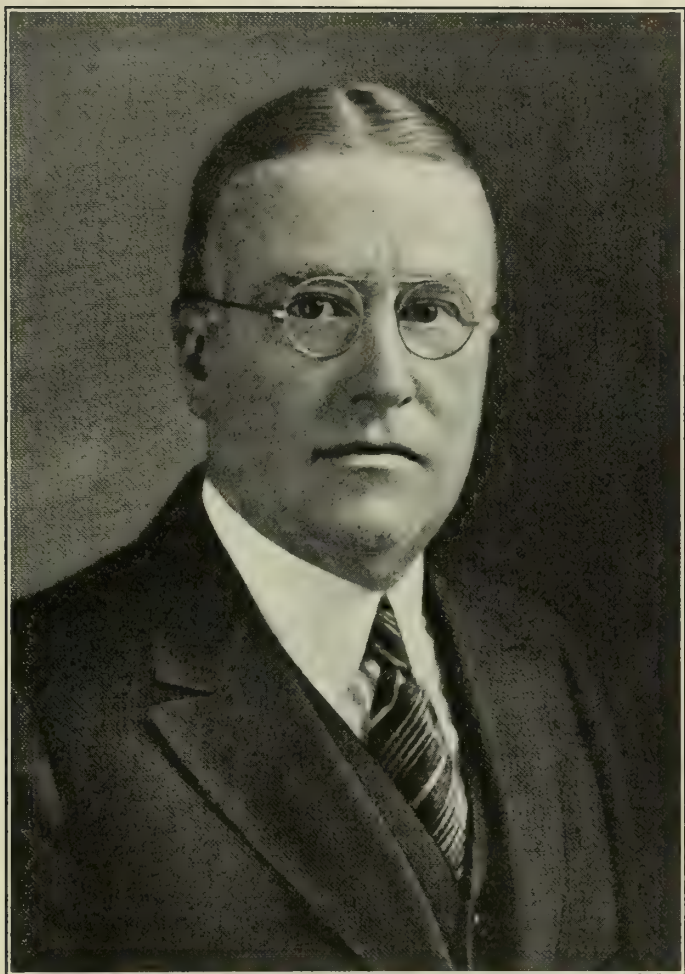
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#### E. TERRY SMITH, M. D.

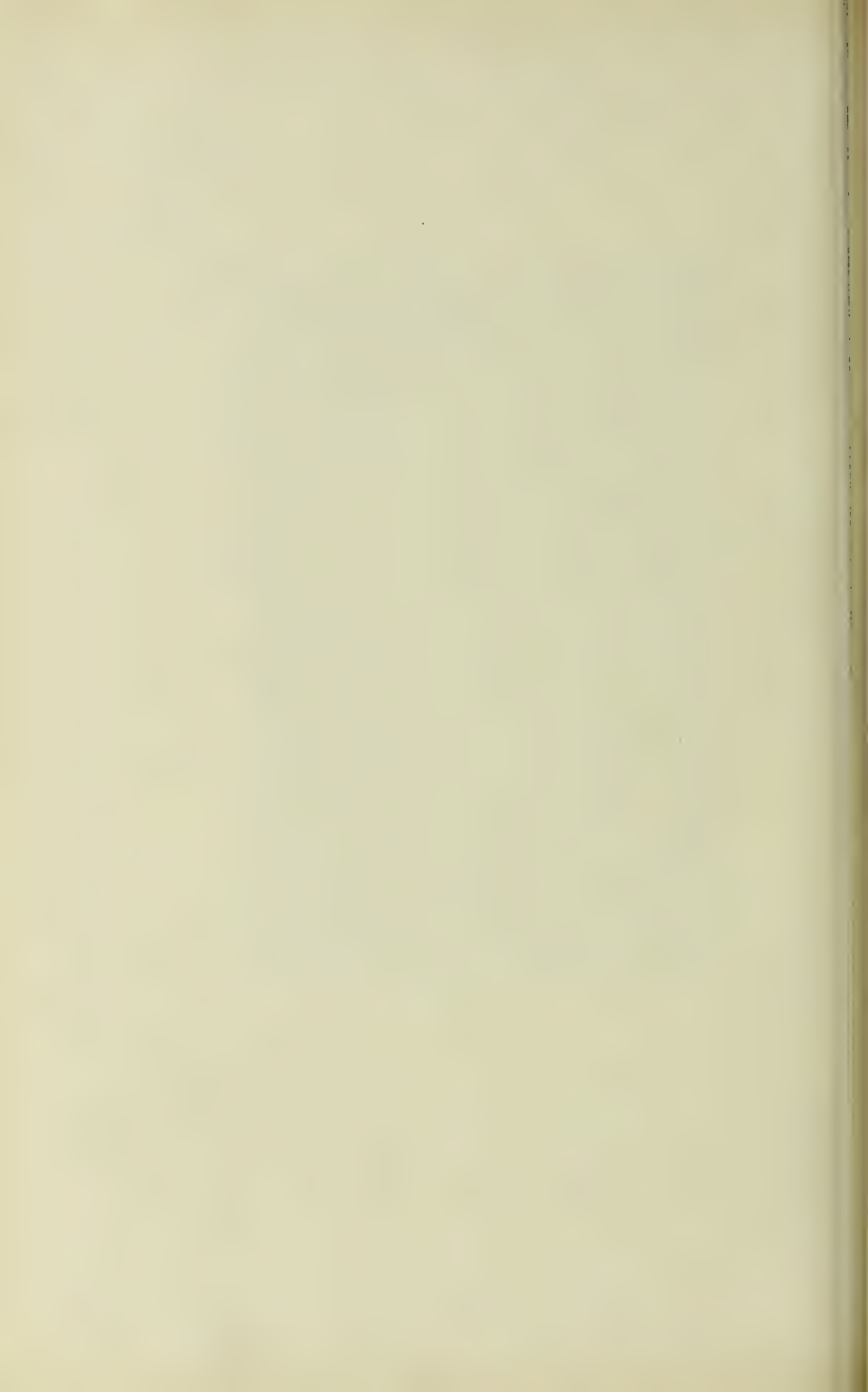
Dr. E. Terry Smith, who for nearly three decades has been a prominent representative of the medical profession in Hartford, was born in Bridgeport, September 2, 1876. He is the son of Caroline McAdams and Orland Smith, the former of Scotch ancestry, both deceased.

Dr. Smith was graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1897. The following year he served as interne in the New Haven Hospital when that hospital was taking care of the disabled soldiers of the Spanish war. Later he followed a postgraduate course in Berlin and received instruction from some of the most distinguished members of the medical profession in Germany. He began his practice in Hartford in 1900. In 1903 Trinity College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

He is ophthalmologist at the Hartford Hospital and consulting ophthalmologist at St. Francis Hospital, the Municipal Hospital, the Manchester Hospital, the New Britain General Hospital, the Bristol Hospital, and the Johnson Memorial Hospital at Stafford Springs. He is a fellow of the American Ophthalmological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, The American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society, the American College of Surgeons and the New York Academy of Medicine. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Hartford County Medical Society, the Hartford City Medical Society, of which he was recently



DR. E. TERRY SMITH





president, and at the present time he is the president of the Connecticut Medical Society.

Dr. Smith served in France during the World War and was retired with the rank of major. In 1921 he married Ethel Walker the founder and head of the Ethel Walker School at Simsbury, Connecticut, daughter of Laura Seymour, of English birth, and Colonel John Crawford Walker, of Indiana.

Apart from his profession, Dr. Smith has many and varied interests and activities attested to by his charming home at Dogswood, West Hartford, and Middleburg, Virginia, and by his membership in many clubs, among them the Yale Club of New York, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Turf and Field Club, Fishers Island Club of New York, the Hartford Club, the University Club of Hartford, the Hartford Golf Club, the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford, the Wampanoag Country Club, the Farmington Country Club, the Metabetchuan Fish and Game Club of Quebec, and the Nictau Fish and Game Club of New Brunswick. He is a thirty-second degree Mason.

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#### WILLIAM JOSEPH SHEA

William Joseph Shea, a successful young attorney of Hartford county, is engaged in general law practice as a member of the firm of Carmody & Shea of South Manchester. He is a native of Vernon, Tolland county, Connecticut, born April 4, 1900, and a son of Patrick and Mary (Myers) Shea, who were born in Manchester, this state, where they still reside. The father is a retired agriculturist.

William J. Shea began his education as a public school pupil at Vernon and continued his studies in the Rockville high school, while subsequently he matriculated in Trinity College, from which he was graduated in 1922. His professional training was received in the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., which in 1925 conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. Following his admission to the bar in January, 1926, he became a member of the law firm of Carmody & Shea at South Manchester, where he has since been engaged in general practice, specializing in corporation law. The partners are accorded an extensive and gratifying clientage, and Mr. Shea has already gained enviable recognition as an attorney of pronounced ability and broad legal learning.

Fraternally Mr. Shea is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He played on the baseball team of the Catholic University during his four years' course there and is still very fond of our great national sport. Along strictly professional lines he has membership connections with the Hartford County Bar Association, the Connecticut State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

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#### ALEXANDER DUNCAN MACKINNON

For thirty-five years Alexander Duncan Mackinnon was a resident of Hartford, figuring prominently in financial, public, social and fraternal affairs, and his life record constituted a fine example of manliness, industry and good citizenship. A native of Nova Scotia he was born in Inverness county on the 12th of January, 1865, and was a son of Lauchlan Mackinnon, who was born in Scotland, and Margaret (MacDonald) Mackinnon, a Canadian. Alexander D. Mackinnon spent his early life in Canada, receiving a good education, and in 1892, when a young man of twenty-seven, allied his interests with those of Hartford. For a few years he was connected with the Scottish Union Insurance Company and in 1897 entered the old National Exchange Bank, which was later absorbed by the First National Bank. An able financier and tireless worker, he contributed materially to the success of these institutions and remained with them until his death on March 14, 1927, at his home on Deerfield avenue.

Mr. Mackinnon was married October 3, 1893, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Miss Catherine Mackenzie, who proved an ideal helpmate, and for thirty-four years they journeyed together through life. They were the parents of five children. Alexander George, the eldest, a well known broker of Hartford, married Mildred E. Liebe, of this city, and they have one child, Marilyn. The second son, Edmund Alden, is also a broker. The daughters are Margaret Arabella, Florence Christine and Isa-

belle Ruth. Florence Christine is now the wife of Gerald D. Burnham and the mother of a daughter, Dorothy M. Mr. Burnham is associated with his father and uncle in conducting one of Hartford's leading clothing establishments, which business was founded by his great-uncle, Edgar F. Burnham, and has been conducted in this city by members of the family for more than fifty years.

Soon after his arrival in Hartford, Mr. Mackinnon united with the First Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder for twenty-five years, and until the close of his life was a zealous worker in its behalf. In 1907 he was elected councilman from the fourth ward and became president of that civic body in 1910, meeting every requirement of the office. He showed a broad comprehension of the needs of the municipality and worked at all times for its best interests. The Fernleigh Club, Inc., numbered him among its prominent members and for two terms he was chief of Clan Gordon of the Order of Scottish Clans. He was a life member of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut and took a leading part in the activities of LaFayette Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M. Mr. Mackinnon was a past patron of Hartford Chapter of the Eastern Star and was also identified with the Improved Order of Fraternal Aid Union. By nature he was genial, unselfish and sincere, and his mind and heart were as an open book. Actuated by an earnest desire to do right, Mr. Mackinnon carried his religion into his daily life, in which it found beautiful expression, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

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#### ELI HERRUP

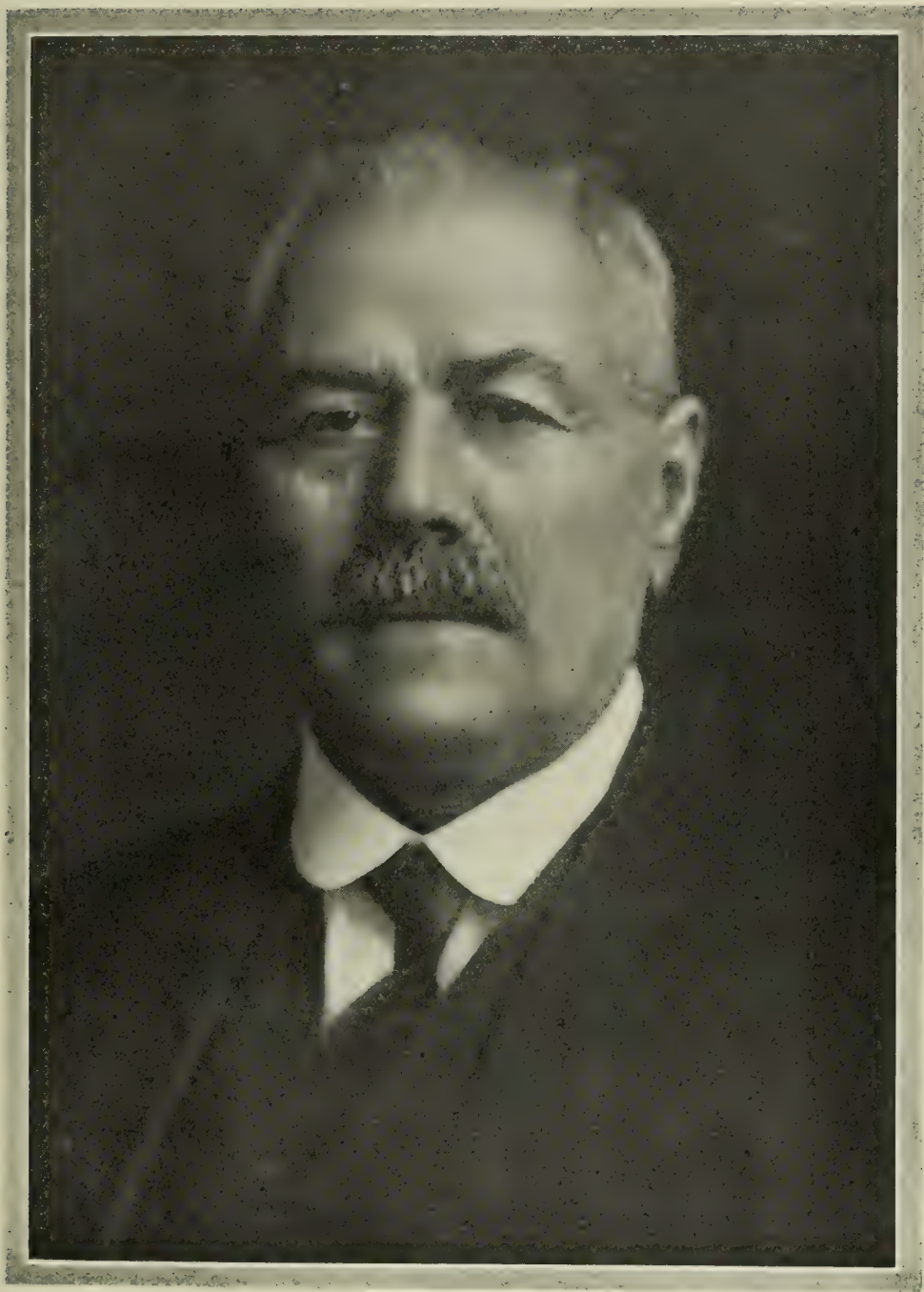
It is only force of character that carries the individual out of the hard conditions of life imposed by lack of education and lack of opportunity and brings him eventually into the realms of prosperity, of wide usefulness and of valuable service to his fellow-men. Such was the record of Eli Herrup and in an analyzation of his career it is clearly evident that unfaltering industry led to a recognition of possibilities that grew into broad business vision as the years passed. He utilized these opportunities as they came to him and each step in his career was a forward one, until he came to rank with the prominent and substantial business men of Hartford, where he made his home for more than forty years, and during the greater part of that period gave his attention to the real estate and mortgage loan business.

Mr. Herrup was a native of Brody, Austria, and had reached the ripe old age of eighty years when called to his final rest. He came to the new world prompted by a desire to better his condition. He had had no opportunity to attend school and he was practically penniless, but he looked ahead to the time when persistent labor would carry him and his family into better conditions. He took up the work of peddling and bent every energy toward achieving success in that field. That he progressed is manifest in the fact that after two years he was able to send for his wife and four children, Samuel E., Solomon R., Louis (who has since passed away) and Ida, now Mrs. Feinberg, the family joining him in the new world. His wife's maiden name was Gussie Posaner and she also was a native of Austria.

His peddling business was the initial step that brought Mr. Herrup into the mercantile field. He practiced strict economy as well as diligence and in time saved a sufficient sum to enable him to open a store on Main street at what is now known as Needham's corner. Again his labors brought the desired result. He studied the trade, the wishes of his patrons and put forth every effort to meet the desires of the public along the line of the merchandise which he carried. Thus it was that he was able to open a second store on Morgan street, and from that field he emerged to take his place among the well known realtors and mortgage loan dealers of Hartford. For thirty-five years he continued in that business and at different times he handled considerable property and was for some years the owner of the Buckingham block on Main street. In the school of experience he was continually learning lessons of value which he put to good use.

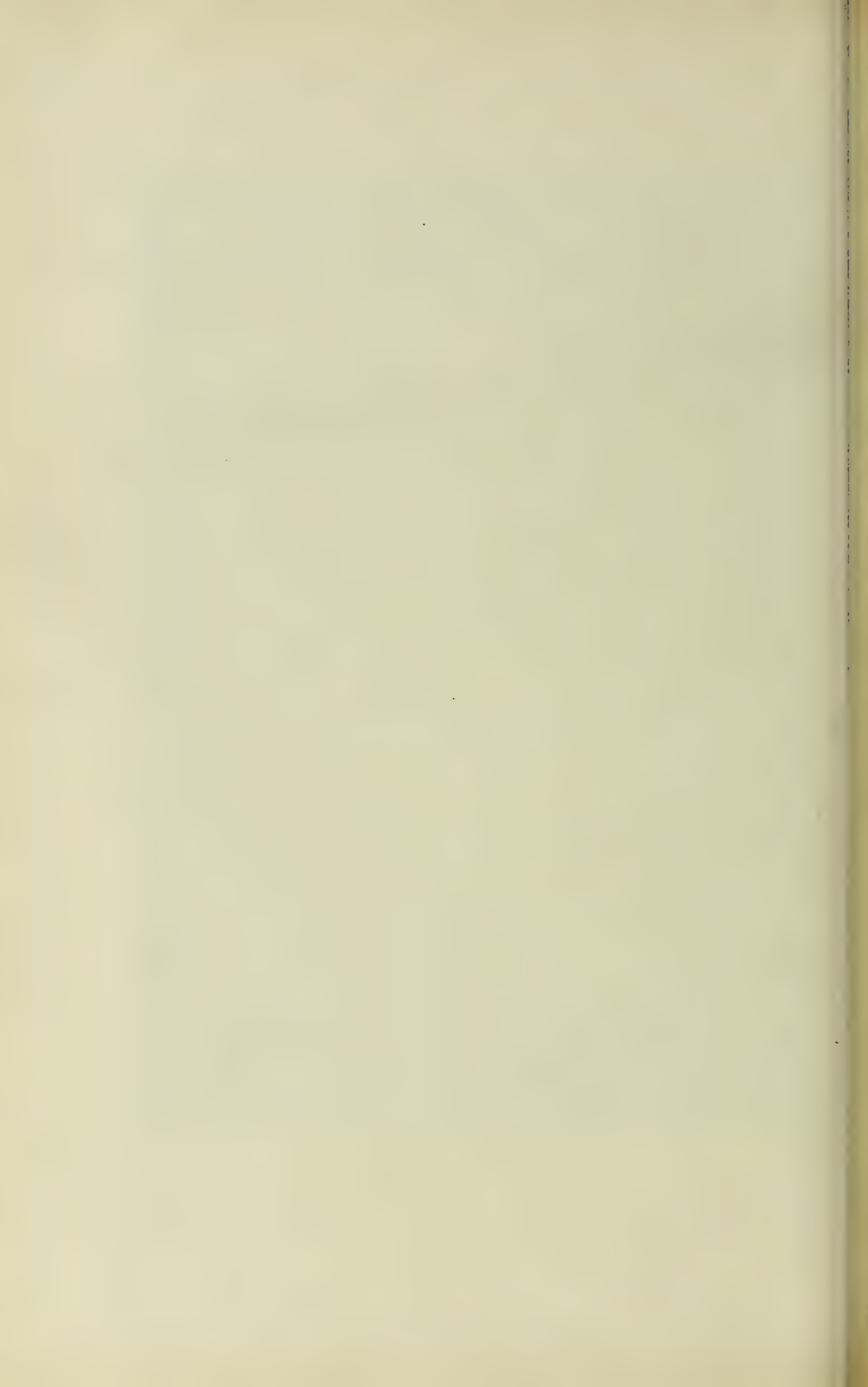
After some years' residence in the new world Mr. Herrup lost his first wife and later married again. In June, 1922, he formed the Herrup Corporation, into which the greater part of his fortune was placed, and divided all of the shares equally between his children. The business of the Herrup Corporation is managed by his son, Louis Feinberg of the firm of Feinberg Brothers, who married the eldest daughter, Ida, and Isreal Gruber, of the Gruber Furniture Company, who married the youngest daughter,





ELI HERRUP





Sadie. Nathan Herrup was always his father's right-hand man and with him returned to Austria a few years ago that the father might visit his birthplace.

Mr. Herrup set a splendid example for his children not only in his business affairs, which resulted in the attainment of notable success, but also in his charitable and benevolent work. As he prospered he continually sought to reach out a helping hand to those who needed assistance and few men were more liberal in their donations. He was long identified with the United Jewish Charities, the Hebrew Old People's Home Association and the Hebrew Women's Home for Children. He was likewise treasurer of Shara Torah Lodge, I. O. B. A., was a member of the first Austrian Verbund and the Talmud Torah. He was one of the founders of the Rumanian synagogue on Market street thirty-three years ago and was its treasurer for several years. He likewise assisted in establishing the Garden street synagogue and at the time of his demise was a member of the Chevra Mishnayes synagogue, loyally adhering to the faith of his fathers.

Mr. Herrup's beneficence may be realized from an observation made by one who is an outstanding figure in this active generation. On the day of his death, December 9, 1927, a considerable number had called to pay their last respects to the dead, all men of the younger generation, who, like the deceased, got their start in life in America through sheer force of industry, perseverance and a denial to themselves of the luxuries of life. This observer remarked: "Look around the room. There's hardly a man here who has not been helped by your father and your father's monetary uplift is very largely responsible for the fact that these beneficiaries have become men who command respect and possess power and are useful citizens."

In addition to the children mentioned above, Mr. Herrup left two sons, Morris and Nathan, and one daughter, Mrs. Gruber.

Eli Herrup was the founder of the family in the new world—a family that, in addition to his surviving children now numbers thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. To them he left not only a substantial fortune but also the priceless heritage of a good name. Coming to the new world an emigrant, seemingly with no especially bright outlook for the future, he died a wealthy man, a respected citizen and a beloved friend. Because of his thoughtfulness and consideration for others, as manifested in a practical and helpful charity, the world is better for his having lived and the good work which he instituted is being carried on by his sons, who also figure prominently in the business circles of the city.

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#### SAMUEL E. HERRUP

The eldest of the sons of Eli Herrup is Samuel E., who was born in Austria in 1877. He came to this country when a boy with his mother, two brothers and sister, and at once became his father's assistant in his work as a peddler. He had many unusual experiences in that work, being unable to speak the English language, but learned quickly and soon acquired a good knowledge of the language and the ways of the new world.

Later Samuel entered the real estate and mortgage field which he has found very profitable. In 1897 he married Miss Esther Schwartz and they have four children, Leo, Raymond, Nathan and Abraham. Mr. Herrup is active in the work of the United Jewish Charities. Regardless of his lack of education in youth, he has been very successful in his chosen career.

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#### SOLOMON R. HERRUP

For twenty-one years Solomon R. Herrup has engaged in the practice of law and has an office at 1026 Main street in Hartford. He commands a large clientele, for with the passing years his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance, connecting him with many of the leading litigated interests heard in the district and state courts. Born in Brody, Austria, now a part of Poland, on the 15th of October, 1879, he is a son of Eli and Gussie (Posaner) Herrup, who were also natives of Austria. Extended mention of the father may be found on another page of this work.

Solomon R. Herrup pursued a public school education, passing through consecu-

tive grades until he entered the New York University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1906 with the LL. B. degree. On the 11th of February, 1907, he was admitted to practice at the New York bar and opened an office in New York, where he remained until September, 1910. In 1911 he was admitted to the Hartford bar and through the intervening period has followed his profession in this city, devoting his attention to the general practice of law and winning a gratifying measure of success. He has been retained as counsel in many important cases and in his practice he is seldom if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle, while his clear statement and logical argument are effective forces in the attainment of desired verdicts. He is also vice president of the Herrup Corporation.

Mr. Herrup was united in marriage in 1914 to Tillie G. Bachrach, of New York city, and they are now well known in Hartford, where they have an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Herrup was one of the founders of Emanuel synagogue, a member of the building committee and the board of directors for four years and was the first secretary of the Emanuel synagogue, serving for about four years. He was a member of the Home Guards during the World war period. He has always been interested in politics and his support is ever found on the side of progress and advancement. The major part of his time and attention, however, is given to his professional duties and he is a member of the Hartford Bar Association, enjoying the warm regard of his professional brethren because of the fact that he always conforms his practice to the highest professional ethics.

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#### MORRIS HERRUP

Morris, fourth son of Eli Herrup, is a native of Hartford, where he was born, March 17, 1892. He secured his education in the grammar and high schools of this city and, after completing his high school course, became associated with his brother Louis, since deceased, in the furniture business, which they carried on together for ten years with much success. Three years ago Mr. Herrup went into business for himself at 89-91 Pleasant street and is still carrying on business there.

In 1917 Mr. Herrup married Elizabeth Feinberg and they have one daughter, eight years of age.

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#### NATHAN HERRUP

Nathan, the fifth son of Eli Herrup, was born in Hartford May 9, 1897. He received his education in the schools of Hartford, graduating from the South school and began his business career in the real estate and mortgage loan business with which he is still identified. He is also treasurer of the Service Mortgage Company and is secretary and assistant treasurer of the Herrup Corporation.

For nearly a year Mr. Herrup was a member of the United States Naval Reserve. He is treasurer of Share Torah Lodge and a member of Emanuel synagogue.

On December 14, 1920, Mr. Herrup was united in marriage to Miss Rhea Noll, a native of Hartford, the date of her birth being May 10, 1899. She is connected with the Sisterhood of Emanuel synagogue and other Hebrew organizations in which she is active. They have one daughter, Jeanne Patricia.

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#### FRANK TAYLOR WHEELER

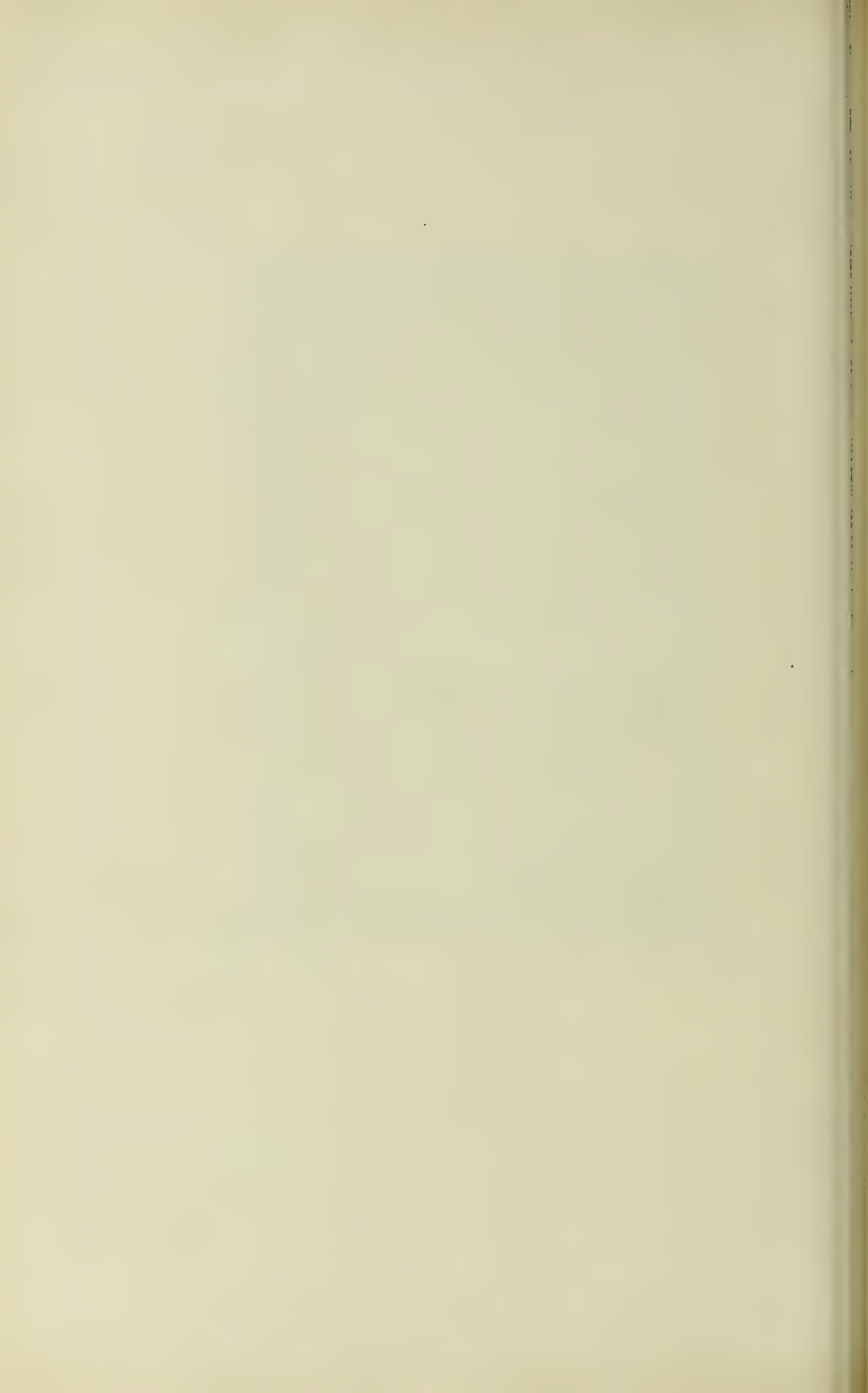
A man of well balanced capacities and powers and of marked public spirit, Frank Taylor Wheeler has furthered Plainville's development along many lines and is nationally known as a standardization expert. As vice president of the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company of Plainville, Connecticut, with which corporation he has been associated since its organization in 1899, he is actively identified in an executive capacity with the great growth and development of a business which has progressed from a humble beginning into one of the largest concerns of its kind in





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FRANK T. WHEELER



America. He was born July 23, 1874, in Marion, Connecticut, and his parents were James Frank and Sara Ann (Taylor) Wheeler, the former a successful merchant of Plantsville, Connecticut. On the paternal side he comes of English ancestry dating back to Moses Wheeler of Kent, England, born in 1598, who came to America and located in New Haven in 1638, later moving to Stratford, Connecticut, where he died in 1698 at the age of one hundred years. The American progenitor of the Taylor family in America emigrated from England to the United States in 1846.

Frank Taylor Wheeler was educated in the public schools of Plantsville, Connecticut, subsequently taking a course for two years at Lewis high school of Southington, this state. At the age of fourteen he went to work for the Union Bag Company and shortly after entered the employ of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company at Plantsville. From there he went with the H. D. Smith Company of Plantsville in the capacity of office boy and assisted in the shipping department, and in 1893 he became an entered apprentice to the machinist trade with the Southington Hardware Company, where he remained for a period of six years, the last three years as foreman. He worked ten hours a day during six days of the week and was eventually placed in charge of the bicycle department, which at that time was a new feature of the business. He was a young man of twenty-five when in 1899, in association with two Trumbull brothers, he organized the Trumbull Electric Company, later the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company, with plants at Plainville, Connecticut, Trenton, New Jersey, and Ludlow, Kentucky. Mr. Wheeler was chosen as vice president in charge of the mechanical and development work and he has continuously filled that position in an able and efficient manner. A contemporary biographer said of him: "Being a keen student of matters electrical and automotive, he has developed his mind along that channel to such a degree that he is a recognized authority on numerous electrical subjects pertaining to that industry and his knowledge of affairs as a student led to his selection as a member of the board of governors of the Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies, member of Electrical Council, also member of Standards Committee of A. M. E. S., and various other standardizing committees and sub-committees regulating standardization of electrical equipment, to which work he devotes a great deal of his time and keenly enjoys both the labor required and his association with his colleagues." Liberally endowed with executive force and good judgment, Mr. Wheeler has not only played a conspicuous part in the development of the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company but is also an important factor in the management of other corporations. He is first vice president and a director of the Plainville Trust Company; secretary and a director of the Plainville Realty Company; secretary, treasurer and vice president of the Plainville Water Company; secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Temple Corporations, and a director of the Union Manufacturing Company of New Britain, all of which have profited by his earnest, systematic efforts.

At Southington, Mr. Wheeler was married June 17, 1903, to Miss Bertha Munson Buell, a daughter of Burton T. Buell and a member of one of the prominent families of this locality.

Politically Mr. Wheeler is a staunch republican. He is very much interested in civic affairs, being a director and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, town assessor for six years, secretary of the town plan commission for seven years and chairman of the sewer district. An ardent champion of all projects for civic growth and advancement, he secured for Plainville its beautiful high school building after years of opposition, being chairman of the building committee and chairman of the committee that recommended and secured nine acres of land in the center of the town for school and recreation purposes. He headed the movements for the installation of a thoroughly modern water system, sewers, paved streets and other public improvements and in fact has been foremost in any and all projects for the civic welfare of Plainville during his entire business career. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Frederick Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Washington Commandery, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Hartford. He is also a past noble grand of Eureka Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Southington, Connecticut, and his name is likewise on the membership rolls of the New Britain Club, the Hartford Club, the Automobile Club of Hartford, the Shuttle Meadow Golf Club, the Southington Country Club, the Chippanee Club of Bristol and the Avon Golf Club. His recreations are golfing and fishing in the Maine woods. During the World war he participated in the various



drives, being treasurer of most of them. He was a sergeant in Company I, State National Guard of Connecticut, of which Governor Trumbull was captain, serving three years. His career has been conspicuously useful and his prosperity is well deserved, for it has been worthily earned.

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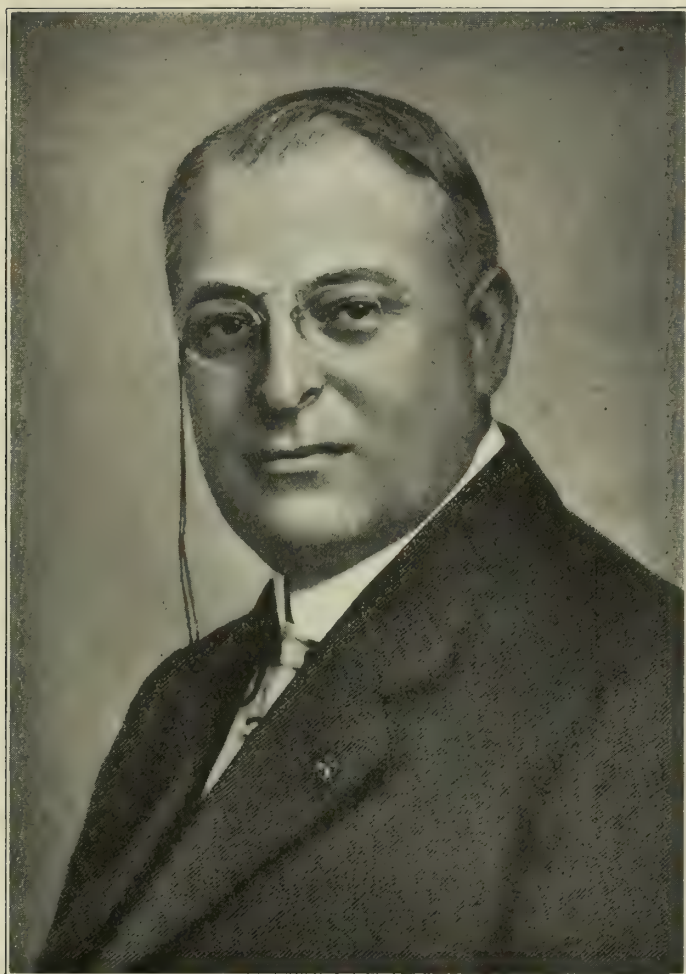
#### CLIFFORD DELMAR PERKINS

A notably successful career is that of Clifford Delmar Perkins, proprietor of the Heublein Hotel, which under his direction has kept abreast with Hartford's development in commercial and financial fields. The spirit of progress has actuated him at every point in his career and finds expression in a hotel service that cannot be surpassed even in the hostelries of the metropolis. A steady, consistent and logical development of his powers has brought him to the prominent position which he now occupies among the business men of his adopted city.

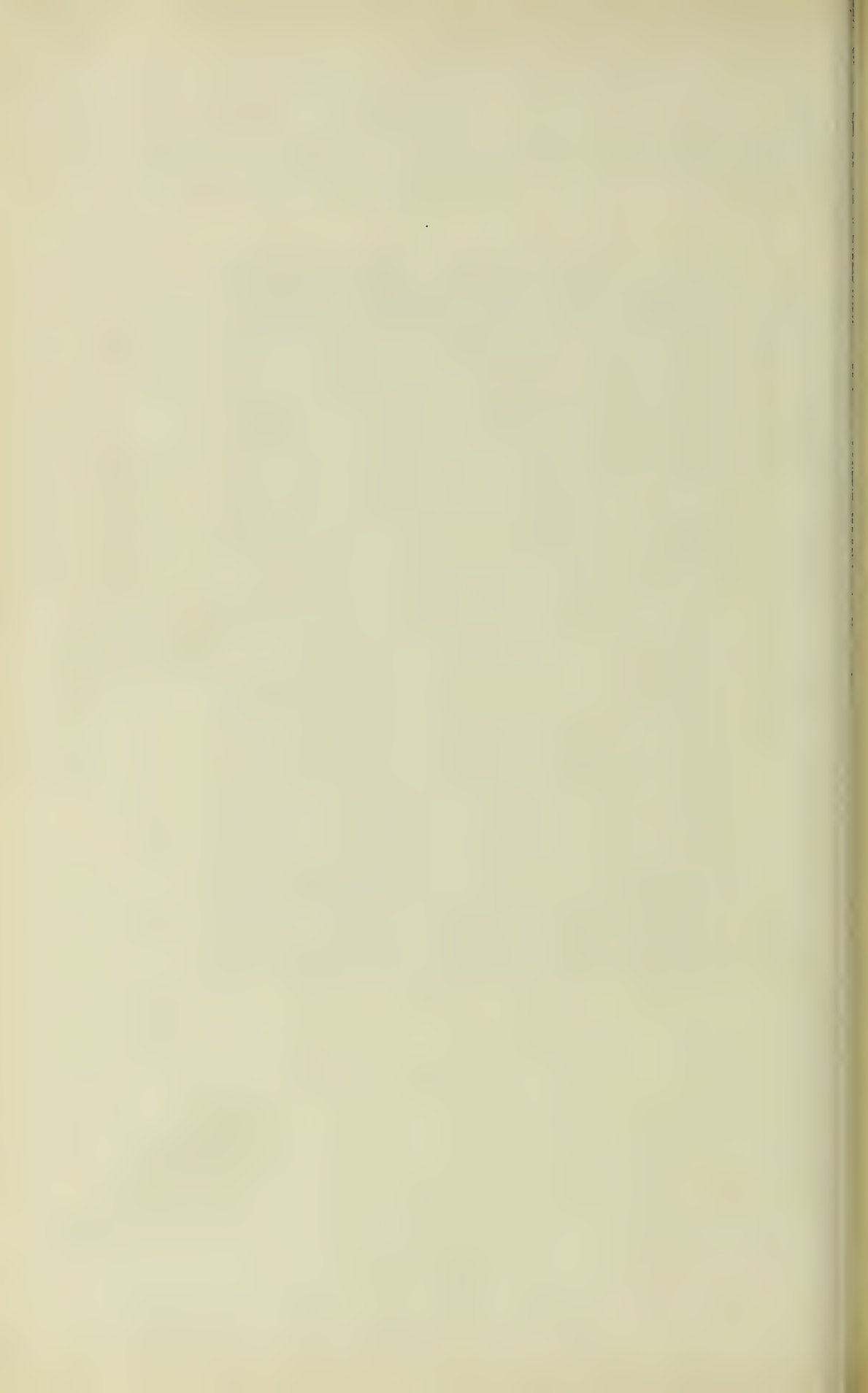
Mr. Perkins is a native of Colchester, Connecticut, born July 14, 1866, his parents being Octavius Harrison and Ellen (Niles) Perkins. He is a representative of a distinguished family of Mansfield, his great-grandparents having been William and Rhoda (Davis) Perkins, while his grandparents were Hezekiah and Elizabeth H. (Dodge) Perkins.

With the removal of the family to Titusville, Pennsylvania, Clifford D. Perkins acquired his elementary education in the public schools there and later he attended Bacon Academy at Colchester, Connecticut, and the Hampden Business College in Springfield, Massachusetts, thus receiving thorough training that well qualified him for the duties and responsibilities of later life. When his textbooks were put aside he obtained a clerkship in the wholesale store of J. B. Merrow & Sons Company of Merrow, Connecticut. He subsequently engaged in the silk business, being for several years with the Springfield Silk Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Aetna Silk Company of Norfolk, Connecticut. He thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the silk business and pursued special courses in chemical dyeing, becoming an expert in that field. In 1893 he directed his efforts into other channels, however, by entering the hotel business, at which time he became manager of the Stevens House of Norfolk, Connecticut, in which undertaking he was associated with E. C. Stevens. There he remained until 1897 and during that period gave evidence of the possession of qualities essential to successful hotel management and control. From that point forward his career has been marked by steady and substantial progress. From Norfolk he went to New Haven, where he was connected with the management of the Hotel Garde, and from 1898 until 1900 he was assistant manager of the Grenoble Hotel in New York city under Warren G. Leland. In 1900 he became manager of the Mohican Hotel of New London, one of the most attractive and best equipped hotels in Connecticut, of which he continued in charge until he went south as manager of hotels in several of the leading resorts in Florida. In the fall of 1904, however, he accepted the management of the Highland Court Hotel of Hartford at the request of its owner, G. W. Merrow, a son of Mr. Perkins' first employer. As in his previous hotel experiences, he made a success in controlling that hostelry and continued in charge until 1915, when he took over the Heublein Hotel of Hartford and in 1920 purchased the property. He is now sole owner of this hotel and has maintained it at the highest standards of service, putting forth every possible effort to promote the comfort and happiness of his guests. He has displayed the spirit of the pioneer inasmuch as he has introduced various improvements and initiated many new ideas of hotel service which have become very popular. With the passing years he has extended his business connections and is now a director of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company of Hartford and also a director of the New England Hotel Association.

On the 30th of September, 1903, Mr. Perkins was married to Miss Gertrude Constance Allender, of New London, Connecticut, a daughter of Nelson J. and Sarah (Cone) Allender, of that place. In his fraternal relations Mr. Perkins is a Mason, being now a Knight Templar of Washington Commandery, while in the consistory he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he also belongs to Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In civic affairs he is helpfully interested, his cooperation being a potent factor in bringing about progress in municipal interests



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at various times. He votes with the republican party and was its candidate for the office of state senator in the third district. He has membership in the notable Lambs Club of New York, in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Country Club of Farmington and the Automobile Club of Hartford, being a director of the last named. For seven years he was commanding officer in the Putnam Phalanx. Courteous, obliging and genial, those qualities have made for success in his most creditable business career and they have also made for popularity in private life and in the social organizations with which he is identified. His acquaintance is an extremely wide one and his friends are legion.

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#### JAMES BARNETT SLIMMON

James Barnett Slimmon, of Hartford, secretary of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, was born at East Orange, New Jersey, July 18, 1893. His parents are Robert and Emily (Barnett) Slimmon. He attended the Herne School in England, the Ridge School at Washington, Connecticut, and the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut. He next attended the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University and was graduated in the class of 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. After leaving school he entered the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and was employed by that corporation until 1917. In the intermediate year of 1916 he joined Troop B of the Connecticut National Guard and did duty on the Mexican border. Following attendance at Plattsburg training camp, he was commissioned a first lieutenant of field artillery for service in the World war. Soon afterward he was transferred to the air service and attended ground school at Austin, Texas, and received his flying training at Rockwell Field in San Diego, California, and Roosevelt Field, Mineola, Long Island. He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain, January 10, 1919.

Mr. Slimmon returned to Hartford and became connected with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as a representative of the agency department. In 1924 he was chosen assistant secretary of the company and in the following year was elected to the office of secretary. He is also a trustee of the Bankers Trust Company.

On the 29th of May, 1920, Mr. Slimmon married Miss Beatrice Dunham, a daughter of S. G. Dunham. They have become parents of a daughter and two sons: Eleanor Dunham, Robert Douglas and James Barnett, Jr. Mr. Slimmon is a member of the Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club and the University Club. He has voted with the republican party and he is a member of the Hartford Aviation Commission and Inspector of the State Department of Aviation, taking active interest in making this an aviation center.

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#### WILLIAM H. CADWELL

William H. Cadwell, president of the Beaton & Cadwell Manufacturing Company of New Britain, engaged in the manufacture of plumbing and heating specialties, was born in Farmington, Connecticut, in 1862, his parents being William A. and Margaret (Brown) Cadwell, who were also natives of Farmington, Hartford county. The family has long resided in this section of the state and has ever contributed to the material progress and substantial development of the county. William A. Cadwell was a farmer by occupation and in early life was connected with the Methodist Episcopal church of Farmington but afterward became identified with the Congregational church. The family numbered four sons and two daughters, of whom one son and one daughter have passed away.

William H. Cadwell attended the schools of Farmington and of New Britain, while later he became a student in Williston Seminary of Massachusetts, in which he pursued a scientific course, specializing in engineering. On the 29th of May, 1883, he became identified with A. W. Rice as assistant engineer and continued to serve in that capacity until December, 1888, when he began business independently as an engineer and architect. He was active in that field until 1917, when he was elected to the presidency of the Beaton & Cadwell Manufacturing Company, with which he

had been associated as a director from 1895. The business had been established in the previous year under the name of the Beaton & Bradley Company, but a change in ownership in 1895 led to the adoption of the firm style of the Beaton & Cadwell Company. When Mr. Cadwell purchased the interest of Mr. Bradley the business was located in Southington but in 1900 was removed to New Britain and established near the present location. Today the company occupies a building six stories in height with basement, which was completed in February, 1917. The company manufactures plumbing and heating specialties and probably does the largest business of the kind in Connecticut. The output is sold largely to the jobbing trade all over the United States and abroad and includes radiator air valves, pipe hangers and flush valves. Their manufactured products are of the highest quality upon the market, which has secured for them a ready sale. In addition to his activity as president of the Beaton & Cadwell Manufacturing Company, Mr. Cadwell is a trustee of the New Britain Trust Company, a director of the New Britain Real & Title Company, president and director of the Real Estate Investment Company, treasurer and director of the Union Realty Company and president and director of the Hadley-Smith Manufacturing Company of Moodus, Connecticut. During the war period the products of the plant were largely used by the government. The business is one of gratifying proportions, returning to the owners a satisfactory income.

In 1891 Mr. Cadwell was married to Miss Frances Hadley, who was born in New Britain. He is a Mason, has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the New Britain Club and the Kego Park Club in the Adirondacks, New York, an organization of which he is secretary, treasurer and trustee and which is devoted to hunting and fishing. In civic affairs he has always taken a deep and helpful interest and his professional skill and ability have been utilized for public benefit. He is chairman of the state board of civil engineers and is engineer member of the rivers, harbor and bridges commission.

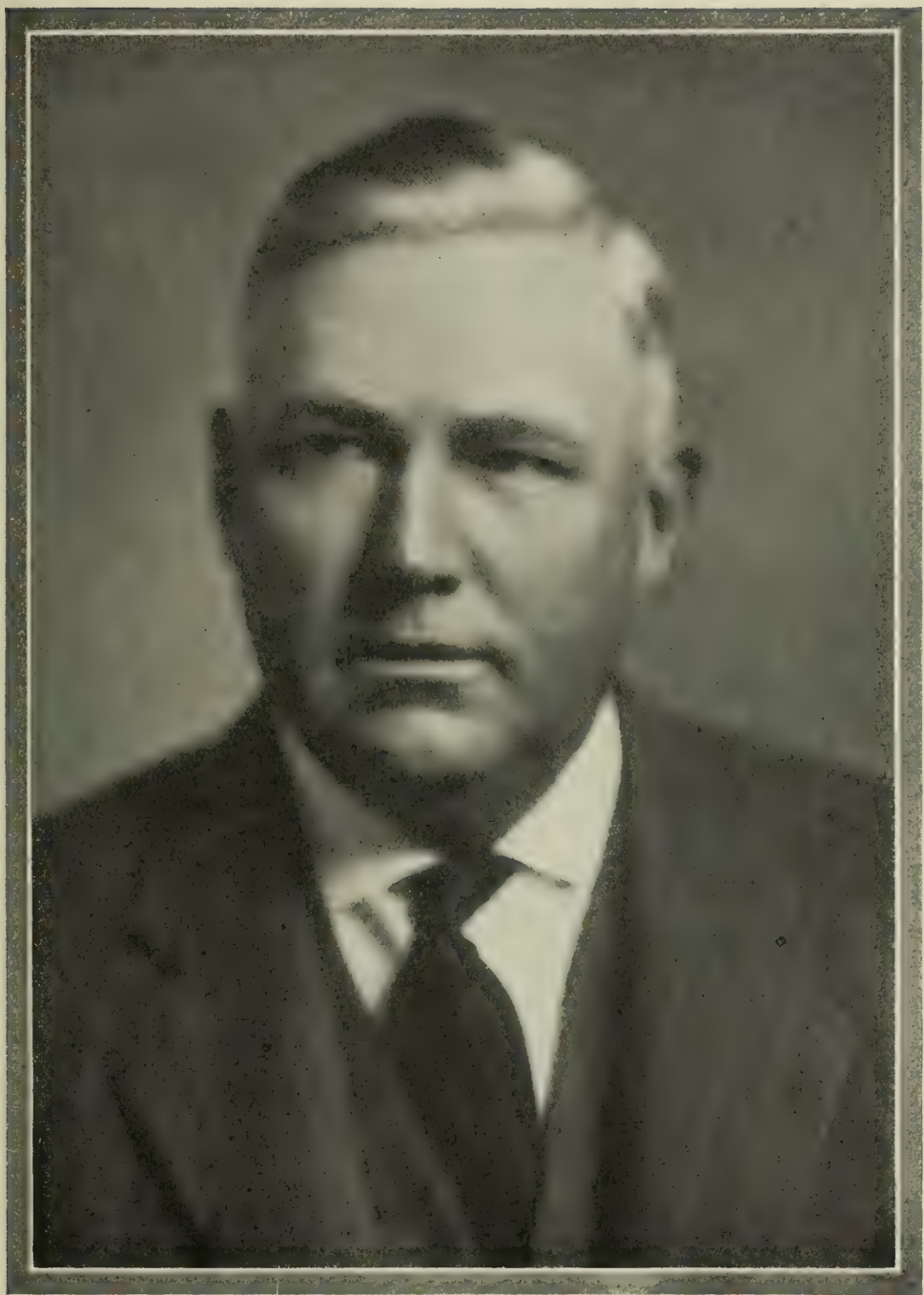
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#### EDWARD BONTECOU MORRIS

Edward Bontecou Morris holds the important office of actuary of the Travelers Insurance Company and through his activity in this field has contributed to the reputation which Hartford bears as the insurance center of the country. Moreover, he has made valuable contribution to the literature of his profession and he is widely known in scientific circles, especially those which have more or less to do with mathematical interests.

Mr. Morris was born August 16, 1875, in the city which is still his home, and is a son of John E. and Mary P. (Felt) Morris. His father at one time was secretary of the Travelers Insurance Company. The ancestral line is traced back through nine generations to Edward Morris, of English birth, who became a resident of Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he filled the office of selectman and member of the general court. He afterward removed to Woodstock, Connecticut, and became the founder of the family in this state. In the seventh generation Edward B. Morris is descended from Pierre Bontecou, a Huguenot refugee from France who settled in New York in 1689, and he is also numbered among the descendants in the ninth generation of George Felt, who left his native England to become a resident of Charleston, Massachusetts, in 1633, while in 1643 he established his home at Casco Bay, where he had extensive holdings. Among the ancestors of Mr. Morris is also numbered Thomas Lincoln, who in 1635 arrived in New England, making his home first at Hingham and afterward at Taunton, Massachusetts, where he engaged in the milling business. On the family tree there further appear the names of Hon. William Pynchon, Governor George Wyllys, Governor William Bradford and others of distinction.

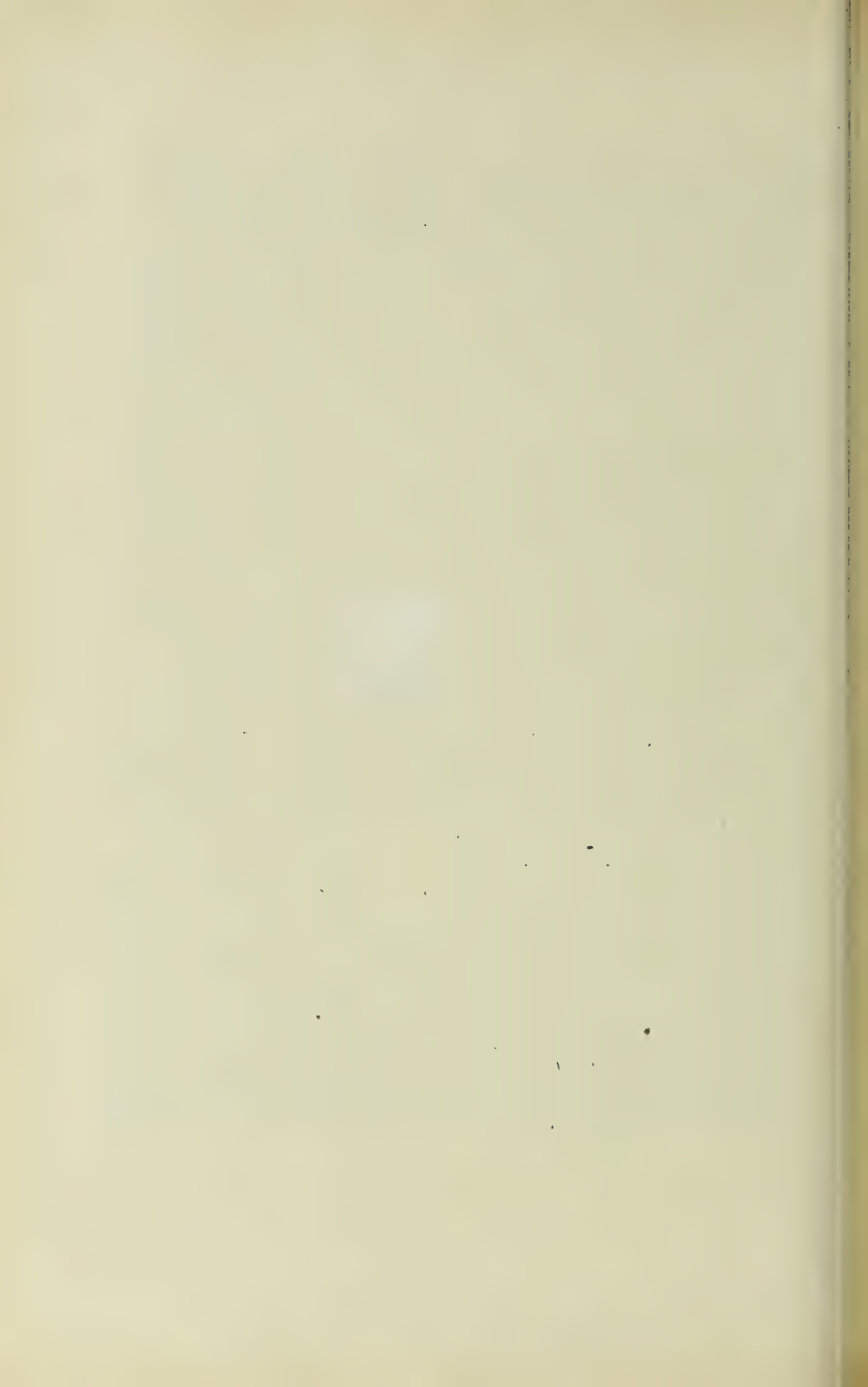
After attending the Hartford public high school Edward B. Morris matriculated in the Yale Sheffield Scientific School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. In school he was captain of one of the strongest track teams in the school's history and in college was on the freshman football eleven and later played on the varsity, being also a member of the track team. Never losing his love for athletics, he has gone on with golf and tennis and is still rated with a low golf handicap in the Connecticut Golf Association. He had a year's business experience in New York city



(Photograph by John Haley)

EDWARD B. MORRIS





and in August, 1898, returning to Hartford, became an employe in the actuarial department of the Travelers Insurance Company at the suggestion of James G. Battersson, who founded the business. With the passing years he has made steady progress, developing his powers through the exercise of effort and increasing his ability through study, application and experience. A recognition of his growing ability led to his appointment as assistant actuary in 1906 and he became actuary in 1914. Along the line of his chosen field of labor he has entered into various membership connections, being now a fellow of the Actuarial Society of America and its vice president. He is likewise a fellow of the American Institute of Actuaries, a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society of London England. He is also a member of the American Statistical Association, the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Royal Economic Society, the Comité Permanent des Congrès Internationaux d' Actuaire, Academy of Political Science, American Economic Association, American Public Health Association, and a member of the committee on "Combined Group Life Experience" of the Group Insurance Association, Committee of Five Actuaries appointed by Superintendent Beha of New York state to recommend revisions of certain New York Life Insurance laws, and Permanent Committee on Insurance Legislation of American Institute of Actuaries. Mr. Morris has contributed numerous articles on insurance and actuarial matters to the various actuarial societies of which he is a member, some of which are given below: (1907) Mortality Experience of Yale Graduates, 1792-1901; (1913) Substandard Life Insurance; (1913) Premiums and Reserves upon Life Insurance Contracts that provide for Maturity at Total and Permanent Disability as at Death; (1917) Group Life Insurance and its Possible Development; (1918) Joint Mortality Experience of the Aetna Life and the Travelers Insurance Companies on Group Policies (with E. E. Cammack); (1920) Some Suggestions affecting the Financial Statements of Life Insurance Companies; (1921) Some New Problems affecting Life Insurance; (1923) A Comparison of Mortality Elements between Group and Regular Life Insurance; (1928) Life Insurance in Conjunction with Bank Savings Deposits, and The Permanent Total Disability Provision in Life Insurance Contracts (1928).

Something of the breadth of his activities and his interests is indicated in the list and variety of his membership connections. He belongs to the Hartford Yale Alumni Association, is a trustee of the Yale Alumni Association Loan Fund of Hartford County, belongs to the Delta Phi fraternity and the St. Elmo Society of the Sheffield Scientific School and the Yale Engineering Association. Because of his collegiate connection he has membership in the University Club of Hartford, of which he formerly served on the executive committee. He is likewise interested in patriotic organizations, having membership in the Sons of Veterans, in the Connecticut Historical Society, the National Association for Constitutional Government, Playground and Recreation Association of America, American Association for Old Age Security, and American Civil Liberties Union. He belongs to the Bachelors Club, to the Sentinels of the Republic, the American Museum of Natural History (of) New York and to the Wadsworth Atheneum, and is a fellow of the American Geographical Society. He is also a member of the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford, of which he served on the executive committee, the Hartford Get-Together Club, the Hartford Curling Club, of which he was formerly president, and the Hartford Golf Club, in which he has served, as captain, secretary, vice president and president. In the Lions Club of Hartford he has been vice president and a member of the executive committee. He likewise belongs to the Hartford Club, the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, Automobile Club of Hartford, the Graduates Club of New Haven and the Connecticut Golf Association, having in the last named served as secretary, vice president and president, while at the present writing he is on the executive committee. He is likewise a member of the Wampanoag Country Club of West Hartford and a member of the South Congregational church of Hartford.

On the 5th of June, 1909, Mr. Morris married Miss Martha V. King and the family circle now includes two daughters, Martha Bontecou, born April 22, 1911, and Ann Josephine Morris, born June 28, 1914. Their residence at 843 Prospect avenue is a social center that accords a warm-hearted hospitality to their extensive circle of friends. That Mr. Morris reaches out in helpfulness toward his fellowmen is indicated in his

membership in the National Tuberculosis Association, in the Hartford Community Chest and in the Young Men's Christian Association.

Politically Mr. Morris is a republican and that he is not neglectful of the duties and obligations of citizenship is shown in his connection with organizations previously mentioned. He has never sought office as a reward for party fealty, however, his activities centering in other fields. As a business man his course has been marked by steady progress, while in the field of club and social activities his influence has ever been exerted along constructive lines and his social nature is such as adds to the happiness of his fellowmen as well as to progress and achievement in the material world.

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#### DEWITT PAGE

DeWitt Page, one of the outstanding industrial leaders of New England, is president and general manager of the New Departure Manufacturing Company of Bristol, Hartford and Meriden, Connecticut. This company is one of the principal accessory units of the General Motors Corporation, of which organization Mr. Page is a vice president and director.

Mr. Page was born in Meriden, Connecticut, April 26, 1869, the eldest son of George Washington and Mary Jane (Smith) Page. He attended the public schools of his native city but the untimely death of his father made it necessary for him to leave school at an early age. He served as clerk in mercantile establishments in Hartford and New Britain until his twenty-third year when he entered the employ of the company of which he is now president. This concern was then small, employing thirty hands, and manufactured a line of door bells. Subsequently the bicycle reached the zenith of its popularity and the company added bicycle bells to its manufacture, giving to Bristol the appellation of the "Bell Town," by which name it is still known in many sections of the United States. Later the coaster brake for bicycles was added, this device becoming popular throughout this country and in several countries of Europe.

Throughout this early period in the history of the New Departure Manufacturing Company the duties of Mr. Page were varied, taking him into practically every department of office activity as well as giving him an intimate knowledge of the manufacturing ends. Later he was the head of the advertising, purchasing and sales departments by successive promotions until he became assistant general manager, and then president and general manager.

Mr. Page has ever been conservatively progressive,—a man who thinks straight, is a keen analyst and possesses constructive ability for organization and for working out managerial problems to a successful conclusion. His counsel was sought and followed from the early development of the company. It was he who in 1904 urged that the company discontinue its policy of employing a selling agent and conduct its own sales work. He was appointed sales manager at that time and the steady upward growth of the company has continued from that time until now (1928) when upwards of six thousand hands are employed.

Meanwhile, the company entered into the manufacture of ball bearings, retaining, however, the business of making door, bicycle, ambulance and fire bells. The production of ball bearings today constitutes 90 per cent of the business of the company. With a daily output of one hundred and sixty-five thousand bearings, the company is at the head of the anti-friction bearing industry of the world.

In 1916 the common stock of the company was taken over by the United Motors Corporation of New York city and Mr. Page was elected secretary and treasurer of that organization, holding office until that corporation was absorbed by the General Motors Corporation on January 15, 1919. The following May he was elected a member of the directorate of that organization and on April 19, 1923, was elected a vice president and continues in that position.

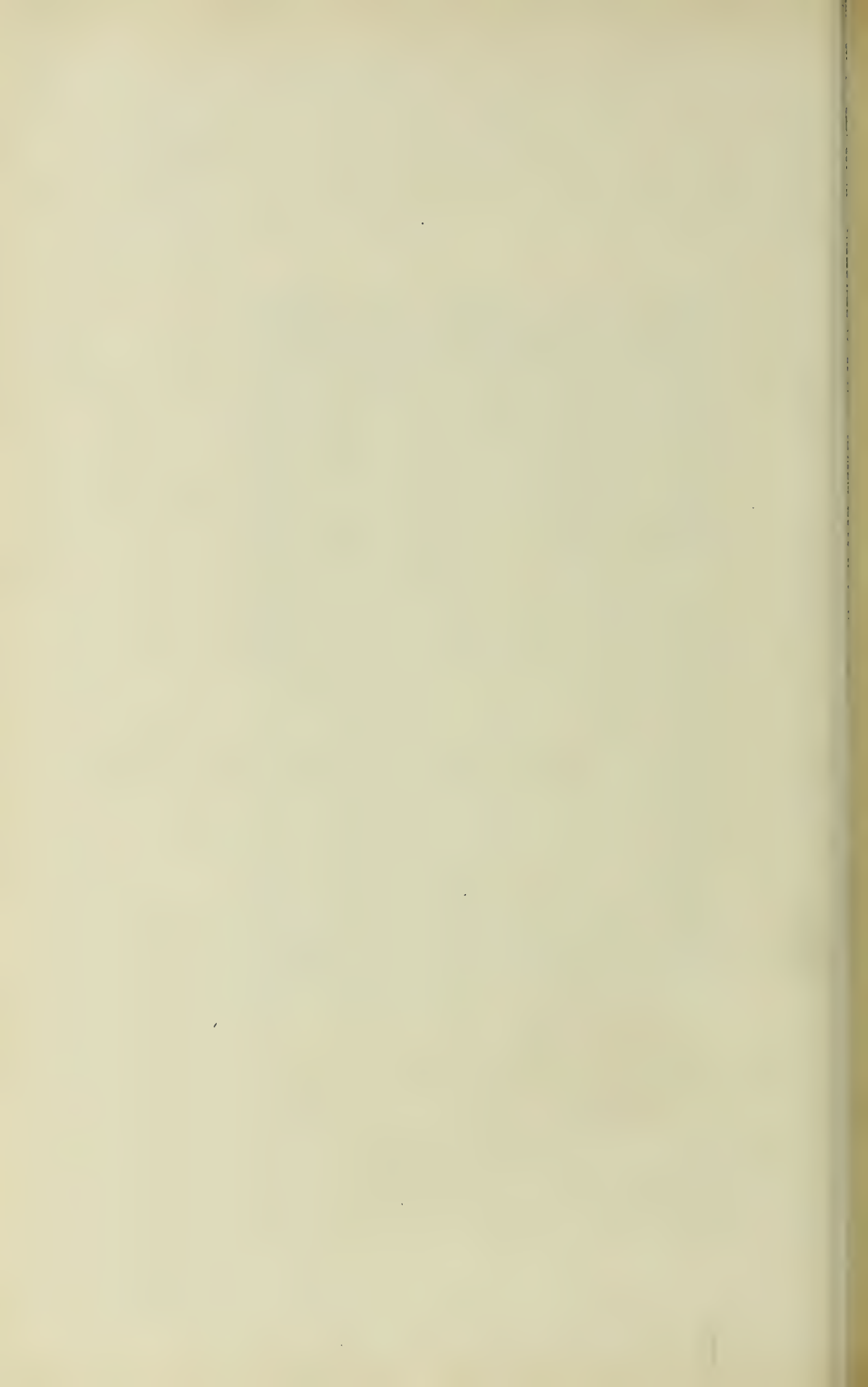
Throughout his career Mr. Page has proved himself to be not only a man of far-seeing vision, sterling integrity, keen perception and indomitable pursuit of purpose as an executive, but exercises unusual humanistic cooperation in his relations with his employees. Having come up through the ordinary positions in the New Departure Company he has a knowledge of the problems of the men in practically all departments and has established in the New Departure plants various





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DEWITT PAGE



institutional activities that have proven helpful to employes in many ways. For example: The company maintains at Bristol one of the most complete First Aid and Medical departments to be found in industrial plants anywhere. Every applicant for employment must undergo a physical examination and if employed he is not given work that will aggravate any physical defect he possesses. Minor injuries, disorders or ailments such as might keep a man from his employment with consequent loss of income are treated by the physician in charge and trained nurses without cost to him. Every employe is urged to properly estimate the value of thrift and provision is made through the Two-for-One plan for returning a handsome increment to the man who saves regularly. Group insurance is prevalent throughout all plants, providing not only death benefits but sick benefits also. The General Welfare department is important and embodies many intimate services to employes in their personal and family interests.

Mr. Page is a lover of clean athletic sports and through the New Departure Athletic Association promotes interest in such activities and entertainment. The company maintains baseball, basket ball and bowling leagues and teams throughout the year and annually brings all plants together for a mammoth field meet of field and track events.

The company also has its own fire department, a well organized "Safety First" work, looking not only to the guarding of machinery but aiming to educate employes to avoid carelessness in the factory and in their homes. An unusual enterprise in the institutional work of the company is the Hotel-Club, maintained for single men, in which modern living accommodations and recreational games are maintained on a high plane but at a cost to the employe which is not in excess of the cost to the company. Some three hundred men participate in this feature. For the purpose of promoting the success of all New Departure institutions a monthly newspaper, the "New Departure News," has been maintained for many years.

Mr. Page is a director of the Bristol National Bank, the American Trust Company, Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Bristol Realty Company and the Cycle Trades of America, of which organization he was formerly president. He is a member of the Wolverine Automobile Club of Detroit, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Toledo Club, the Country Club of Farmington, Connecticut, Shuttle Meadow Club of New Britain, Connecticut, the Sea View Golf Club of Absecon, New Jersey, the New York Yacht Club, the Montauk (L. I.) Yacht Club, the Hartford Yacht Club, the Anglo-American Fish and Game Club of Montreal, Canada, the Chippawnee Country Club of Bristol, the Bristol Club, Bristol Lodge, No. 1010, B. P. O. E., the Meriden Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Endee Club of New Departure executives and departmental principals.

During the World war Mr. Page was a member of the Connecticut Board of the United States Fuel Administration. Mr. Page is a republican in politics and was elected as a republican elector from Connecticut in the election of 1928. His home is in Bristol and he is intensely interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the city and is quietly active in support of all worthy enterprises making for a better Bristol.

Mr. Page married May Rockwell, October 8, 1895, and they reside with their daughter in a beautiful home on the outskirts of Bristol.

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#### PAUL A. ZAZZARO

Paul A Zazzaro, active in the insurance field, in which he is making steady progress as the result of close application and adaptability, is numbered among the native sons of Hartford, born March 16, 1900. His parents, John and Archangela (Rubino) Zazzaro, were natives of Sassano, Italy, and about forty years ago the father came to America but afterward returned to his native land, where he married, bringing his bride then to the new world. He became one of the early Italian settlers of Hartford and was in the employ of the city for a number of years. He died in 1919 and is still survived by his widow.

Paul A. Zazzaro pursued a high school course in Hartford and was graduated from the Brown school with the class of 1914. He then entered the employ of his brother Anthony, a soda water manufacturer, with whom he remained for some



time, and through his brother became interested in politics. Joining the ranks of the democratic party, he has been an earnest worker for its success and in 1924 he was active at the democratic national headquarters in New York city. For the past eight years he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in which connection he has gained a good clientele, his business steadily increasing as time has passed, his enterprise and determination enabling him to overcome the difficulties and obstacles that are always to be confronted in business and to reach the goal of success. Mr. Zazzaro holds membership with the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Italian Club, of which he has been vice president for two terms of two years each.

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#### JAMES A. WHITMORE

James A. Whitmore, agency manager of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, was born in Rathbone, New York, October 1, 1880, his parents being Clarence S. and Belle F. (Crawford) Whitmore. He pursued his education in the public schools of Rathbone and in Northwestern University at Chicago, where he took his classical course, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1907. Later he entered Y. M. C. A. work as a member of the international committee located in New York city. He was made one of the supervising secretaries of North America, which brought him in touch with all Association work throughout the country, and he was also sent abroad several times to Great Britain, France and Germany, where he was active in organizing and supervising various branches of the work. In 1918 he left this position to become a general agent for the Home Life Insurance Company of New York city and there remained until November, 1923, when he accepted the position of assistant agency manager with the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company at Hartford. On the 1st of January, 1926, he was promoted to agency manager. While in New York city he was president of the insurance firm of Whitmore, Steers, Berry & Company, Incorporated.

On the 4th of September, 1908, Mr. Whitmore was married to Miss Florence B. Crane, of Addison, New York, and they are the parents of four children: Dorothy Isabel, Sally C., Phyllis and James A., Jr.

Mr. Whitmore has membership in the Rotary Club and in the Wethersfield Golf Club. During the World war he was associated with George W. Perkins in the supervision of the war work for soldiers in Europe and during this period was abroad most of the time, making his headquarters in Paris but visiting the various camps, in which he did extensive work.

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#### WELLS A. STRICKLAND

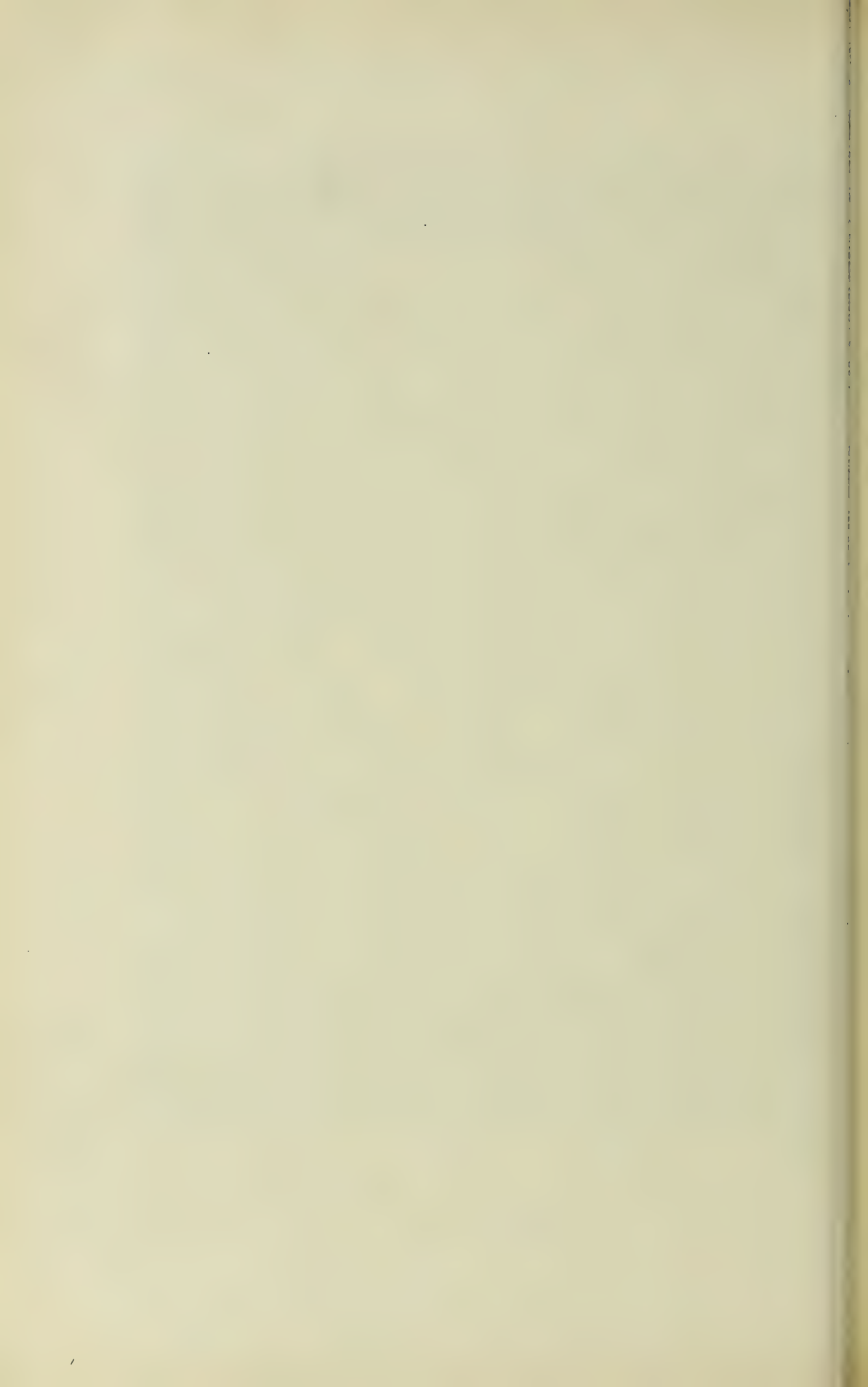
From the time he entered the commercial world Wells A. Strickland has devoted his energies to industrial activities and his name has long been an influential one in business circles of Glastonbury and Manchester. His home is at No. 81 Oakland street in Manchester and he is a recognized leader in community affairs. He was born in Hampton, Connecticut, in 1877, and is one of the two children of Gilbert M. and Sarah (Jewett) Strickland. The other son is Charles G. Strickland, of Glastonbury. The father was an agriculturist and followed that line of work throughout life.

Wells A. Strickland received his high school education in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and in 1895, when a young man of eighteen, began his career as a lumber manufacturer at Glastonbury, Connecticut, following the occupation of farming at the same time. His mills were situated at various points in this state and he also had plants in Maryland. As the years passed he expanded the scope of his operations and was regarded as one of Connecticut's foremost lumbermen, continuing in that industry until 1926. Meanwhile he had acquired a granite quarry and since 1916, has been the executive head of the Glastonbury Granite Works, Inc., with quarries at Glastonbury, and sells his products direct to the trade. About twenty men are employed in the quarry and two five-ton trucks are utilized in making deliveries. The business is owned by Mr. Strickland, who has perfected an industry of much



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WELLS A. STRICKLAND





importance and value to this locality and is the largest manufacturer of granite curbing in Hartford county. He has a genius for organization and an aptitude for successful management, while his business transactions have always balanced up with the principles of truth and honor.

On the 29th of May, 1906, Mr. Strickland was united in marriage to Miss Grace Kenyon, of Glastonbury, daughter of George S. and Julia (Strickland) Kenyon. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland are affiliated with the Buckingham Congregational church and closely follow its teachings. Mrs. Strickland is active in church work as well as in social and civic affairs and is a director of the Hartford County Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. Strickland gives his political allegiance to the republican party and from 1899 to 1902 was one of the selectmen of Glastonbury. For three years he served on the board of relief, also becoming a member of the board of revaluation and assessment, and since 1923 has been a member of the Manchester board of selectmen. He was largely responsible for the organization of the Manchester Community Club and is president of the board of trustees and a member of the City Club of Hartford. His name also appears on the membership rolls of the Manchester Country Club, the Kiwanis Club and of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, also of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce. He has also been president of the Buckingham Cemetery Association of Glastonbury since its organization. His breadth of view has enabled him to recognize possibilities not only for his own advancement but also for the development of the localities in which he has resided, and his loyalty and public spirit have prompted him to utilize the latter as quickly and as effectively as the former. Mr. Strickland has a clear conception of what constitutes good citizenship and his activities have been directed along steadily broadening lines of usefulness.

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#### MALICHI JOSEPH HOGAN

Malichi Joseph Hogan, president of the Hogan Manufacturing Company and thus actively identified with the trade interests of Hartford, was born in this city October 11, 1882, and is a son of Matthew and Ann (Hanley) Hogan, who were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Tipperary in 1839, his parents being William and Margaret (Sullivan) Hogan. The year 1853 witnessed his arrival in America, for at that date his parents crossed the Atlantic and settled in Hartford, where for three years Matthew Hogan attended school. In 1856 he entered upon an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade in the employ of Thomas Birch, with whom he remained for several years, becoming foreman of the shop and being admitted to partnership about 1866. After three and one-half years he withdrew from that connection and established a plumbing business of his own, which he profitably conducted for twenty years. At the end of that time his brother, Malichi Hogan, took over the management and at his death in June, 1909, he was succeeded by Malichi J. Hogan of this review. Matthew Hogan was not only a master plumber but also an inventor and man of marked genius who took out between sixty and seventy patents on his various inventions, many of which have come into wide use. He organized the Hartford Century Plumbing Company for the manufacture of several of his devices and also organized the Hogan Manufacturing Company, which commercially produced still other of his inventions, and thus he became prominently associated with the manufacturing interests of Hartford as well as the plumbing business. His political allegiance was given the democratic party and on its ticket he was elected to the state senate. He also rendered effective service as a member of the city council for fourteen years. The passing years brought him substantial success as the reward of his labors and capability and in addition to his property interests in Hartford he owned a beautiful summer home at Westbrook. In November, 1865, he married Miss Ann Hanley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hanley, of Hartford. She passed away in San Francisco in May, 1912, and Matthew Hogan died January 16, 1923. They were parents of ten children: Mary E.; William J., who died January 5, 1928; John F., who was treasurer of the Hogan Manufacturing Company and for twelve years a member of the Governor's Foot Guard and who died October 29, 1917; Annie A., deceased; Margaret B.; Matthew M., now treasurer of the Hogan Manufacturing Company, police commissioner of Hartford, and trustee of Hartford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Thomas N., who died March 1, 1927;

Malichi J., of this review; Agnes M., a teacher in the Weaver high school; and Catherine L. All the sons of the family received their education in the public schools of Hartford, both the common and the high school, and upon completing their studies were taken into their father's business, which they learned in all its details.

Malichi Joseph Hogan pursued his early education in St. Peter's parochial school and afterward attended the Hartford public high school. He started out in the business world in connection with his father as a representative of the Hogan Manufacturing Company, engaged in the manufacture of various devices of which his father was the inventor and patentee. Steadily he has advanced in this connection and after some years' service as secretary of the company is now its president and chief executive officer, controlling a business of gratifying proportions. He further extended the scope of his activities when on the 1st of May, 1909, he succeeded his uncle in the retail plumbing business which had been established by his father on the 1st of February, 1869. Thus for almost six decades the business has been carried on under the Hogan name, constantly growing with the development of the city and at all times meeting the fullest requirements for adequate and efficient service in this field.

On the 15th of October, 1919, Mr. Hogan was married to Miss Alice M. Dunn, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who died February 23, 1921. Their son, Matthew John, was born September 21, 1920.

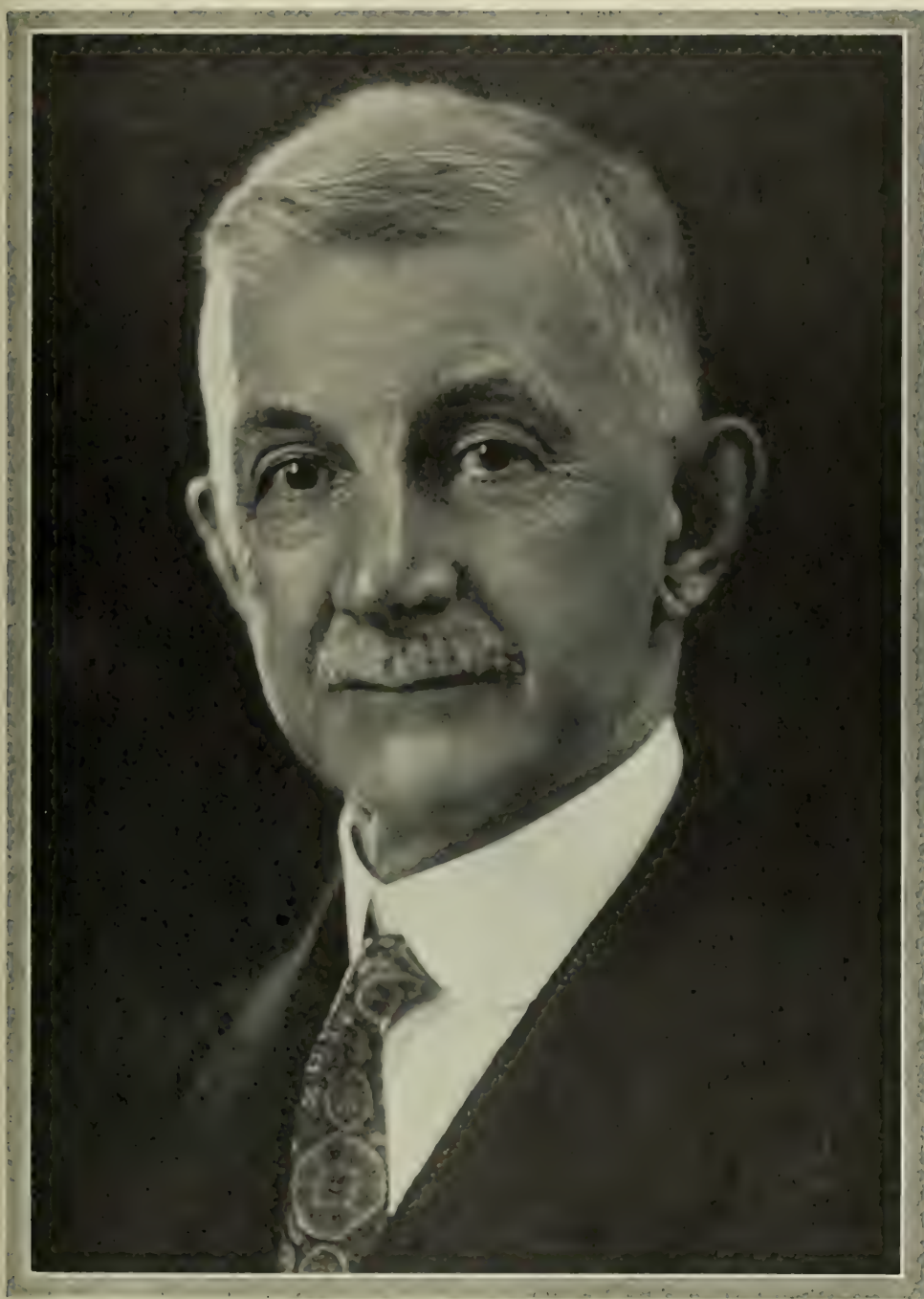
Fraternally Mr. Hogan is an Elk and served as exalted ruler of his lodge in 1920 and 1921. In politics, as in business, he has followed in the footsteps of his father by giving his allegiance to the democratic party and manifesting a keen and helpful interest in city affairs. In 1910 he was called to represent the first ward in the common council and he served as alderman for three terms, rendering valuable service on several important committees. He was also elected president of the board of aldermen and was acting mayor of Hartford in 1914. In 1910 he was chosen a delegate to the democratic state convention. He has been chairman of the city building committee and a member of the high school plan and building commission. In May, 1925, he was elected street commissioner and at all times he has faithfully and loyally performed the duties of the offices to which he has been called, ever regarding a public office as a public trust, and it is a well known fact that no trust reposed in Malichi J. Hogan has ever been betrayed. He has spent his entire life in Hartford, where he has a wide acquaintance which includes a vast number of warm friends.

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#### SAMUEL H. WILLIAMS

Preparing for his chosen life work by liberal collegiate training, Samuel H. Williams is successfully following in the business footsteps of his father, who was the first manufacturer of shaving soap in this country, and controls an industry which members of the family have operated continuously in Glastonbury for more than eighty years. A native of Glastonbury, he was born in 1864 and has always resided here, demonstrating his loyalty and public spirit by actual achievements for the general good.

His father, James Baker Williams, was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, February 2, 1818, and was educated in the public schools of Hartford. In 1834, when a youth of seventeen, he secured a position in the store of Messrs. F. and H. C. Woodbridge, Manchester druggists, and became interested in shaving soap while in their employ. At that time various kinds of soap were being imported and he conceived the idea of making it in Connecticut. After devoting deep thought and study to the matter he started to experiment and finally perfected a formula from which he made Williams Yankee shaving soap, the first real American shaving soap. Its popularity spread over the country in spite of the fact that whiskers were then the prevailing style. Americans were building up home industries in those days and gloried in the fact that there was a real Yankee shaving soap. The demand for his product rapidly increased and Mr. Williams decided to devote all of his time to the manufacture of soap. In 1847 he removed from Manchester to Glastonbury, where his father-in-law offered him a site for water power for a small factory. This quaint little building, about fifteen by thirty feet in dimensions, still stands on the grounds of the Williams Company, a monument to the first shaving soap works in the United States. Mr. Williams worked with his own hands, and even after he employed others he personally supervised every process, from the purchase of raw materials to the wrapping and shipping



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SAMUEL H. WILLIAMS





of the finished product, and even looked after the sale of his goods. He put his personality into his product from start to finish.

Then came the development of the business in barber shops. Shaving creams and all the other things that lead to popularity in shaving were perfected. Men of other countries have mustaches, sideburns, full whiskers and goatees but the American of today wears no hirsute adornments, consequently he creates a full face demand for shaving soap. In 1848 James B. Williams formed a partnership with his brother, William S., and this association continued until 1885, when the joint stock company, as it exists today, was formed under the name of the J. B. Williams Company. The Williams soaps soon developed a tremendous export business all over the world. In many ways it paralleled American business and commercial development abroad. In 1890 the first Williams shaving stick appeared and this constituted the beginning of the developments of the Williams holder top stick. The founder of this great business had the courage, the vision and the initiative of the true pioneer who erects the guidepost of progress and success. Constantly striving for perfection, Mr. Williams left the indelible impress of his individuality upon his work and at the same time aided in raising the standards of American industry. He remained at the head of the business until his retirement and died a few years later, passing away in 1907.

Samuel H. Williams attended the public schools of Glastonbury and next matriculated in Amherst College, which awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1885. For a year he was a postgraduate student in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University and in 1886 became a chemist in his father's plant. Energetic and capable, he advanced through the various departments and at length was elected secretary, also serving as treasurer and vice president. David W., the eldest son of James B. Williams, was made president when his father retired and acted in that capacity until his death in 1909. His place was then taken by George G. Williams, a son of William S. Williams, and he discharged the duties of president until 1922, when he was succeeded by his cousin, Samuel H. Williams, who for six years has wisely and successfully administered the affairs of the firm. The other officers are: Henry K. W. Welch, vice president and treasurer; Philip K. Williams, secretary; Richard S. Williams, assistant secretary; and E. B. Hurlburt, assistant treasurer and superintendent. Others directors are James S. Williams, James V. Reed, sales manager, and Edward M. Day, who is also attorney for the corporation.

The spirit, ideals and family name of James B. Williams still prevail in the business carried on by his son, descendants and their associates. The Williams idea lives, and the lather created by this Yankee genius in all these years would represent a veritable surf on the sea. The pioneer shaving soap of America maintains its precedence and distinction in all the changes of the passing years. Many thousands of particular shavers have used Williams shaving soap continuously for years because of its uniform excellence and the satisfaction derived from its soothing effect upon the face. From time to time additions to the straight shaving soap line have been added. The J. B. Williams Company put out a broad line of high grade toilet soaps, talcum powder and other toilet preparations. Perhaps the most noteworthy addition to the line is Williams Aqua Velva, a preparation made expressly for use after shaving. This product is the result of close study of the skin and skin treatment especially after shaving. The close connection between this new product and the old standard shaving soap line is clearly expressed in an extract from Aqua Velva magazine advertising—"Keeps the face all day long as smooth and comfortable as Williams shaving cream leaves it."

In 1889 Samuel H. Williams was married in India to Miss Frances A. Scudder, whose father was a missionary, and they have a family of four children: Carol, whose husband is the Rev. Douglas Horton, a prominent clergyman of Brookline, Massachusetts; Frances, who is the wife of the Rev. Hugh Burr, pastor of a church in Elmira, New York; Martha, who completed a course in Wellesley College, from which her sisters were also graduated, and who is now a teacher in Temple University of Philadelphia; and James B., who is connected with the Manternach Company of Hartford but lives in Glastonbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are devout members of the Congregational church, of which he is a deacon, and for thirty years he was superintendent of its Sunday school. A staunch champion of the cause of education, he was chairman of the local school board for eighteen years and in 1901 was elected to represent his town in the state legislature. He also served as town treasurer and assessor and faithfully fulfilled the trusts reposed in him, discharging all of his public duties in a manner

that won for him strong approbation. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree and is also connected with the Amherst Club of New York city and the University Club of Hartford. Mrs. Williams belongs to the Woman's Club of Hartford and is a trustee of Connecticut College of New London, an institution devoted to the education of women. Mr. and Mrs. Williams manifest a deep and helpful interest in movements for cultural advancement and spiritual uplift and their influence upon the life of their community has been of the highest order.

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#### MICHAEL CHARLES MANTERNACH

One of Hartford's leading business men is Michael Charles Manternach. Left fatherless at the age of five, he worked more hours than he put in at school during his grammar school days and the one year which he had in high school, doing his bit to help his mother hold together and support the family, consisting of four brothers besides himself. Starting with these handicaps, Mr. Manternach became, while still in his early twenties, one of Hartford's successful business men and now in his early forties is looked upon as one of the business leaders of the city, owner or director of several business enterprises and banks and influential in all business and public affairs.

He was born at La Rochette, Luxembourg, July 11, 1883, his parents being Charles and Catherine Manternach, whose family also included John C., now president of the American Welding & Manufacturing Company of Warren, Ohio; Harry H. and George, both of Hartford; and Louis, deceased. Unfortunately his father died two weeks after arriving in America.

Upon the widowed mother devolved the task of providing for her children. Michael C. Manternach was at that time a little lad of but five years. As soon as possible, however, he began to contribute to his own support by selling papers mornings and evenings and took such odd jobs as he could secure. He attended school and when thirteen years of age completed the grammar school course, after which he entered the high school, but the family fortunes forced him to put aside his textbooks and start out in the business world. He was first employed by the Plimpton Manufacturing Company, but his talent lay along artistic lines and after a brief time he became an apprentice at the engraver's trade with the A. Mugford Company, with whom he completed his term of indenture.

After completing his apprenticeship he went to work for the A. Pindar Corporation and very shortly became foreman. In spite of this early success and what was then for him a very substantial income in the way of salary, he realized that there was much in the engraver's art that he was unable to acquire in Hartford. He, therefore, resigned his position and went to New York. Here he worked in various plants, diligently acquiring information on every phase of the illustrating and engraving business.

With his return to Hartford in 1906, he organized the Charter Oak Engraving Company, Incorporated, becoming its president and general manager. Five months later, in association with Clarence T. Sprague, he purchased the business, which was then carried on as a partnership under the firm name of Sprague & Manternach. At the beginning, the two partners did practically all of the work themselves, but gradually their patronage increased, necessitating the employment of others. After a few years, Mr. Manternach acquired the interest of his partner and carried on the business alone for a time, but subsequently was joined by Harold B. Douglas, well known illustrator, under the firm name of Manternach & Douglas. The business continued to grow and when three years later Mr. Manternach purchased his partner's interest he became president and general manager of the reorganized firm, operating under the name of The Manternach Company. Under Mr. Manternach's direction, The Manternach Company grew rapidly and very shortly became one of the most important illustrating and engraving businesses in New England.

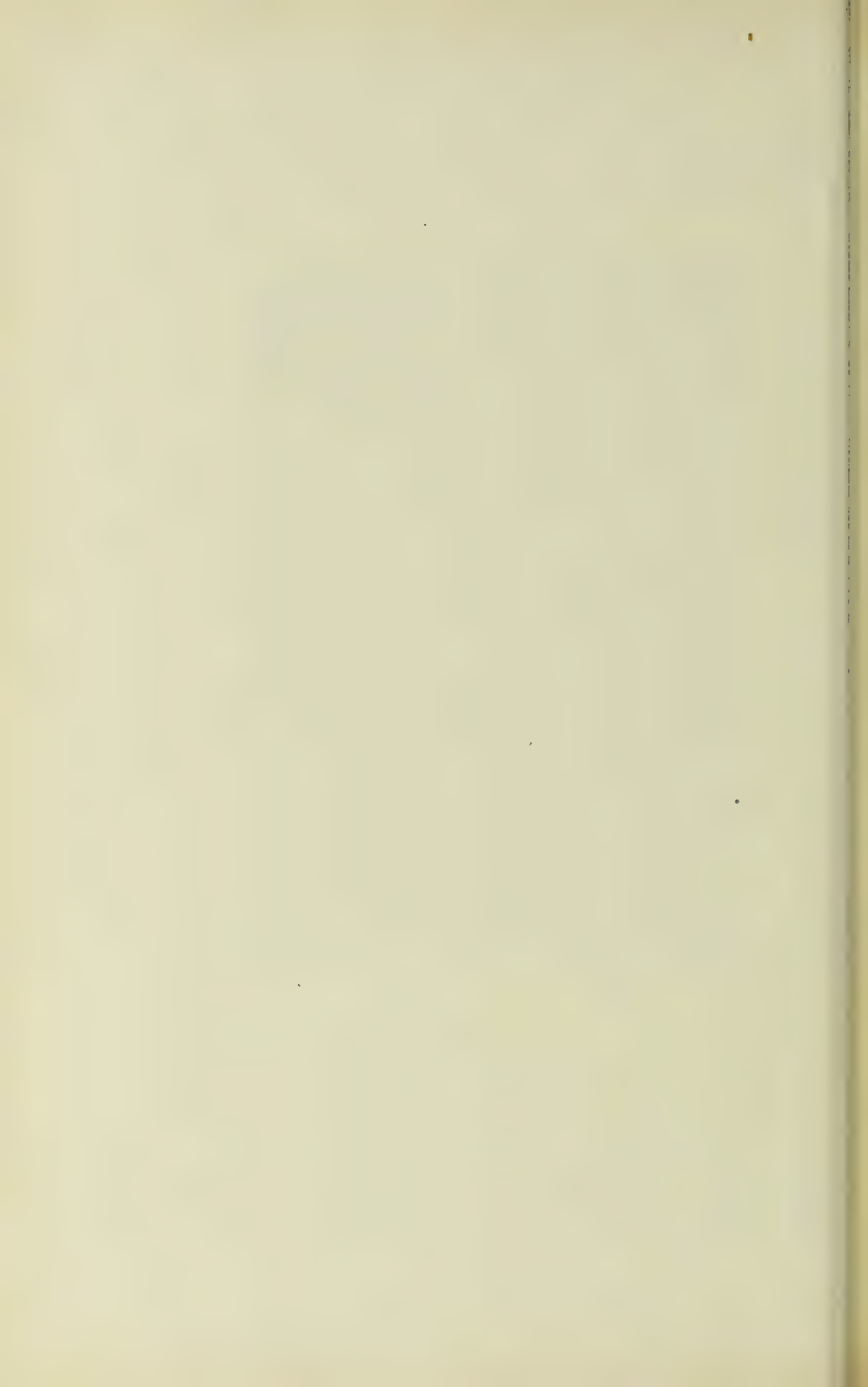
With the growth of this business, there came a demand for more complete advertising service. In 1918 Mr. Manternach gathered about himself a group of experienced advertising men to form a complete advertising agency. This he separated completely from the illustrating and engraving business which he incorporated as the Graphic Arts Company, giving his own name to the advertising agency busi-





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MICHAEL C. MANTERNACH



ness. While the Graphic Arts Company, of which he is president, has continued to grow and prosper in lines of illustrating and photo-engraving, the advertising agency known as The Manternach Company has also become one of the very important businesses in New England. It handles a number of very important accounts and is considered one of the significant advertising agencies of the country.

Mr. Manternach has constantly been called upon for advice and counsel in other business interests. He is a director of the Fuller Brush Company, The City Bank & Trust Company, The Park Street Trust Company, The City Company of Hartford, The Park Company of Hartford, The Underwriters Service Corporation and other business enterprises, as well as actively connected with many of the civic organizations of his city.

Mr. Manternach's peculiar abilities and energies have been available for public work as well as for business. He took an important part in all of the Liberty Loan and other drives and campaigns during the war and served on many important committees. He has been a valuable adviser in practically every charitable undertaking in Hartford for many years.

Perhaps some of Mr. Manternach's popularity is due to the fact that in spite of his strenuous youth and the tremendous energy which he throws into all of his business and public enterprises, he has never forgotten how to play. He plays hard and works hard and enjoys them both. In addition to being a keen business man of the most rigid standards, he is a loyal and devoted friend, with a remarkable circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Manternach is a Mason, his membership being in Wyllys Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, K. T.; Connecticut Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Along strictly social lines, he is associated with the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Country Club of Farmington, the Wampanoag Golf Club, and the Sequin Golf Club. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and is in full sympathy with its high purposes and notable attainments.

Mr. Manternach is a loyal and devoted citizen of Hartford, to the welfare of which city he has contributed much, as well as to the town of West Hartford, in which is located his beautiful home in its extensive and comfortable grounds. Young enough to enjoy his success, Mr. Manternach enjoys and has always enjoyed his work as well, and is today a foremost figure among the far-sighted and successful men of Hartford.

Mr. Manternach was united in marriage to Miss Grace Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Woods of West Hartford, and they have two sons: Roger Woods, born March 19, 1911; and Bruce Wallace, born September 26, 1914.

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#### CHARLES BRADFORD BEACH

In business circles of Hartford the name of Charles Bradford Beach is widely and favorably known, for he controls important interests as the vice president of the L & H Motor Company and as president of the L & H Aircraft Corporation. In business affairs his plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed, and the obstacles and difficulties which all men encounter in commercial activity seem but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part.

Born in Hartford, November 1, 1894, Mr. Beach is a son of Charles Coffin and Mary E. (Batterson) Beach, who were early settlers of Hartford. The son obtained his preliminary education in a private school of the city and afterward attended Westminster College of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Trinity College of Hartford. His identification with insurance interests dated from 1915, when he entered the employ of the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, there continuing for several years. In 1916 he turned his attention to the automobile business, in which he continued until the United States entered the World war. Previously he had joined the Connecticut National Guard and was on duty on the Mexican border for a period of four months. During the World war he joined the United States Naval Reserve Force and was stationed at Nantucket until after the armistice was signed, becoming a second-class gunner's mate. When hostilities had ceased he returned to Hartford and resumed active connection with the automobile trade. On the organization of the L & H Motor Company he became secretary and on the 1st of August, 1925, was elected vice presi-



dent. The Aircraft Corporation was organized in November, 1927, at which time Mr. Beach was elected president. The purpose of this company is to promote commercial aviation and they plan to cover New England and eastern New York. They now own a number of flying craft, employ several aviators and have taken up the passenger service, while at the same time they conduct an aviation school. Mr. Beach has given much personal attention to the promotion of the business as well as to the advancement of the automobile trade. The company handles the Hupmobile, with offices at Nos. 98 and 100 High street. He is likewise a director in the Batterson Company.

On the 6th of October, 1919, Mr. Beach was united in marriage to Lucille B. Curtin, of Cleveland, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: Beverly Batterson, Mary Elizabeth and Janet Benson. The family residence is at No. 38 Walbridge road in West Hartford, where Mr. Beach is serving as a member of the town council for the term covering 1927 and 1928. He is well known in fraternal and in club circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine and of the Hartford lodge of Elks. He also belongs to the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Club, the St. Anthony Club of New York, the Bachelors Club of Hartford and is an associate member of two musical clubs. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought, progress and improvement and his activities are directed in keeping with the spirit of the age. He looks beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future and has become a pioneer in the field of commercial aviation, which has been opening up so rapidly in America within the past year.

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#### EDWARD MILLIGAN

Edward Milligan, president of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Hartford, and of its subsidiary corporations, is the scion of an old Philadelphia family. His grandfather was president of the first railroad built between Philadelphia and Atlantic City. His father, prior to his early death, was prominent in civic affairs.

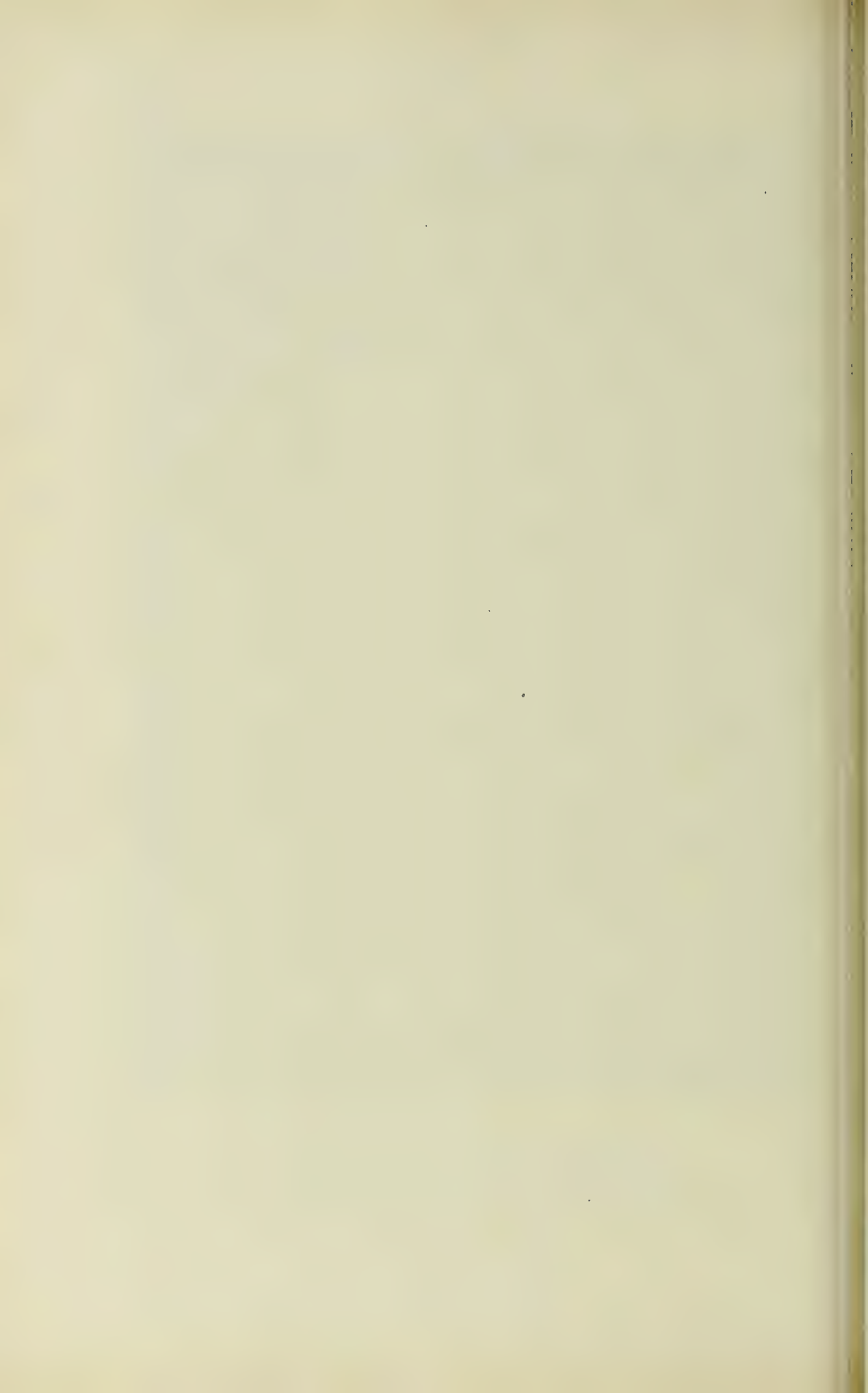
Mr. Milligan was born at the summer home of his parents, in Haddonfield, New Jersey, a suburb, in June, 1862. His early acquaintance with the insurance business was acquired in a local agency in Philadelphia. Later on he was an inspector for a leading American company, and in 1888 a special agent for the Phoenix of Hartford. In this capacity he developed an unusual and widely recognized judgment of men and measures, and was noted among his colleagues for original and convincing opinions regarding the proper conduct of the business. His abilities naturally led to his selection as secretary of the Phoenix on the occasion of a vacancy in the company's official staff by reason of the death of its former secretary. So noteworthy and effective were his talents that he soon attained complete control of the company's underwriting policy, to the immediate and radical improvement of its financial condition.

Following his election as vice president in 1907, he became, in June, 1913, president of the corporation whose affairs he had, by this time, placed upon a most substantial and satisfactory footing. His connection with the company now covers a period of forty years of the unceasing, vigilant, discriminating devotion of a strong man endowed with a genius for the duties undertaken, and with a tireless purpose to bring about the success of his corporation and the welfare of its representatives and employes. It is only necessary to glance at the figures of any published statement of the condition of the Phoenix to appreciate the magnitude of his achievements on behalf of his own company. But it is a fact better known to the officials of other insurance companies than, perhaps, to Mr. Milligan's Hartford acquaintances, that he has devoted as much time and thought, and exerted as wide an influence, as any other man in the United States, in the establishment and maintenance of fair and honorable methods, and in the reconciliation of differences between competing corporations. His work has been for the general good of both companies and public, and he is honored by all his colleagues as a promoter of fair play.

Mr. Milligan's activities have not been confined to the insurance business. His influence in civic affairs has been far-reaching and beneficial. As a director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, he has proven a wise and efficient factor in the solution of its problems and has held a high place in the counsels of his fellow



*Edw. Billigan*





directors in that and in many other corporations that he has served. His clearness of vision, and his practical judgment of ways and means, are so well known that he is sought for, whenever a doubt arises affecting the status of any of Hartford's organizations, financial, educational or charitable.

It would not be fair to refrain from referring to Mr. Milligan's intensive and successful activities in the time of stress incident to the great war. Probably no man in Hartford, by precept and example, did more toward influencing the generous contributions of the citizens. His liberality with respect to the funds referred to, as well as to all local charities, has been unusual, and what is quite as much to the purpose, he has devoted to their management, in many instances, the same astute attention and direction that he has given to the affairs of his own business.

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#### CHARLES ROCKWELL BELDEN

A quarter of a century has come and gone since Charles Rockwell Belden passed from this life, but he is yet remembered in Hartford as a most prominent and successful business man and as a citizen of worth. He was here born January 24, 1850, and his entire life record reflected credit upon the history of a family that through many generations has contributed to the upbuilding of Connecticut, his ancestors possessing those qualities upon which the true stability of the commonwealth rests. History records the family as of English origin and on the Merrie Isle there appears a record of Walter Bayldon, who married a daughter of Thomas Gargrave. Their son, John Bayldon, was married a second time October 15, 1515, when Mary, daughter of Edward Copely, of Doncaster, Yorkshire, England, became his wife. He died December 22, 1526. His third son, George Baildon, born about 1520, was a resident of Methley in 1567 and of Hardwick in 1574, dying in 1588. His wife, Anne, was buried at Leeds, December 17, 1577. Their son, Francis Baildon, born in 1560 and knighted at the coronation of James I, married for his second wife Margaret, daughter of Richard Goodrick, of Ripston. She was buried September 22, 1598, and Sir Francis died in 1623.

Their son, Richard Baildon, baptized at Kippax, May 26, 1591, after his wife's death emigrated to America with his sons and settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1641, when about fifty years of age. There he acquired considerable real estate and in 1646 was appointed town cow-keeper to look after the settlers' cattle pastured in the town pasture.

John Belden, youngest son of Richard Baildon, was born about 1631, came to America with his father and was made a freeman in Wethersfield in 1657. He saw military service under Captain John Mason and was very active in town affairs. He was married April 24, 1657, to Lydia Standish and died June 27, 1677. Their son, Samuel Belden, born January 3, 1665, was married January 14, 1685, to Hannah Handy, daughter of Richard Handy and granddaughter of John Elderkin, a first settler of Norwich. Samuel Belden died December 27, 1738, and his wife January 20, 1742. Their son, Samuel Belden (II), was born in 1689 and was married April 10, 1712, to Mary Spencer, of Haddam, Connecticut, who died October 28, 1751, while he survived until July 31, 1771. Their son, Samuel Belden (III), was born April 26, 1713, and died January 10, 1789, while his wife, Elizabeth, died February 23, 1775.

Seth Belden, son of Samuel Belden (III), was born August 7, 1747, and was killed at the battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776, when serving in Colonel Huntington's regiment. He was married April 16, 1772, in Wethersfield, to Christian Dickinson, who was born November 29, 1755, and died August 9, 1844. After her husband's death she removed with her children to what is now Cromwell. Their son, Seth Belden (II), was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and went with his family to Cromwell, where he remained until his removal to Hartford, where he conducted a profitable business as a general contractor and dealer in paving stone.

To Seth Belden and his wife, who in her maidenhood was Abigail Sophia Steadman, was born a son, Charles Rockwell Belden, who in his youthful days was a public school pupil in Hartford and afterward turned his attention to the tailoring business. A little later, however, he joined his father, who was conducting a general contracting business under the name of Seth Belden & Sons Company, his son James being also a partner. Following the death of their father the sons continued the business for

a time, but a little later Charles R. Belden became a clerk in the office of the Newton & Hills Company, coal dealers. In 1882 he joined Mr. Hills of that firm in organizing the Hartford Coal Company, of which Mr. Belden became president, with Mr. Hills as secretary and treasurer. Later Mr. Belden became both president and treasurer and continued in both offices until his demise. He was a man of marked business capacity and power and developed one of the extensive enterprises in his line in Hartford. His judgment was always sound and his discrimination keen, and prosperity in large measure crowned his labors.

On the 28th of May, 1868, Mr. Belden married Mary E. Sill, a daughter of Micah and Adelaide (Rapael) Sill, of Hartford. They became parents of three children, the eldest, Frederick S., being mentioned elsewhere in this work. The daughters are: Caroline, wife of James E. Brooks, of Orange, New Jersey; and Louise M., the wife of William C. Hill, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Belden held membership in St. John's Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M., of Hartford, and also belonged to B. H. Webb Council of the Royal Arcanum, Hartford Council of the Improved Order of Heptasophs and Sicaogg Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. In political circles he was long a prominent figure, his opinions carrying weight in the councils of the republican party, to the success of which he contributed by his earnest labors, prompted by a firm belief in its principles. He was elected from the third ward to the court of the common council in 1875, but while he ably discharged his duties and could have had other public positions, he would never again consent to serve in public office, content to work for his party as a private citizen. He exerted a widely felt and beneficial influence for good along many lines and contributed to the material, social and civic progress of Hartford. He passed away March 18, 1902, when he was fifty-two years of age.

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#### HORACE JOHN WICKHAM

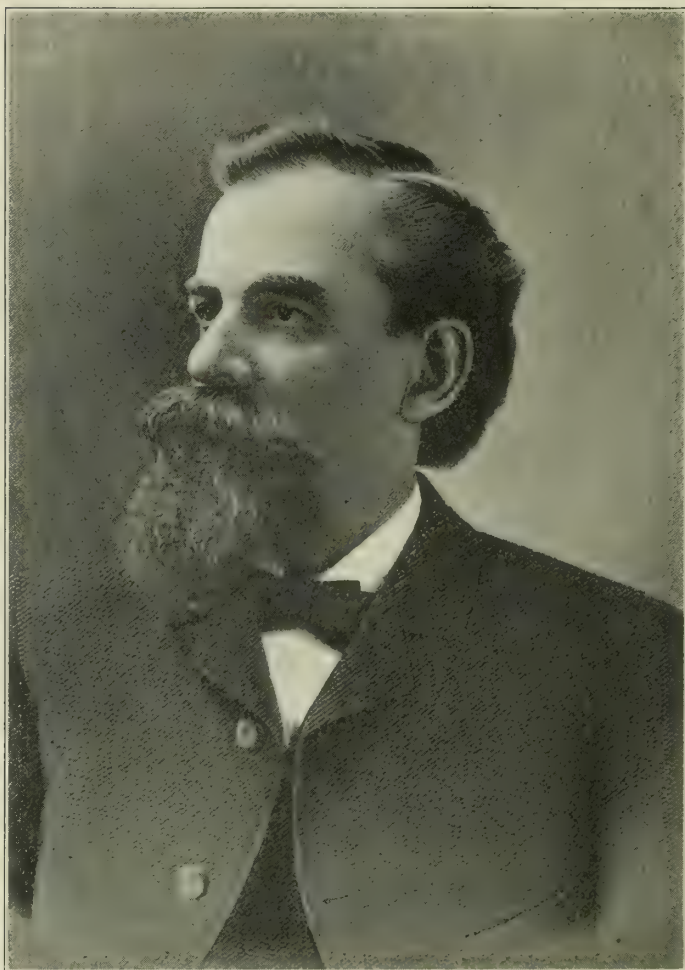
In the passing of Horace John Wickham on May 22, 1914, Hartford chronicled the loss of a citizen whose record was one of signal usefulness and honor to his fellowmen. In the latter years of his life he lived retired, but previously for an extended period he was associated consecutively with the Plimpton Manufacturing Company and the Wickham Manufacturing Company, which were valuable assets in the industrial and commercial development of the city and state, nor was his field of usefulness limited by the confines of Connecticut, as through his inventions of intricate labor-saving machinery he came into close association with the business development of the entire country.

Mr. Wickham was born at Glastonbury, Hartford county, April 1, 1836, and was descended from Puritan ancestry connected with the history of New England almost from the beginnings of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay and the Colony of Connecticut. The first of this surname in the new world was Thomas Wickham, who left his native England and became a resident of Wethersfield, Connecticut, in the year 1648, and later became a first landholder in Glastonbury. The line comes down through three generations to his great-grandson, Deacon Hezekiah Wickham, who was a schoolmaster, a Revolutionary war soldier and a deacon in the parish church of Eastbury. At the Lexington Alarm he was one of the first to march to the relief of Boston and so gave aid in the struggle for Independence. His grandson, John Wickham, father of Horace J. Wickham, devoted his life to farming and passed away in 1865. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Melinda Culver, was a direct descendant of Edward Culver, who played a soldier's part in the Pequot war of 1637 and in King Philip's war in 1676.

When Horace J. Wickham was a youth of fourteen years the family removed from Glastonbury to Manchester, Connecticut, where he continued his education, which was confined to public school instruction. Throughout his life, however, he always found interest and inspiration in reading and study. He also carried his investigations far and wide into the realm of mechanics, and he had, too, that physical training and development which came to him through work on his father's farm. The labors of the fields, however, had no attraction for him and he was a youth of seventeen when he became a machinist's apprentice at Bristol, Connecticut, making rapid progress in mastering the trade. When his three-year term of indenture was over he entered





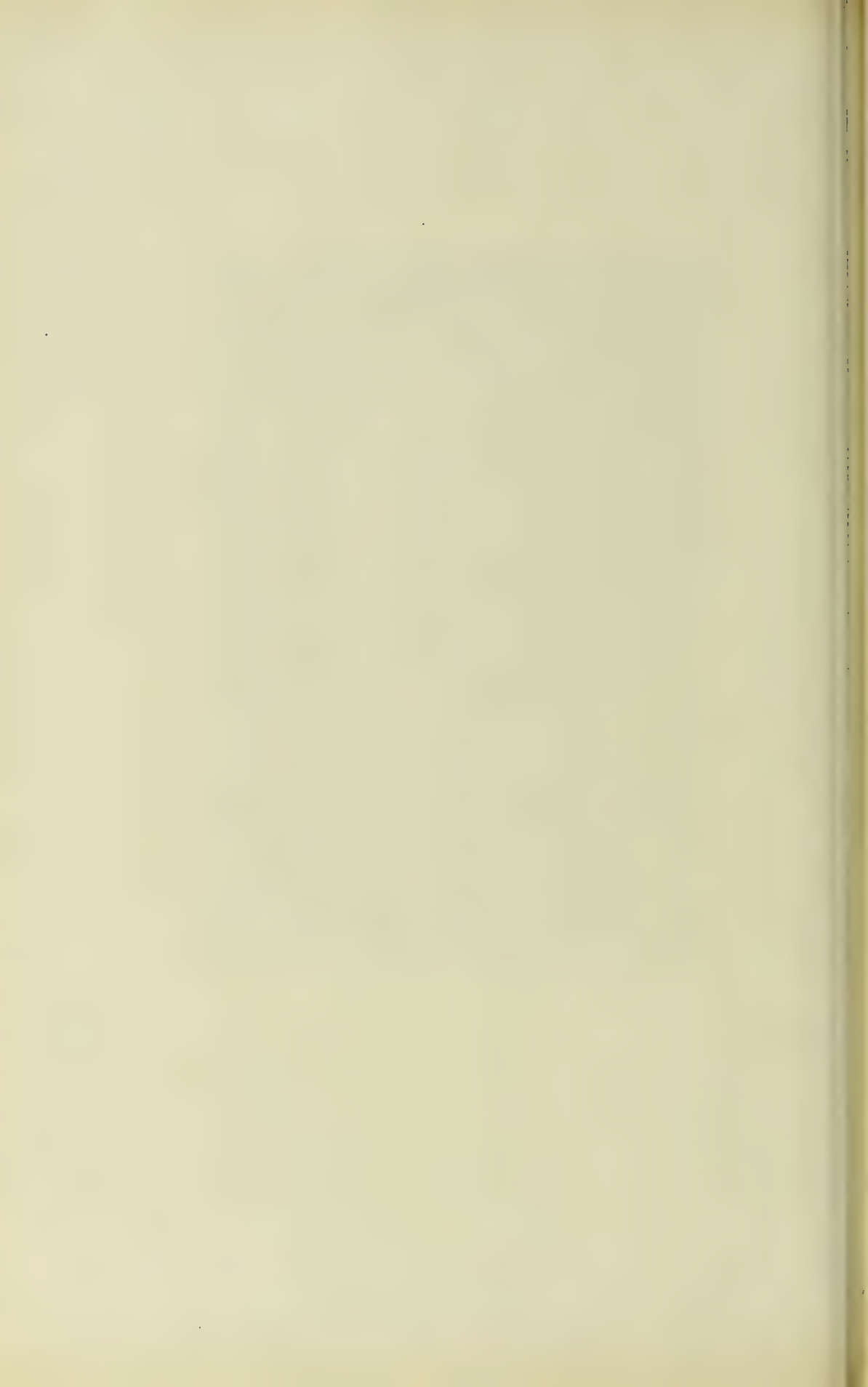


HORACE J. WICKHAM



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CLARENCE H. WICKHAM





the employ of the Whitney Gun Works at New Haven, where his recognized ability soon caused him to be entrusted with responsible commissions by that firm. He remained with that company during the greater part of the Civil war, and his inventive genius brought about improvements in gunmaking which were of value to the country during that critical era. In 1864 he resigned a responsible position as foreman with the Whitney Company to serve as a master machinist in the United States Arsenal at Springfield, Massachusetts.

However, it was through his connection with the Plimpton Manufacturing Company of Hartford that Mr. Wickham rose to prominence and affluence. He became identified with that concern in 1869, at which time it was extensively engaged in manufacturing envelopes for the trade, and in 1874 this company secured the U. S. government contract for making stamped envelopes and wrappers. The company was severely taxed to hold its own against competition and manufacture at a profit until Mr. Wickham's inventive genius brought out the machinery which revolutionized the industry by enabling this company to manufacture envelopes in a much quicker, simpler, and therefore, more profitable manner. The Wickham machines reduced the cost of manufacturing envelopes from fifty cents to three and one-half cents per thousand, and Mr. Wickham then turned his attention to perfecting a machine for making stamped wrappers, which was equally successful with his former invention. For a quarter of a century all the stamped envelopes used by the U. S. government were made by the Wickham machines and were produced at such a low cost that they yielded to the government an annual profit of five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Wickham remained with the Plimpton Company, otherwise called the United States Envelope Works, until 1898, that corporation controlling his twenty-two patents, which were never infringed upon. Other inventions brought him twenty more patents, and thus he further contributed to business activity and development. In 1881 he became one of the organizers of the Hartford Manilla Company, of which he was elected president, while his son, Captain C. H. Wickham, became secretary and treasurer. He promoted the Hartford, Manchester & Rockville Tramway Company and was its general manager, with his son as secretary and treasurer, until 1899, when both retired. In 1901 they purchased the entire plant and business of the Hartford Manilla Company, which they reorganized under the name of the Wickham Manufacturing Company and sold the same fifteen months later to Case & Marshall, Incorporated. After his retirement from active business in 1902 Mr. Wickham gave his attention to the management of his extensive invested interests until his demise.

In his political views Mr. Wickham was always a stalwart republican, and in 1883 and 1884 represented the first ward in the Hartford common council, but the extent and importance of his business affairs precluded extended active service in the field of politics. Fraternally he was a Mason, ever loyal to the teachings and purposes of that order. In his later years after great success had been achieved and leisure had come, he had opportunity to indulge his love of travel and, accompanied by his wife, spent much time in visiting various sections of the United States. He was a gentleman of liberal culture and broadminded ideas owing to his wide reading, his study, his experience and his travels. He early learned to place a correct valuation upon life, and opportunity was to him ever a call to action. He felt that he must use his talents wisely and well, and through his labors he builded a structure of worth to mankind, being ranked among the most notable inventors that America has produced.

It was on June 26, 1857, that Mr. Wickham married Fylura Sanders, a native of Halifax, Vermont, who passed away on February 3, 1922, in her eighty-sixth year. Clarence Horace Wickham, their only child, was born in Whitneyville, Connecticut, January 12, 1860, attended the public schools of Manchester and Hartford and was graduated from the Hartford public high school. When sixteen years of age he began business with his father as timekeeper and was associated with him in his important manufacturing and industrial interests for twenty-three years or until 1902, when their industrial activities mutually and voluntarily ceased. Clarence was married June 26, 1900, to Edith Farwell McGraft, the daughter of Hon. Newcomb and Caroline (Dayton) McGraft, of Muskegon, Michigan. Mr. Wickham's home, "The Pines," at Manchester, Connecticut, is one of the most beautiful private country residential estates in this section. Mr. Wickham is a member of the Hartford Club, Get Together Club, Hartford Golf Club, Rotary Club, Automobile Club (past president), Republican Club (past president), Wampanoag Country Club, Yorktown Country Club of Virginia (life member), Midland Golf and Country Club, Midland, Ontario, Canada (life

member), and of various patriotic organizations, including the Jeremiah Wadsworth Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution of which he was the second President, past Governor of Connecticut Society Founders and Patriots of America, past President Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution, past President Connecticut Society Sons of the Revolution, serving two terms as presiding officer in each of these societies. He is a Mason belonging to Knight Templar, thirty-second degree, and the Mystic Shrine, holds membership in the South Congregational church, and is a republican. He likewise belongs to the Connecticut Historical Society and the Municipal Art Society and has seen much of the finest art of the world in his wide travels abroad, his business successes of former years enabling him to spend much time in visits to places of historic and modern interest. He is cosmopolitan in his tastes and through his varied experiences at home and abroad has acquired liberal culture, broad vision, and a degree of geniality and good fellowship that is an asset, socially, among thousands of persons who call him friend in many parts of the world. He has visited not only every state in the American Union, but almost every civilized country in the two hemispheres, and some regions semi-civilized, and has been received therein with honor—all as an unprejudiced observer—and yet he remains undimmed in love and loyalty to his home, to his country, and to every one therein and elsewhere in whose thoughts he has been and is as a friend.

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#### SCOTT HOWARD SIMON

The success achieved by Scott Howard Simon has been commensurate with his industry and ability, and as the executive head of a large productive industry he is a commanding figure in business circles of Manchester, which also numbers him among its most public-spirited citizens. Born November 8, 1879, in Youngstown, Ohio, he is a son of Frank Fusselman and Lena (Hauser) Simon. In his native city Scott H. Simon was reared and educated, graduating from the Rayen high school with the class of 1899, and his start in life was obtained as a junior clerk in the bank of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company of Youngstown. Diligent, adaptable and dependable, he was advanced through the various departments and eventually became assistant teller of the institution. His next position was with Wilkoff Brothers, large shippers of iron and steel in Youngstown, and in 1904 he severed his connections with that firm, becoming an accountant for the Carlyle Johnson Machine Company of Hartford, Connecticut.

The history of this corporation is inseparably associated with that of Moses Carlyle Johnson, who developed the friction clutch which bears his name at the works of the Pratt & Whitney Company in 1884, at which time it was applied to one of the horizontal turret lathes made by the latter firm, and this device is in use on many of their new model lathes made today. The first patent of the clutch, together with the lathe head, was assigned by Mr. Johnson to the Pratt & Whitney Company, the inventor reserving the right to start a plant of his own later. In due time he did so, using the patent of the Johnson clutch, and conducted a factory at Hartford under the style of the Helix Gear Company. This firm was short-lived, being absorbed by the Carlyle Johnson Machine Company about 1905, at which time the latter obtained control of the new clutch patent owned by the Helix Gear Company, and also of a new and better patent which embodied a type of clutch that was universally applicable to machinery of all kinds and could be used generally on a broad scale wherever transmission of power was required for light-powered drives.

When Mr. Johnson received the patent for this last clutch he was traveling through Ohio and came into touch with the Stambaughs, Youngstown financiers, who were largely interested in the iron and steel industry of the Mahoning valley. These Ohio capitalists thought so well of the device that they agreed to finance it and to have the inventor of the clutch take up the manufacture of the device in Hartford. Accordingly, M. C. Johnson was supplied with funds and made superintendent of the company, which was incorporated in 1901. He started the business at Hartford in 1902 and friction clutches were produced in moderate quantities. In 1904 Scott H. Simon was chosen by the Stambaughs to take charge of the office details, and in 1905 his efficiency led to his selection for the office of treasurer, left vacant by the resignation of J. F. Barr, while he also assumed the duties of general manager.





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SCOTT H. SIMON





The business was conducted at No. 356 Asylum street, Hartford, and grew until two floors of the building were utilized. It then became evident that much greater floor space would be required for the normal expansion of the industry and accordingly in 1909 the Carlyle Johnson Machine Company moved to Manchester. On April 1 of that year the firm purchased from the Eastern Biscuit Company its plant on Main street, which was formerly the Frank Goetz biscuit factory. The sale was arranged through Major Wyatt Owen, who had been in charge of the property for several years.

In addition to the above mentioned friction clutch the Carlyle Johnson Machine Company manufactures the Johnson marine reverse gear, a device which expert mechanics unhesitatingly pronounce the best of its kind on the market. From time to time the firm has improved its friction clutch and the product has no equal today among the industries of the world. It is made in two types, single and double, and for most purposes is superior to a positive clutch because the engagement is gradual. When unusual conditions are encountered, there is an opportunity for slippage rather than breakage. Furthermore, the Johnson friction clutch is designed in an exceedingly simple manner, with very few parts and with adjustable features that make it suitable for a great variety of applications.

The termination of 1926 marked the most prosperous year in the history of the firm since the close of the World war and its notable record for gross business and net profit is due to the constantly growing demand for Johnson friction clutches in the machine tool, automotive, woodworking, textile and paper industries, the dairying and food products fields and many others. During 1926 there was a notable increase in the use of these clutches on the overhead lineshaft, thereby eliminating the need for countershafts. The lineshaft permits of a quick, smooth control, as compared with the use of a tight and loose pulley. The pulley on the lineshaft is mounted directly on the loose sleeve of the friction clutch, while the other part of the clutch is keyed or clamped to the shaft. Then, by means of the shifting lever, the driving pulley can be instantly released from or connected with the lineshaft. The elimination of countershafts saves a considerable amount in power, belting and pulleys and makes the entire installation less cumbersome and the shop cleaner and lighter. Johnson friction clutches are internationally known and in operation in Great Britain, Canada, Europe, Australia, Japan, and India, as well as in many other foreign countries. Some time ago The American Machinist published the following article regarding the firm:

"The shops of the Carlyle Johnson Company present an excellent example of the modern self-contained machinery building plant which, isolated to a certain extent from a base of supplies, must become to a considerable degree independent of it. Located in a small town about ten miles distant from the capital city of Connecticut but connected therewith by three lines of electric railway, the plant possesses practically all the advantages of urban location without restriction of space, lack of natural light, etc., usually connected with the city shop, and what is of even greater importance, it enjoys more freedom from labor disturbances and a lower rate of labor turnover than is usually the fortune of the latter.

"As might be expected, the main factory is light, clean and well ventilated. There is plenty of space for handling the work, and the machinery is so placed that the operations go forward in regular sequence with a minimum of rehandling. On the lower floor adjacent to the castings storage is a battery of Cleveland automatics supplemented by Jones & Lamson flat turrets, upon which most of the round parts of the product is machined by means of special tools which are the product of the company's designing and tool departments.

"Besides the regular form of friction clutch, the company builds special forms and modifications to suit builders of all kinds of machinery. In these special forms the body, or the hub of the friction cup, or both, may be modified to suit the requirements of the machine into which it is built, as, for instance, the cup may be part of a gear or pulley, or may be screwed upon the end of a shaft, the hub of a gear, or may be bolted to the face of a cam or other special part."

The increased business of 1926 necessitated a complete remodeling of the offices of the company, with the addition of more rooms and many other changes. In 1920 Mr. Simon was elected vice president of the corporation and since May, 1928, has been its president. Since he came to Manchester the output of the plant has been more than doubled and markets previously inaccessible have been opened all over the country as well as in foreign lands. No detail of the work escapes his keen observation, and that he is an executive of exceptional capacity is demonstrated by the remarkable strides made by the industry under his expert guidance. In 1916 he was

elected a director of the Manchester Savings Bank, and later resigned, accepting a directorship in the Manchester Trust Company, which he still represents in that capacity.

Mr. Simon was married November 1, 1909, to Miss Josephine Reebel, of Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of Charles and Jennie (Gray) Reebel. Mr. and Mrs. Simon have two children: Janet Gray, who is attending Abbott Academy of Andover, Massachusetts, preparatory to entering Wellesley College; and Frank Reebel, in the public school.

During the World war Mr. Simon was a member of the Home Guards of Manchester and also served on the finance committee of Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross Society. In 1921-22 he was president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and has also been one of its directors. His interest in the growth and advancement of the town is deep and sincere, and as president of the Manchester Young Men's Christian Association and as a trustee of the Community Club of Manchester he exerts a strong influence for good. He is a member of the Manchester Kiwanis Club and is chairman of the business committee of the Second Congregational church. For recreation he turns to hunting and is also a devotee of golf. Just, considerate and courteous, Mr. Simon has secured the complete trust and confidence of those who serve him, and his genuine worth is attested by all with whom he has been associated in the varied relations of life.

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#### GEORGE EDWARD JONES

George Edward Jones, secretary of the Rossia Insurance Company of America and thus identified with a field of business that has made the name of Hartford known throughout the world, was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 4, 1889, a son of George Abial and Harriet Brooks (Anderson) Jones, the former a native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, while the latter was born in Baileyville, Maine. The Jones ancestors came from Wales and England, while the progenitors of the Anderson family were residents both of Scotland and the north of Ireland. It was through the maternal line that George E. Jones is connected with Matthew Thornton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and both the Jones and the Anderson families were represented in the American forces in the Revolutionary war. The same spirit of loyalty and of service has been manifested in later generations, the grandfather, Abial Jones, having been captain of the commissary department, Sixth Army Corps, in the Civil war, while the maternal grandfather, William Harrison Anderson, served with the Eleventh Maine Regiment in the long conflict between the north and the south. The record of the father, George A. Jones, is equally creditable from the standpoint of loyalty and efficiency, inasmuch as he has been with the New Haven Railroad for a period of forty-eight years, making his home in Middleboro, Massachusetts.

In the public schools of Baileyville, Maine, and of Middleboro, Massachusetts, George Edward Jones pursued his preliminary education and then took up the study of law, being graduated from the law school of Boston University with the class of 1913. After practicing for a short time in Boston he removed to New York city, where he did re-insurance work for the Casualty Company of America, which was being liquidated at that time. He served the company for nine months and in 1917 established his home in Hartford, where he became office manager with the Rossia Insurance Company. Adequately measuring up to the standards of the position, he was afterward promoted to the office of assistant secretary and in 1924 was made secretary of this rapidly growing company, the success of which is attributable in substantial measure to his efforts and capability. He is now vice president and one of the directors of the Globe Underwriters Exchange, is secretary and director of the First Re-insurance Company of Hartford and secretary of the Fire Re-assurance Company of New York. He has thus entered upon extended connections with insurance interests and is widely and prominently known among those who are most active in the insurance field in New England and in America's metropolis.

On the 17th of March, 1917, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Quelle, of Middleboro, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three sons: George Edward, Jr., William Anderson and John Brooks. Their home is at No. 9 Dale street in West Hartford.





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GEORGE E. JONES



Politically Mr. Jones is a republican and is now filling the office of town chairman at West Hartford and also is serving as chairman of the West Hartford school board, being keenly interested in those activities which have most to do with community welfare and progress. He is recognized as a forceful factor in local community circles and his labors in that field have been far-reaching and resultant, as they have been in his business life. He is a popular member of various social organizations, including the Hartford Club, the City Club, the Highland Country Club at Meriden and the Wampanoag Country Club. He likewise belongs to the Republican Club of West Hartford and the Congregational Community Club there and is a member of the Exchange Club of Hartford and the Round Table of New York city. As an exponent of the high principles of Masonry he is also widely and favorably known, having membership in Wyllys Lodge, F. & A. M., of Hartford, and in the various York and Scottish Rite bodies, belonging to the Bay State Commandery, K. T., at Brockton, Massachusetts, and to Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Boston. All this indicates that his interests are broad and varied and are progressive in spirit and tendency. Progress has been his watchword throughout his entire life and step by step he has advanced until he has reached an enviable position.

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#### E. SHOEMYEN, M. D.

While at New Britain for only a brief period, Dr. E. Shoemyen has already become well established in practice here and the future promises still further progress. He was born at Budapest, Hungary, on the 2d of July, 1896, and is a son of Joseph and Goldie Shoemyen. He pursued a course of study in the gymnasium of his native city until graduated therefrom and later he entered the Royal Hungarian University, in which he studied medicine, winning his professional degree in 1919. He then located for practice in his native land and retained his residence there until 1924, when he crossed the Atlantic and established an office in New Britain. Through the intervening period of four years he has made steady and substantial progress along professional lines and his practice is now one of gratifying proportions.

Dr. Shoemyen was married at Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 12, 1925, to Helen Naseados.

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#### FREDERICK SETH BELDEN

Frederick Seth Belden, widely known as the president and treasurer of the Hartford Coal Company and also having similar official connection with the Maynard Coal Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, was born in Connecticut's capital city May 28, 1869, and is a son of Charles Rockwell and Mary E. (Sill) Belden, who are mentioned at length on another page of this work, the eldest of their three children being Frederick S., who in the acquirement of his education completed a course in the Hartford high school and then started out in the business world by entering the employ of H. H. Whitman, a dry goods merchant. Having thus gained his initial experience, he was afterward associated with the Jewell Belting Company for a period of eight years, at the end of which time he resigned to join his father in the Hartford Coal Company, of which he became assistant secretary. He was elected to the presidency of the company upon his father's death in 1902 and through the intervening period, covering more than a quarter of a century, has continued as the chief executive of the business. In 1914 he further extended the scope of his activities by the purchase of the oldest coal yard of Springfield, Massachusetts, and reorganized this enterprise under the name of the Maynard Coal Company, thus retaining the name of the former owner, although Mr. Belden has continuously been president and treasurer of the concern, which conducts both a wholesale and retail business. In Springfield, as in Hartford, he has gained a large patronage through progressive and reliable methods, richly meriting the success which has crowned his labors.

On the 10th of February, 1899, Mr. Belden was united in marriage to Miss Sydney B. Hanson, daughter of Stephen Hanson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of two children, Kathleen and Ruth.



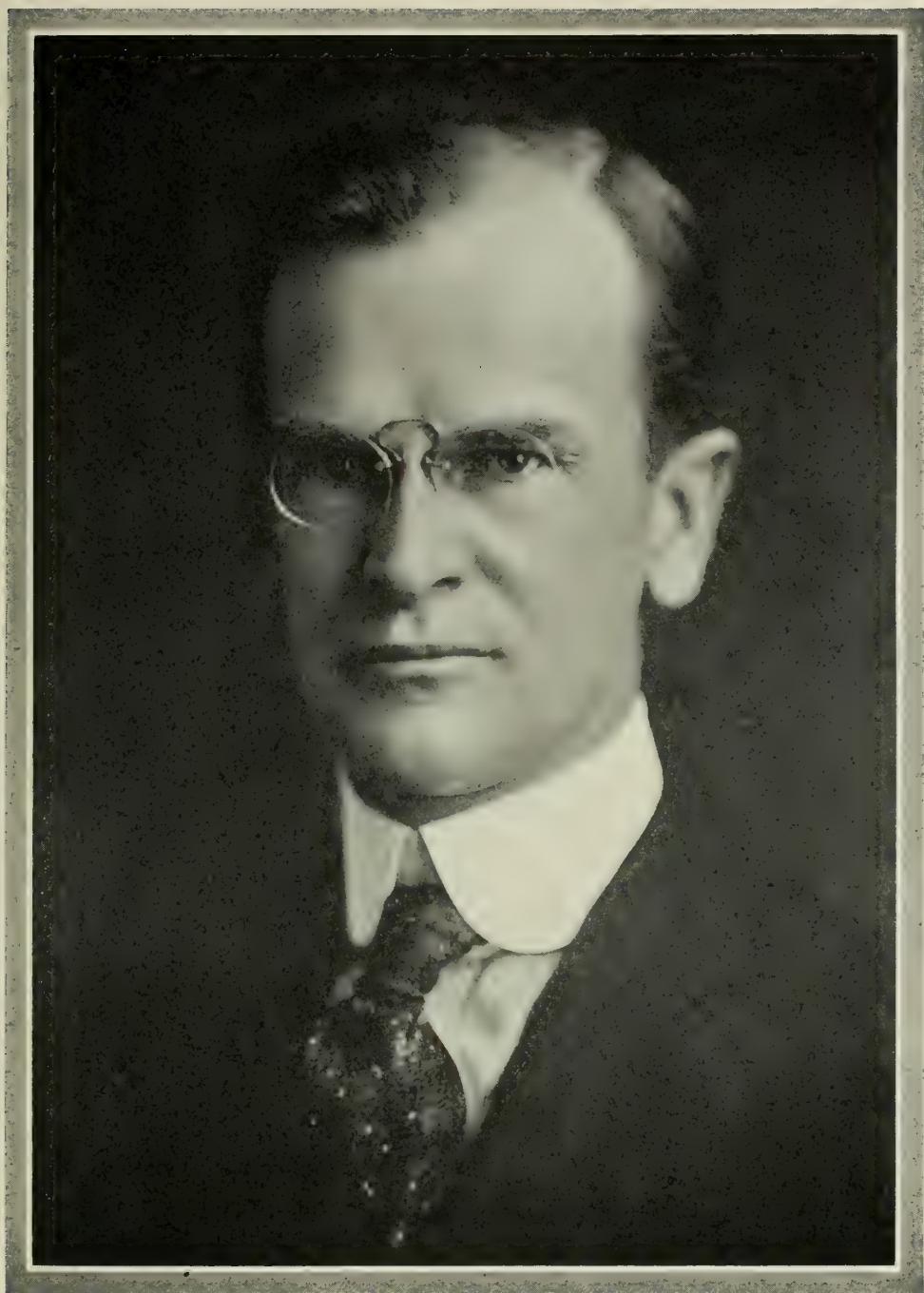
Mr. Belden is well known in Masonic circles, having membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., of Hartford, and Wolcott Chapter, R. A. M. He greatly enjoys outdoor life, to which he largely turns for pleasure and recreation. He belongs to the Hartford Club, of which he was president from 1924 until 1926. He likewise has membership in the Hartford Golf Club, the Farmington Country Club, the East Haddam Fish and Game Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Union League Club of New York and the Bangscote Club of Nova Scotia. He belongs to the Hartford Employers Association and politically is connected with the republican party in the matter of exercising his right of franchise but is entirely without political ambition. He feels that his business cares and interests make full demand upon his time, and among the men of ability and substantial worth in Hartford he is numbered, his life record proving that activity doesn't tire but hardens and gives resisting power. The exercise of effort has always kept him alert and his position in business circles is a most creditable one.

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#### JUDGE WILLIAM MILLS MALTBIE

Connecticut has always been distinguished for the high rank of her bench and bar and among her eminent jurists of the present day is Judge William Mills Maltbie, now an associate judge of the supreme court, to which office he was elected in 1925, following previous service as a judge of the superior court. The story of his life is the record of steady progress resulting from close application, thoroughness, a laudable ambition and marked fidelity to the interests entrusted to his care. He was born in Granby, Connecticut, March 10, 1880, and is a son of Theodore Mills and Louise A. (Jewett) Maltbie. He attended the common schools of his native town and later pursued a course in the Hartford high school, being numbered among its alumni of 1897. Later he enrolled at Yale and won his Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation with the class of 1901, while he completed a course in the Yale Law School in 1905, receiving his degree *summa cum laude*. In June of that year Judge Maltbie was admitted to practice at the Hartford county bar and entered into partnership with his father under the firm style of Maltbie & Maltbie. His progress from the beginning was rapid. Endowed by nature with a keen intellect, he has steadily developed his powers of analysis and concentration and it was soon evident that he was seldom at fault in the application of a legal principle.

There is no profession which has furnished more representatives to political activity than the law. The reason for this is obvious, for the capable lawyer naturally becomes a student of human nature and learns how to judge his fellowmen. His analytical qualities prepare him to understand and master a situation and these elements become factors in the political field. It is not a matter of marvel, therefore, that in 1913 William M. Maltbie was elected on the republican ticket to the house of representatives as a member for the town of Granby, and there he earnestly considered the question of lawmaking. The following year he became assistant to Hugh M. Alcorn, states attorney, and in January, 1915, was appointed executive secretary to Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, after which he continued to fill both offices until his appointment as judge of the superior court. On the 3d of March, 1916, Judge Gardiner Greene in the superior court made him a member of the grievance committee of the Hartford county bar to succeed the late William Waldo Hyde and thus accorded him unusual recognition for an attorney of his years. Judge Maltbie also acted as clerk of the commission which prepared the 1918 Revision of the General Statutes of Connecticut. On the 2d of August, 1917, he was called to fill a vacancy on the superior court bench and in January, 1919, was nominated and elected for the full term of eight years. He continued to serve in that capacity until 1925, when he was elected an associate judge of the supreme court of Connecticut and is now sitting upon the bench of this court of last resort, a judicial honor to which his previous service well entitled him. The competent judge must be a man of well balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice, of comprehensive general information, possessed of an analytical mind and a self-control that will enable him to lose his individuality, his personal feelings, his prejudices and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. Possess-



JUDGE WILLIAM M. MALTBIE





ing these qualities, Judge Maltbie merits the high honor which was conferred upon him by his elevation to the supreme court bench.

On June 28, 1917, Judge Maltbie was married to Miss Mary L. Hamlin and to them has been born one son, Theodore Mills, whose natal day was March 7, 1919. The Judge holds membership in St. Mark's Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., of Granby, of which he is past master. He belongs to the Phi Beta Kappa and the Zeta Psi fraternities of Yale University, also to Corby Court of the Yale Law School and to the Golf Club of Hartford, the last named indicating the nature of his recreation. For a number of years he has served on the executive committee of the South Congregational church of Granby, of which he has long been a faithful member. His entire life has been actuated by high principles that have found expression in valued judicial service, and the fairness and impartiality of his decisions as well as his legal acumen were recognized in his elevation to the superior court bench and his later advancement to the highest tribunal in the state.

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#### JOHN THOMAS DUNN, JR.

Hartford has reason to be proud of the record of many of her native sons who have wisely utilized the advantages here offered and have made steady progress that has constituted a contributing factor to the substantial development of the capital. In this class John Thomas Dunn, Jr., deserves mention. He was here born December 1, 1891, a son of John Thomas and Minnie (Costello) Dunn, the former being now connected with the Hartford board of education. At the usual age the son entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to the completion of the high school course, after which he matriculated in the Catholic University at Washington, D. C. He was pursuing a law course there when war was declared with Germany and he left school to join the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Myer, Virginia, where he was later commissioned a second lieutenant on the 19th of August, 1917, and assigned to Camp Lee, Virginia, with the Eightieth Division. When he arrived at that place there were thirty-two hundred officers and only twelve enlisted men, but in due course of time he received and trained over forty thousand troops which came from Virginia, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. Lieutenant Dunn acted as finance officer and was attached to the camp quartermaster's office. In December, 1917, he was assigned to Camp Joseph E. Johnston at Jacksonville, Florida, where he was attached to the camp quartermaster's office, first as finance officer and later as fuel administrator of the camp, where there were stationed more than thirty thousand troops. In July, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and in the latter part of September, 1918, was recommended for a captaincy and passed the required examination, but soon afterward the armistice was declared and promotion did not come. He received his discharge April 30, 1919, after serving for nearly two years.

With the close of his military activity Mr. Dunn located in Hartford, where he became a mortgage loan and real estate broker and in this line of business has since continued. In 1920, during the presidential campaign which made Warren G. Harding the nation's chief executive, Mr. Dunn was elected a representative to the general assembly from Hartford and while a member of the state legislature introduced several important bills for the benefit of his city and also for the benefit of the American Legion, in which organization he has been very active. He introduced the Sunday baseball bill which was passed during Governor Trumbull's term of office. He was a delegate to the first American Legion convention, held in Minneapolis in November, 1919, and he served on the executive committee of the Rau-Locke Post No. 8 of the American Legion and also as district commander but resigned the latter position when elected to the general assembly. He is now a member of the Velhage-Hayes Post No. 96 of the American Legion of West Hartford and he is a member of the Veteran Corps of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard. He likewise belongs to the City Club, to the Sicagog Tribe of Red Men and is a member of the bureau of assessment and award of damages in West Hartford. He is serving on the republican central committee of the first district of West Hartford and is vice president of the Hartford Real Estate Board, vice president of the Service Mortgage Corporation and a director of the Hartford Bond & Mortgage Corporation. All this indicates the life of intense activity which he leads—activity which touches the general interests of society at

many points and which leads to progress and development, to the promotion of the general welfare and to the upbuilding of his own fortunes.

On the 16th of November, 1921, Mr. Dunn was married to Miss Norma E. Mairson, of Hartford, and they have one son, John Morton, born August 10, 1926. Mr. Dunn may well be called a representative young man of Hartford. He is alert and energetic, keeps abreast with the times in thought and spirit and in promoting his own business affairs neglects not his opportunities to aid in advancing the best interests of city and state.

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#### ERNST THEODOR FROMEN, M. D.

Dr. Ernst Theodor Fromen was born in Kalmar, Sweden, September 21, 1866. His father was Captain W. Theodor Fromen and his mother's maiden name was Mathilda Jansson. The Doctor received his elementary and secondary education in the schools of his home town and later pursued studies at the University of Lund, where he received his degree "Artium Liberalium Baccalaurei" in 1886. Coming to America in 1892, he studied medicine at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and four years later received his degree in medicine. He served his internship in a Milwaukee hospital and then practiced medicine in Michigan for a short period and later in South Bend, Indiana.

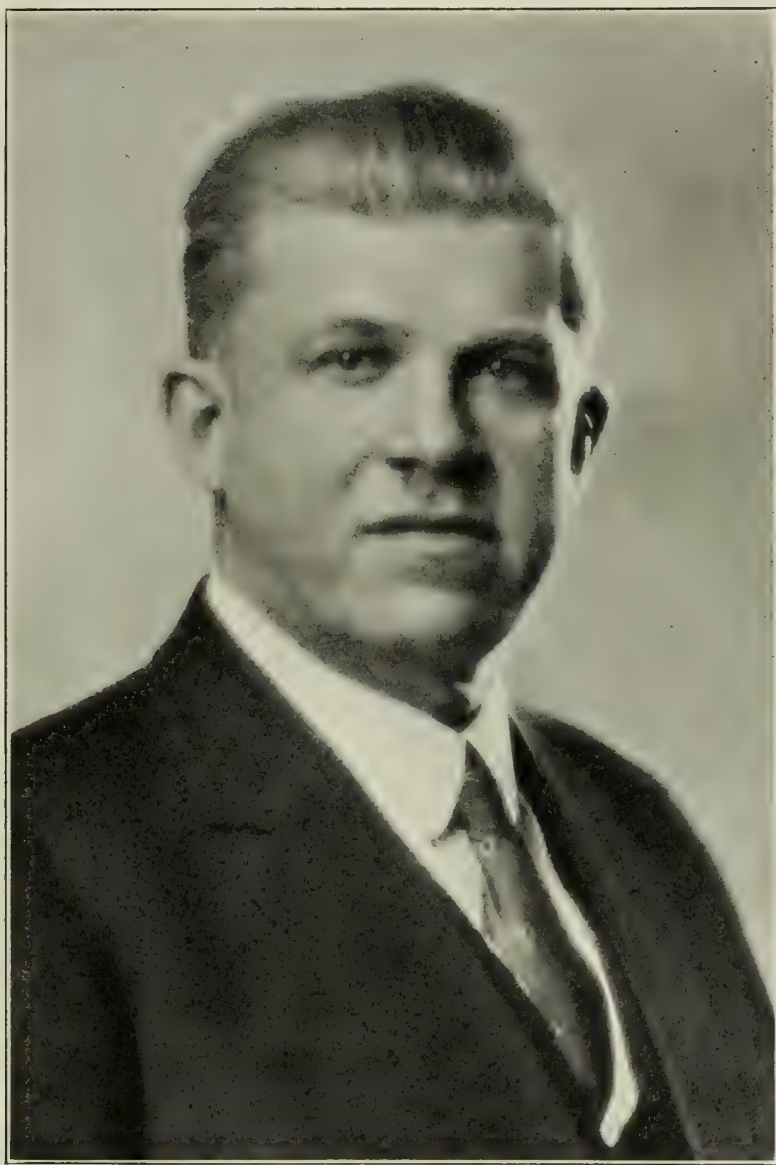
In 1903 Dr. Fromen came to New Britain, Connecticut, and soon established a large practice. On June 24, 1903, he became staff surgeon at the New Britain General Hospital and was at the time of his death senior surgeon. He was a member of the following medical societies: the New Britain Medical Society, the County and State Medical Societies, the Society of American Medical Research, and the National Association for the Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis. He had the distinction of being the only surgeon in New Britain who was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Fromen was a true student of medicine and every year attended the sessions of the College of Surgeons in search of further knowledge. He made two trips abroad for purposes of recreation and study, visiting England, Germany, Sweden, France, Switzerland and Italy. He exercised a definite and lasting influence on surgical science in New Britain. He was a pioneer in the use of local anaesthesia in modern surgery. Skillful, earnest and careful in the practice of his profession and possessing a kind heart and genial personality, Dr. Fromen was beloved by his patients and by all having contact with him socially or professionally.

The Doctor was a highly educated man. His attainments were recognized in the city of his labors, and his abilities were utilized. In 1909 he was elected to the board of education and served continuously in this office until 1920. As chairman of the health and sanitation committee of the school board he was instrumental in the organization of the school health committee. His scholarly attainments made him a logical candidate for election to the textbook committee and the evening school committee. His opinions and advice with regard to school work were always heeded. One of his coworkers on the board, perhaps the foremost jurist in New Britain, said of him: "Dr. Fromen was an excellent, intelligent and helpful member of the school board. He was always regular in attendance and took a profound interest in matters of education. As a member of the committee on textbooks and as chairman of the committee on health and sanitation he displayed marked ability and accomplished much for the school system."

From 1922 up to the time of his death the Doctor served as a member of the health board of his city. In this capacity he was instrumental in procuring for New Britain open air schools and a tuberculosis hospital. He was a champion of health for children. The city is indebted to him for many of the details of its present system of health examinations and sanitation devices.

When the Commercial Trust Company (now one of the leading banking institutions of New Britain) was organized, Dr. Fromen became a member of the board of directors and remained in that capacity until his death. In his association with the officers and directors of the bank, he bore himself as a sustaining and substantial force. He was an honored member of the local Kiwanis Club and often voiced his approval of the high ideals and honorable pursuits of Kiwanis.

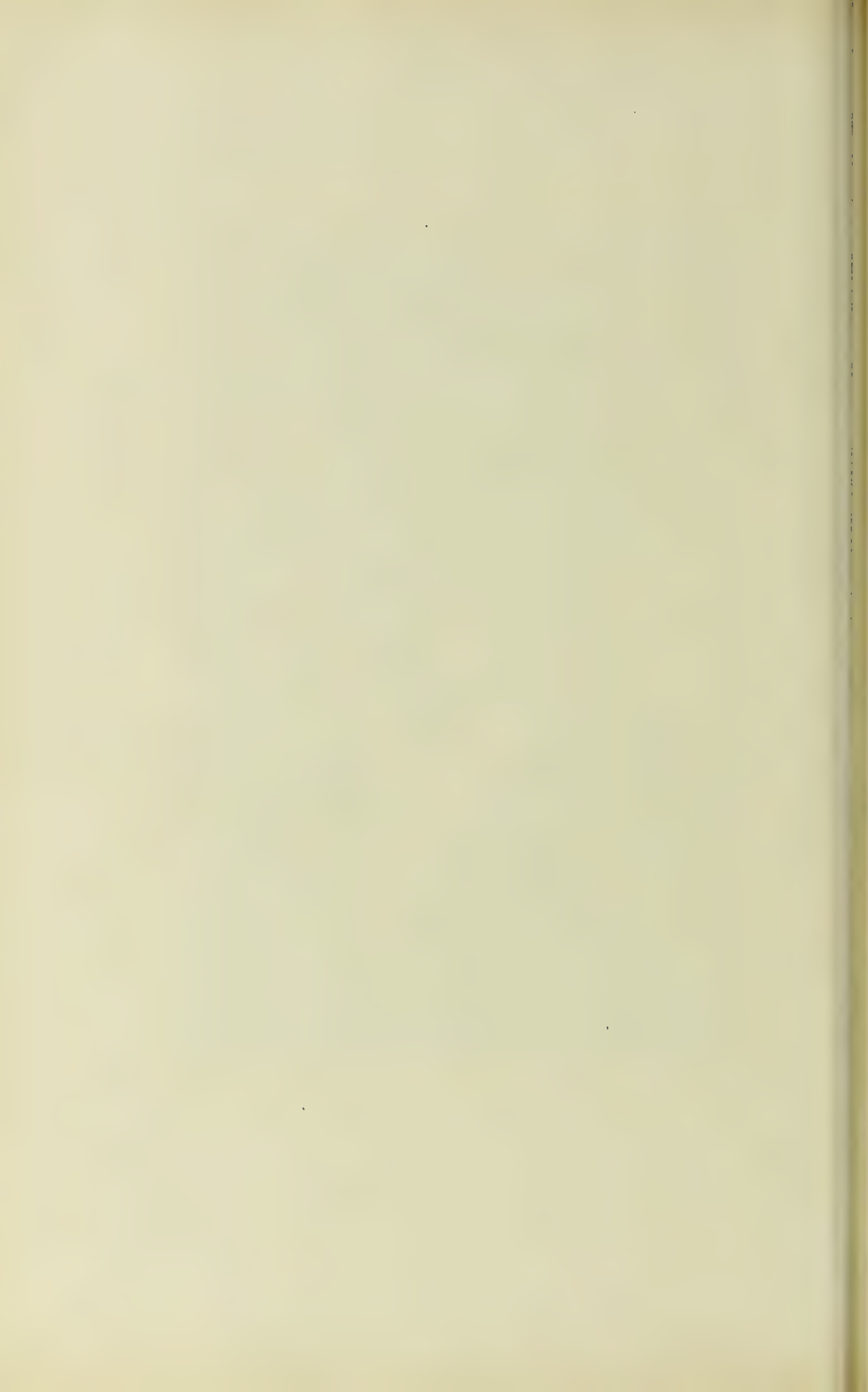
Dr. Fromen was extremely versatile. He was versed in music, art and literature,



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DR. ERNST THEODOR FROMEN





and thoroughly enjoyed the refinements of life. His knowledge of the classics in above mentioned fields was remarkable. In the frequent little gatherings of intimates in his home he was a perfect host and the subject of conversation was always the things that ennoble and uplift. He could discourse at length on any classical musical composition, composer or artist who happened to be brought into the conversation.

It was especially in the literature of his native land that Dr. Fromen excelled and the valuable books that adorned the walls of his library are ample testimony to his literary taste. He organized and acted as chairman of a Literary Club over a period of ten years, and the papers which he read before this organization were valuable contributions. That he possessed no mean ability as a poet is displayed in the verse which he occasionally composed.

A remarkable coincidence is that Dr. Fromen's aged father in Sweden departed this life on the same day that his son succumbed to the ravages of a third attack of pneumonia. The family hesitated to inform their relatives abroad of their great loss, fearing lest the news might have a dire effect on the aged parent. While in this quandary a message came by cable announcing the death of the father at the age of four score and ten.

In his church affiliation Dr. Fromen clung to the faith of his fathers. As often as his duties allowed he attended upon the services of the First Lutheran church. At the funeral services the church edifice, which seats approximately a thousand, was taxed to its capacity. An equal number of people had previously viewed the remains of the beloved physician as it lay *lit de parade* in the church. The physicians of the city attended the funeral services in a body, the graduate and undergraduate nurses in uniform occupied a conspicuous place in the church auditorium and designated a committee to act as flower bearers thereby to show their reverence and esteem for him whom they familiarly among themselves called "Papa Fromen."

Dr. Fromen is survived by the sorrowing widow, Ida Paulson Fromen, with whom he was united in matrimony in 1898, one son, Lars, a student at Northwestern University and one daughter, Ingeborg, of New York city. Two brothers and one sister reside in Sweden.

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#### DANIEL GOODRICH MARKHAM

In financial circles of Hartford the name of Daniel Goodrich Markham is widely known, for he is at the head of the firm of Markham & Company, handling insurance and bank stocks, in which connection he has built up a business of extensive and gratifying proportions. Throughout his entire life he has made ready response to the call of opportunity and thus step by step he has risen in power, prominence and prosperity in the business world. He was born in Hartford, December 12, 1890, a son of Daniel A. and Grace (Goodrich) Markham. His father, who became a distinguished lawyer and jurist, was of English lineage and his ancestral line was traced back in England to 1066, the name originating at a settlement near the border of Mercia, now Scotland, where lived Claron, of West Markham, a Saxon chief of local renown. His services in the Norman conquest were rewarded with a grant of land that, however, had been previously held by his father and grandfather. The Markham coat-of-arms is as follows: Azure on a chief or, a demi lion rampant issuant gules. Crest: A lion of St. Mark sejant guard, winged or, circled round the head argent, supporting a harp or lyre of the first. The meaning of the name: Local "of Markham," a parish near Tuxford, County Notts. Daniel Markham, representative of the family in the eighteenth generation, was born in Plumstead Manor, near Norwich, England, and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1665, removing two years later to Middletown, Connecticut, where he became a deacon in the First Congregational church. His son, John Markham, born in Middletown, December 28, 1708, settled on the east side of Pocotopaug Lake, was married November 3, 1748, to Desire Sears, who died November 19, 1786, and he passed away March 30, 1788. Their son, John Markham (II), born in Middletown, March 20, 1756, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, was married January 11, 1781, to Asenath Smith and died April 15, 1852. He was the father of Hiram Markham, born at Chatham, Connecticut, January 1, 1795. He was a farmer and filled various public offices. On the 5th of November, 1817, he married Laura Niles, who was born at Chatham, July 20, 1802, and died June 14, 1877, while Hiram Markham died De-

ember 5, 1870. Their son, Daniel Niles Markham, was born August 26, 1821, at Chatham, and engaged in farming and in the lumber business. He filled various public offices and was a prominent and influential citizen. On the 23d of September, 1844, he married Mary Octavia Skinner, who was born in Chatham, July 27, 1821. He passed away February 5, 1906, and his widow survived until September 10, 1909.

Daniel Anson Markham, son of Daniel Niles and Mary Octavia (Skinner) Markham, was born in Chatham, Connecticut, December 29, 1854, prepared for college under private tutors and was graduated from Wesleyan University in 1879. He then read law under the direction of Arthur B. Calef and D. W. Northrop, leading lawyers of Middletown, Connecticut, was admitted to practice in 1882 and two years later opened an office in Hartford. From the beginning success attended his efforts. It was early manifest that he prepared his cases with great precision and care and presented his cause with remarkable clearness and force. His clientele steadily grew and he became recognized as one of the distinguished representatives of the Hartford bar, a position which public opinion has always freely accorded him. He became associate judge of the court of common pleas and his record as a jurist reflected credit and honor upon the judicial system of the state. In 1891 he became recorder of the city court and filled that office until 1893. He is a Congregationalist in religious faith and his ancestral record has enabled him to become a member of the Mayflower Society and the Sons of the Revolution. He was married in 1889 to Grace Goodrich, daughter of Samuel and Annie (Butler) Goodrich, and to them have been born three sons and two daughters: Daniel Goodrich; Margaret, who was born January 21, 1893, and died December 3, 1895; John Anson, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Chauncy G., born February 5, 1901; and Grace G., born June 12, 1904.

In the attainment of his education the eldest son, Daniel Goodrich Markham, entered the public schools, passed through consecutive grades and after leaving the high school of Hartford matriculated in the Phillips Exeter Academy. When his textbooks were put aside he turned to the insurance business by becoming an employe of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company of Hartford, and from 1912 until 1918 he was with the firm of Allen, Russell & Allen of Hartford, having one of the largest insurance agencies of the city. In 1918 Mr. Markham directed his efforts into other channels by entering the security business as representative of New York firms and soon demonstrated to himself and to the public at large that he possessed aptitude for this work. In 1919 he established business on his own account by organizing the firm of Markham & Company and through the intervening period of nine years has developed an extensive business in handling insurance and bank stocks, having now a large clientele, so that his business brings to him gratifying returns.

On the 14th of June, 1916, Mr. Markham was married to Miss Jane Peterson, a daughter of Andrew A. and Lena Peterson, of Hartford. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his interest in matters of general importance is indicated in his connection with the Connecticut State Chamber of Commerce. He is alert and energetic, ready for any emergency and for any opportunity, and possessing untiring energy, quick perception and metal alertness, he has won a creditable position in financial circles in Hartford.

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#### CAPTAIN THOMAS B. McDERMOTT

Captain Thomas B. McDermott, assistant secretary of the Rossia Insurance Company of America and widely known in military circles because of his service in the World war and his later activity in connection with military affairs, was born at Stony Creek, Connecticut, February 28, 1890, a son of James H. and Jane T. (Reynolds) McDermott, the former a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and the latter of Dover, New Jersey. The father, who engaged in the granite and stone business at Stony Creek for some time, passed away in Hartford about 1921 and the mother survived until 1923.

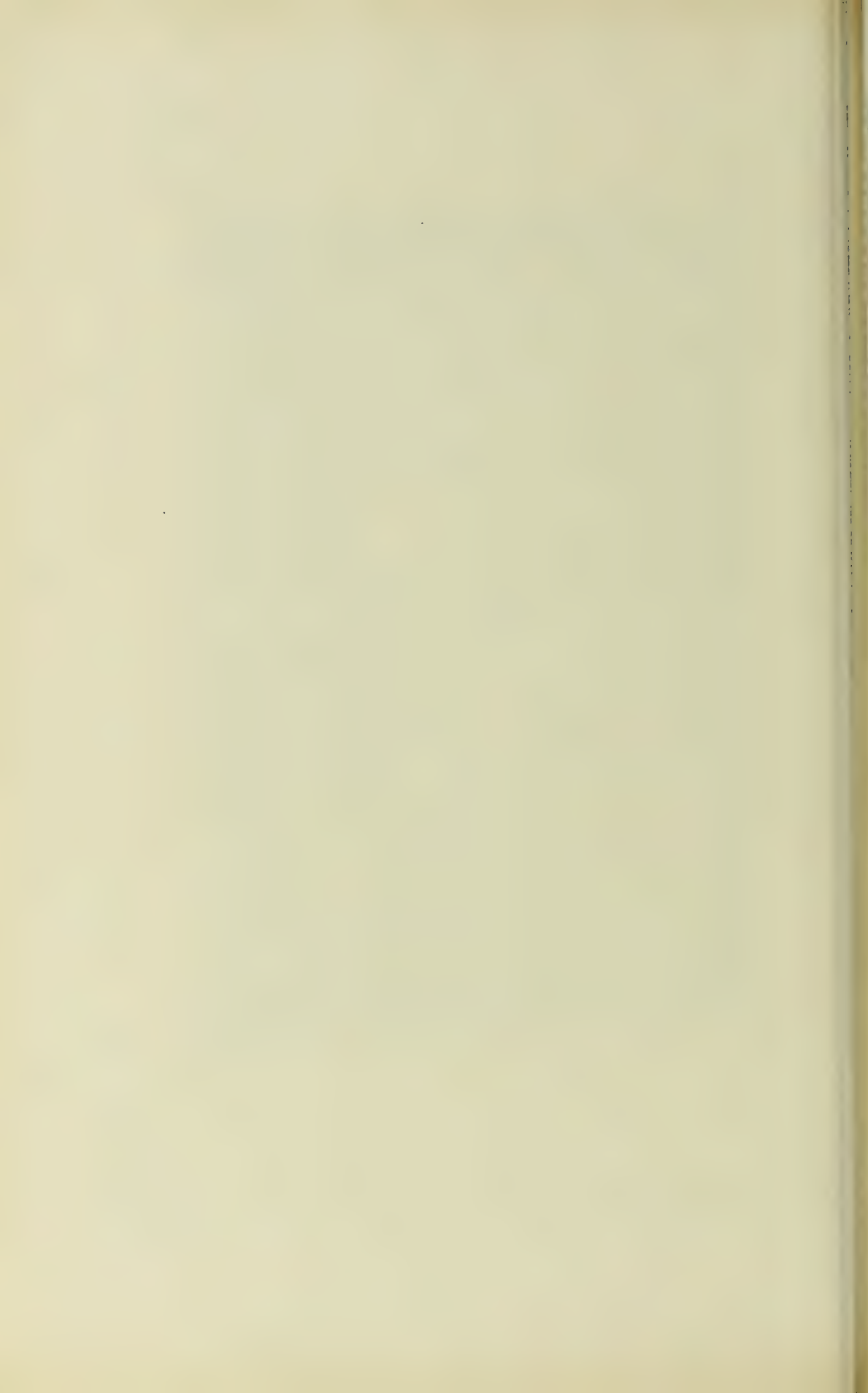
Captain McDermott was educated in the public schools and the Hartford high school and in 1910 entered the office of the John Hancock Insurance Company as a minor clerk, filling that position for one year. In 1912 he became an employe of the Rossia Insurance Company, being assigned to duty in the statistical department, and in 1913 was given charge of the department and so continued until 1916. He was then





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CAPTAIN THOMAS B. McDERMOTT



transferred to the examining department, with which he remained until May, 1917, when military activity interrupted his service in the business world.

In December, 1916, Captain McDermott was commissioned a reserve officer with the rank of second lieutenant and on the 5th of May following was ordered to regular duty at Plattsburg, New York. After taking the camp course there he went to Camp Mills and joined the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Infantry, the old famous Sixty-ninth New York Infantry, with which command he sailed overseas on the 31st of October, 1917, landing at Brest, France, about the 12th of November. He participated in all the five major engagements in which the American army took part: the Champagne sector from the 6th to the 15th of July, 1918; the Champagne-Marne defensive from the 15th to the 18th of July; the Aisne-Marne offensive from the 26th of July to the 3d of August; the St. Mihiel offensive from the 12th to the 16th of September; and the Meuse-Argonne offensive from the 11th of October to the 8th of November, 1918. He was with his command at various points along the western front and after the close of hostilities was at St. Marie and Thiamont, Belgium; Useldange, Rollingen and Haller, Luxembourg; and Holsthum, Bickendorf, Wallersheim, Hillesheim, Wiesbaum, Aremberg, Altenahr, Remagen and Kreuzberg, Germany. The early experience of the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Infantry, which had formerly been the "Fighting Irish" regiment of New York, commanded by "Wild Bill" Donovan, later assistant attorney general of the United States, was with Gourand's famous Fourth French army and then with the all-American army, but the regiment was numbered among the "First Hundred Thousand" of the A. E. F. The dates of his promotion during the World war were October 8, 1918, when he was advanced from the rank of second to first lieutenant, and March 13, 1919, when he became captain. He was cited for "exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service," and for "distinguished and exceptional gallantry," as the following attest:

"First Lieutenant Thomas B. McDermott for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services with 165th Infantry France American Expeditionary Forces in testimony thereof and as an expression of appreciation of these services, I award him this citation. Awarded 19 April, 1919. (Signed) John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief."

"First Lieutenant Thomas B. McDermott 165th Infantry for distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Champagne Sector on 16 July, 1918, in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces in testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award him this citation. Awarded on 27 March, 1919. (Signed) John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief."

Following the close of the World war Captain McDermott returned to resume active connection with the Rossia Insurance Company, and that he has won victories in business just as he did on the western front is shown in the fact that he has been advanced to the position of assistant secretary. He has spent his entire business life with this corporation, ranking as an efficient employe and capable official. He is also assistant secretary of the American Reserve Insurance Company and secretary-treasurer of the Transatlantic Securities Company.

On the 2d of September, 1911, Captain McDermott was married to Miss Sarah C. Buchanan, of Port Kent, New York, and they have two children: Betty, born July 13, 1912; and Thomas B., Jr., born April 25, 1916. The Captain is a member of the Wethersfield Country Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is treasurer of the Hartford Chapter of the Military Order of the World War. He is now signal sergeant on the non-commissioned staff of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard and is a well known and popular representative of Connecticut's military activities.

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#### EDWIN RUSSELL CURRAN, M. D.

Dr. Edwin Russell Curran, actively engaged in medical practice in New Britain, is making steady progress and already has attained a creditable place among the younger representatives of the profession in Hartford county. He was born March 21, 1896, in the city where he still resides, his parents being John E. and Margaret E. (Tierney) Curran. As a lad of six he entered the local schools and when he had passed through consecutive grades and mastered the work of the high school he entered the University of Vermont, there pursuing his studies as a member of the



class of 1918. He next became a student in Dartmouth College, completing his course with the class of 1921, after which he matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College and won his professional degree at his graduation in 1924. His first practical training came to him through service as interne in the Philadelphia Hospital in 1925 and thereby he gained the valuable knowledge that can never be acquired as quickly in any other way as in general hospital practice. Coming to New Britain in the same year, he opened his office and has since devoted his attention to the duties that have devolved upon him as his practice has steadily grown through the passing years.

On the 8th of September, 1924, Dr. Curran was married in Philadelphia to Miss Cleona Bonsrille and they have one child, Edwin Bonsrille.

Dr. Curran is numbered among the World war veterans, having served in the One Hundred and Fourth Infantry of the Yankee division. He enlisted August 23, 1917, sailed for France on the 23rd of October following and was on active duty at Chemin des Dames, at Toul, Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel and also in the hotly contested engagement at Verdun. He is now concentrating his efforts and attention upon his professional duties and his progress is promoted through the ability and knowledge which he acquires as a member of the New Britain, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations.

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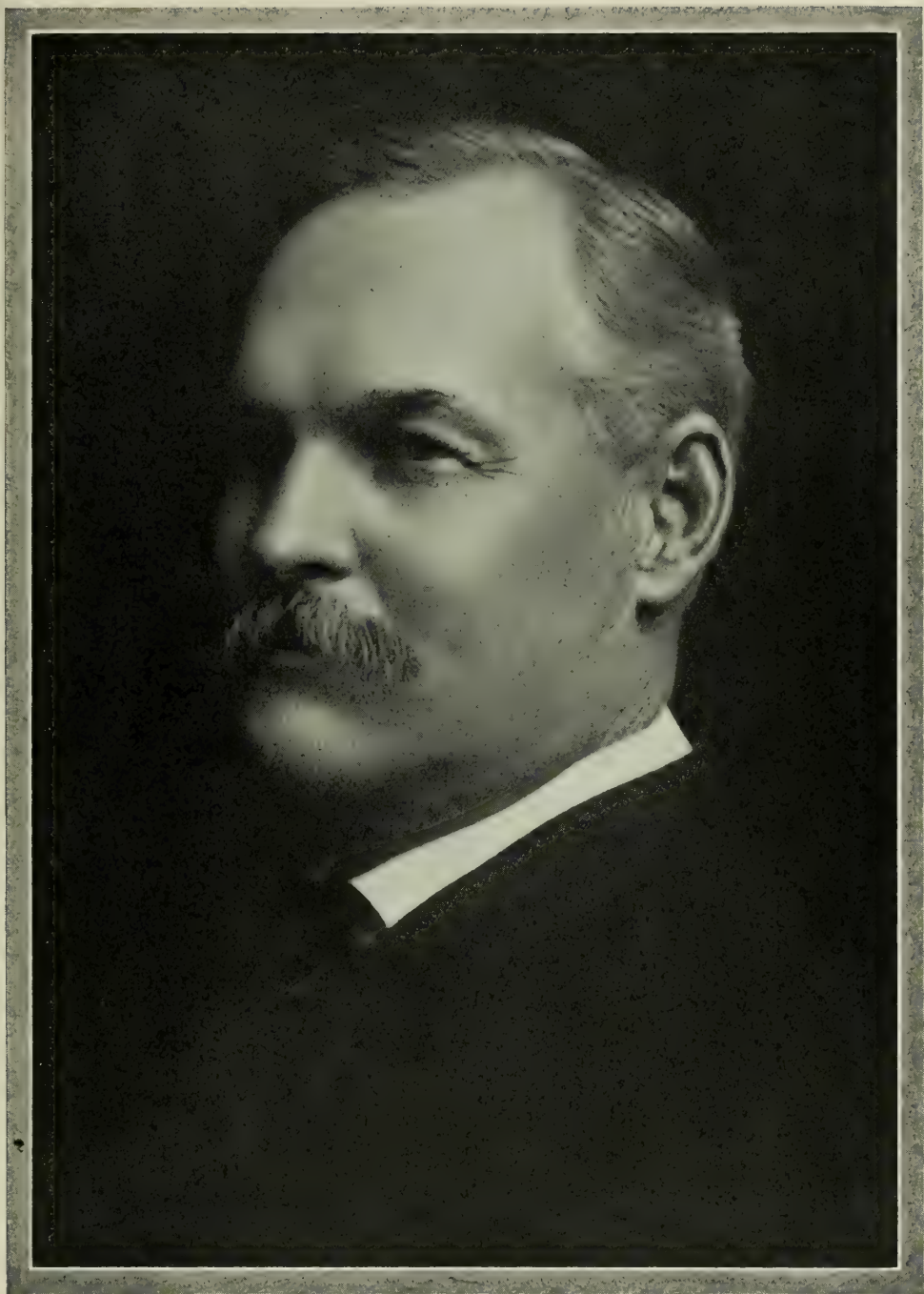
#### F. ERNEST WATKINS

The history of Hartford county's development is closely interwoven with the life record of F. Ernest Watkins, a pioneer merchant, who is widely and favorably known as president of the firm of Watkins Brothers, Inc., dealers in pianos and furniture. For fifty-four years he has engaged in this business, which was started with little capital but boundless enthusiasm, and has become one of the greatest organizations of the kind in this part of the country. Its splendid establishments in Manchester and Hartford are indisputable proof of whole-hearted public appreciation as the result of earnest endeavor and traditional fairness.

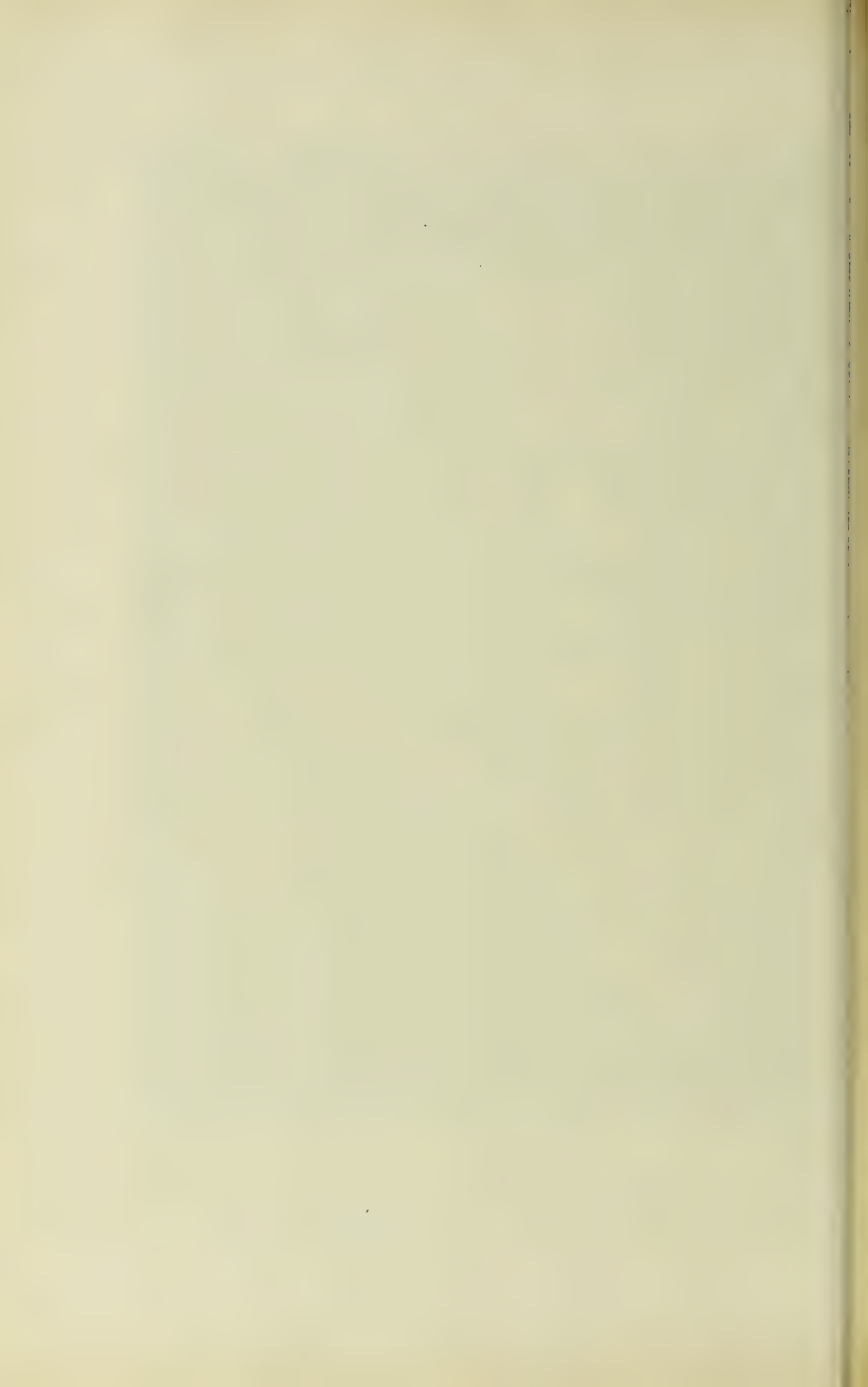
Mr. Watkins was born in Eastford, Connecticut, January 12, 1857, a son of L. Bruce and Loraine B. (Converse) Watkins, also natives of this state. Both were of colonial ancestry and the father was a descendant of Jedediah Watkins, who aided in spreading the Lexington alarm on the 15th of April in 1775. The old records also show that he served from June, 1776, until December 25 of that year under Captain Reuben Marcy, who commanded the Fourth Company, organized in Windham county and attached to the Sixth Battalion. In the maternal line F. Ernest Watkins is descended from Benjamin Converse, who also served in the Revolutionary war, and the records in the treasury department state that he received a pension of twenty-six dollars and sixty-six cents per month for seven years. In 1868 L. Bruce Watkins settled in Manchester, where he spent the remainder of his life, devoting his attention to the sash and blind business.

In 1872, when a youth of fifteen, F. Ernest Watkins was graduated from the high school at Southbridge, Massachusetts, and for a year thereafter taught the old South school. He then returned to Manchester and in 1874 embarked in business, forming a partnership with Clarence G. Watkins, an older brother, and took over the furniture department of the general store of William H. Cheney, located at Main and Charter Oak streets. Watkins Brothers occupied the entire second story of the building, around which the life of the town was centered, and paid Mr. Cheney the sum of six thousand dollars for his stock, fixtures and goodwill. At first they did all of the work themselves but in a short time it became necessary to have additional help. This was the first retail establishment in the town to install an elevator and the innovation drew hundreds of persons to the store on the opening day.

The first piano sold by Watkins Brothers was in 1890 and this department of the business soon began to expand. In 1905 the business of Woods & McCann on Asylum street, Hartford, was purchased and a little later the Victor Talking Machine agency was secured from Ludlow, Barker and Company. In 1912 Watkins Brothers obtained the Steinway agency for central Connecticut and purchased the entire holdings of William Wander and Sons, including the splendid fireproof building at No. 241 Asylum street, and its president, Emil Wander, became vice president of the firm of Watkins Brothers, Inc. They also handle the Steinway Duo-Art, and are exclusive representa-



*F. E. Watkins*





tives for the Henry F. Miller, Becker Brothers, W. P. Haines and Bradbury pianos. In 1919 work was started on the firm's new building in Manchester. It was opened for business November 15, 1920, and is classed with the finest furniture and music stores in the United States. The simple dignity of the building itself, the beauty of the interior displays, were the subject of conversation for days and weeks afterwards. The center of attention was the completely furnished cottage and this feature has not ceased to attract daily visitors from all over New England. During the opening week the firm was showered with congratulations. The center aisle of the first floor was filled with beautiful flowers, sent by manufacturers and local business men and friends. There were concerts by famous Victor artists, souvenirs of silver for the old customers, and every one was made to feel that it was their store. It has been stated by more than one prominent manufacturer and trade paper that Watkins Brothers dispose of more high-grade furniture than any store in the country, situated in a town the size of Manchester. Certain it is that by continually showing better designs and better built furniture they have developed a demand for house furnishings of good taste which does not exist in most communities. The music business has kept pace with the furniture department and the record of the firm is one of continuous advancement. One of the striking features of this institution is its perennial youth. Rich with the wisdom of years, it clings fast to that which is wholesome and worthy while pressing onward to better ways and higher standards. On Wednesday, October 8, 1924, the firm observed its fiftieth anniversary, a notable event in its history, and during the jubilee celebration attractive silver sugar shells in triple plate were presented to each purchaser of goods worth one dollar or more, and on that day sales amounted to fifty-seven thousand dollars.

Clarence G. Watkins, senior member of the firm, died in 1915. Perhaps no citizen of Manchester was ever more universally beloved and respected. During his life he received nearly every honor within the gift of his townsmen. For ten years he was first selectman of the town and during that period it was his duty to inspect the roads, look after the poor, secure loans and keep the books. This work took considerable time from his business and also proved injurious to his health. When the Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1911, Mr. Watkins was elected its first president and demonstrated that he was the right man for the office. He was one of the first and strongest advocates of a local bank and subsequently became the first president of the Manchester Trust Company, acting in that capacity until his death. At one time he represented Manchester in the Connecticut general assembly and did good work as a legislator. He manifested a keen interest in the activities of the American Red Cross and was the founder of the Manchester Chapter of that society.

F. Ernest Watkins, the executive head of the firm, took charge of the Hartford store in 1905 and since that date has spent much of his time in this city. His mechanical skill and ingenuity are supplemented by broad vision and unerring judgment, and that he is an executive of exceptional capacity is shown by the remarkable success of the business which he controls. Like his brother, he strongly advocated the establishment of a substantial financial institution in Manchester and later aided in founding the Savings Bank of Manchester, of which he was one of the original directors. He was also a prime mover in the organization of the South Manchester fire department and acted as its secretary for twenty years.

Mr. Watkins was married January 21, 1880, in Manchester, Connecticut, to Miss Catherine Louise Lyman, a descendant of William Brewster, who came to America on the Mayflower and was one of the founders of Plymouth colony in New England. Two children were born of this union, namely: Hazel Loraine, who died in 1923; and Marjorie, who is the wife of Edmond A. Lucy of Greenwich, Connecticut.

In 1901 Mr. Watkins took his seat in the state legislature and throughout his tenure of office exhibited a zealous and watchful regard of public rights. During the period when the encroachments of the railroad seemed to be a real menace he made a notable and fearless stand for the interests of the people. Owing in a great measure to his attitude at that time he was selected as county commissioner and his six years in the office were characterized by a clean, straightforward, incorruptible administration which has been held up as a model ever since.

Mr. Watkins served in the Connecticut National Guard for six years, becoming recognized as one of its best marksmen, and during the greater part of that time he was a member of the rifle team of the First Regiment. Later he took up trap shooting and in 1920 scored almost one hundred per cent in five matches. In that

year he won the championship for Connecticut, breaking two hundred and ninety-three targets out of three hundred. He belongs to the Senior Golf Association of Connecticut and has always been interested in clean sport, being a member of the first Manchester baseball team and also of the first shooting club. Mr. Watkins has converted his opportunities into tangible assets and as a business man he has been conspicuous among his associates not only for his enterprise and ability, but also for his fairness and probity. At all points in his career he has been animated by a strong sense of duty and honor, thus winning and retaining the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellowmen.

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#### HON. ANGELO M. PAONESSA

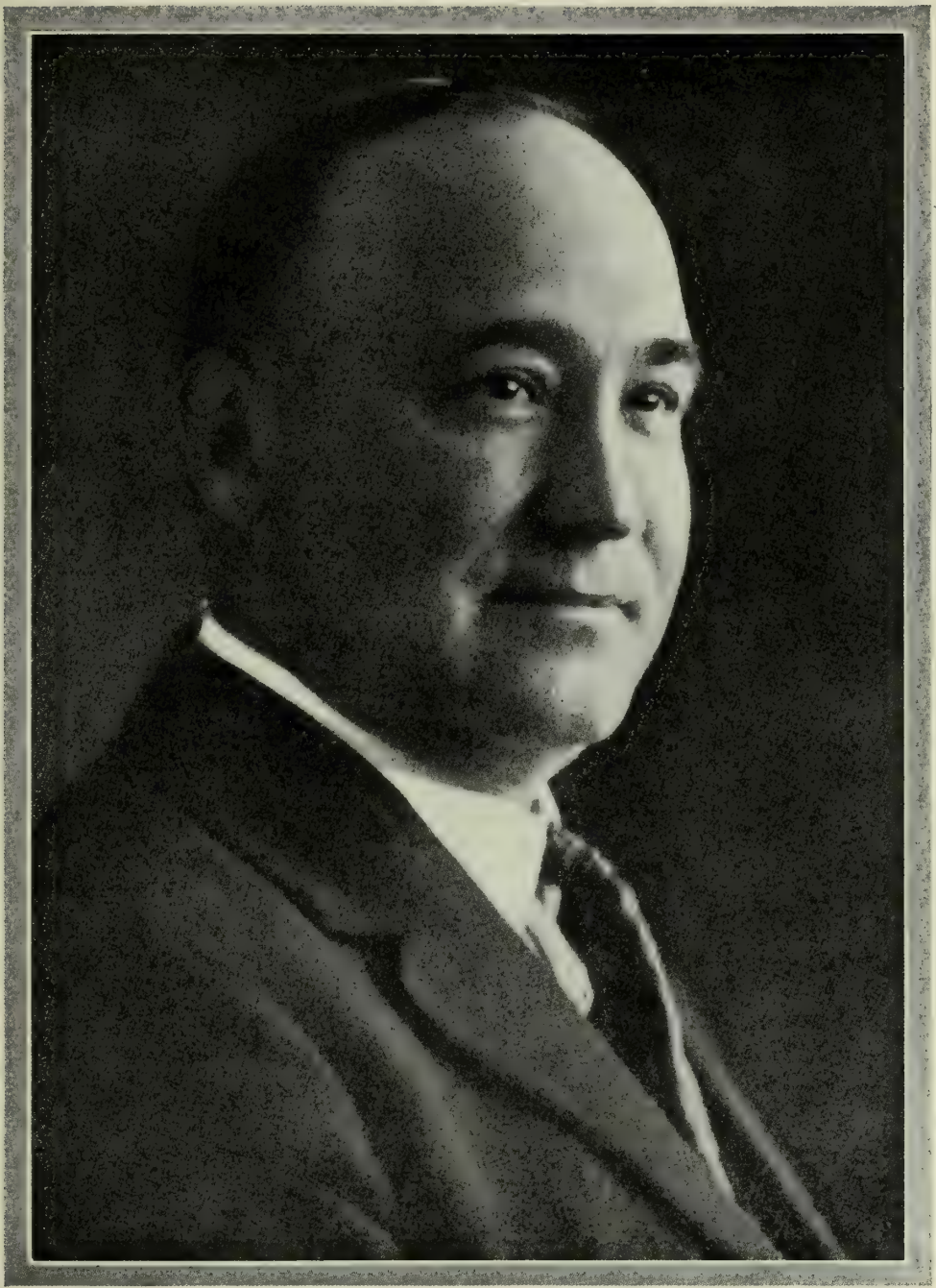
Among the self-made men of New Britain who have depended upon industry, diligence and perseverance for the attainment of success is numbered Angelo M. Paonessa, president and treasurer of the City Service Station, in which connection he is handling the Chrysler sales at this point. Born in Calabria, Italy, on the 24th of February, 1878, he is a son of Thomas and Mary Paonessa. In 1888 he arrived in New York city and was a pupil of the schools there at the age of ten. He then secured employment in connection with the construction of Brewster's dam at Carmel, New York, and also on the big Croton dam, working as a water boy at a wage of twenty-five cents per day. Afterward he was employed at a navy yard on the construction of the naval magazine, spending two years and a half in that position. In 1902 he arrived in New Britain and became a contracting mason, for in his previous experiences he had gained broad and valuable knowledge of construction work. He continued as a contractor until 1916, when he turned his attention to the motor car business by establishing the City Service Corporation for the purpose of handling automobiles in New Britain. He is now president and treasurer of this company and has developed a large business which ranks him with the leading automobile dealers of his section. He is also quite extensively interested in realty and is now developing a tract known as "Lakeside" at East Hampton, Connecticut. The development of his business powers and capacity is furthermore indicated in his connection with the People's Savings Bank as a director. He was also one of the incorporators of the New Britain Savings Bank, which he represents on the directorate, and of the New Britain General Hospital. He is a director of the Hotel Burritt and his cooperation is justly accounted a valuable asset to any organization with which he becomes identified. In matters of business his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault and he possesses the ability to coordinate seemingly diverse interests into a harmonious and productive whole.

Mr. Paonessa was married at Croton on Hudson, New York, on the 17th of May, 1902, to Miss Myrtle H. Holley, who was born at Tomkins Cove, New York, and is a daughter of Ferdinand and Mary (Lent) Holley, while through the paternal line she traces her ancestry back to Sir Isaac Holley of the Mayflower. Mr. and Mrs. Paonessa are parents of six children: Constance, Clarice, Ellis, Norman, Jack and Daniel.

While Mr. Paonessa has achieved notable success in business, he has gained equal prominence as one of the political leaders of the state, being a foremost representative of the democratic party in Connecticut for state chairman. In 1911 he was elected a councilman, was chosen alderman in 1916 and by popular suffrage was called to the mayoralty of New Britain in 1922 and reelected in 1924. After completing his second term as mayor, he retired to private life and for the first time in fifteen years was not a member of the city government. In the spring of 1928 he was persuaded by the democratic party to again be their candidate for the office of mayor. He consented to do so and on the 10th of April was elected mayor of the city of New Britain for the third time. This was a remarkable achievement and a demonstration of the respect and confidence the people have for him, realizing that New Britain is known as a republican city. During his administrations he made every effort to make New Britain a better place to live in by the development of parks and recreation grounds for the children. It was also through his efforts that the fire department was placed on the two platoon system. In 1913 he was his party's nominee for representative to the state legislature and in 1922 became the democratic nominee for secretary of state.

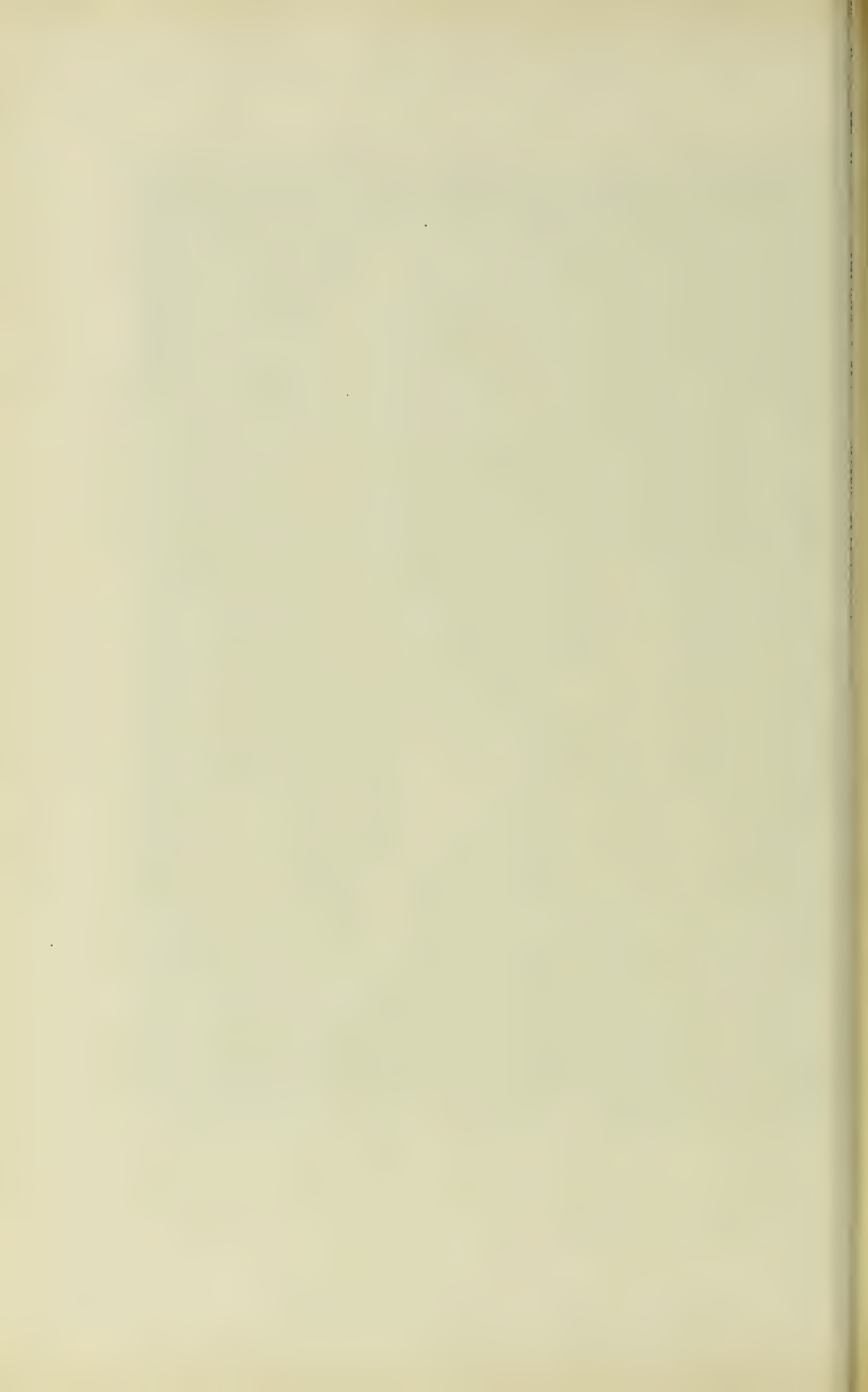
His qualities of leadership have proven a potent force in political as well as business circles. His initiative and his determination enable him to overcome obstacles





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and bring his plans to a successful culmination in the business world, and gradually he has advanced until his service as water boy on the Brewster dam seems a thing of the long ago, and yet it is a comparatively brief time since he worked in that humble connection. Today, however, New Britain numbers him among her men of affluence, contributing to the successful control of many of the important business interests here.

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#### JOHN ANSON MARKHAM

Following in the footsteps of his father, the distinguished Judge Daniel A. Markham, John Anson Markham has won creditable position at the Hartford bar, where he is now practicing as a partner in the firm of Cannon & Markham. He was born in this city November 15, 1894, one of the five children of Judge Daniel A. and Grace (Goodrich) Markham, extended mention of whom is made in connection with the sketch of his brother, Daniel G. Markham, on another page of this work. At the usual age he became a public school pupil and in the course of years a high school student, while his preparatory course was pursued in the Holderness School at Plymouth, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914, and his classical course in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, where he received his A. B. degree in 1917. In preparation for a professional career he entered the Yale Law School and won his LL. B. degree in 1921, being admitted to the bar the same year. He then began practice in his native city in association with his father and Alexander Arnot, under the firm style of Markham, Arnot & Markham. This association was maintained for five years and in 1926 he joined James E. Cannon as a member of the firm of Cannon & Markham. Their business is of an important character and of gratifying proportions, and during the seven years in which he has continued in legal practice here Mr. Markham has made steady progress that argues well for the future.

On the 15th of June, 1918, John Anson Markham was married to Miss Alice King Bragaw, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (King) Bragaw, of Hartford. Their children are: Adelaide, born March 14, 1919; and Betsy, born December 12, 1921.

There is a military chapter in the life record of Mr. Markham, for when a young man of twenty-three years he enlisted on the 14th of May, 1917, in the United States army, and was commissioned November 27, 1917, as a first lieutenant of infantry. He was stationed at various places in this country, but was not sent overseas, and received his discharge as first lieutenant December 12, 1918. He has membership in the American Legion and in matters of citizenship shows the same spirit of loyalty and patriotism that prompted him to offer his services to the government in the critical period when the nation was participating in the World war. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party and upon its ticket he was elected alderman of the ninth ward, serving from 1922 until 1924 and stanchly endorsing those measures and projects which he deemed of essential worth to the municipality. His friends are many and a large number of them are found among his fellow members of the Phi Nu Theta, of the University Club and the New London Country Club.

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#### UFA E. GUTHRIE

As a member of the bar and as a public official Ufa E. Guthrie has rendered important and valuable service to Hartford. He has practiced here continuously since his admission to the bar in 1921 and is now a member of the well known firm of Schutz, Cramer & Guthrie. He was born in Sylvarena, Mississippi, March 28, 1893, his parents being William D. and Ann Q. (Addy) Guthrie, who were farming people of that place, and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof the son attended the public and high schools of Sylvarena. His more advanced education was acquired in the University of Mississippi, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1919, and with broad literary education to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge he entered

the Yale College Law School and won his LL. B. degree in 1921, being admitted to the bar in June of the same year.

Mr. Guthrie did not return to the south but chose Hartford as the scene of his professional labors and became associated with Walter S. Schutz, then a prominent attorney of Hartford but now deceased. In May, 1922, he became the junior partner in the firm of Schutz, Cramer, Howard & Guthrie, which name was changed to Schutz, Cramer & Guthrie on the 1st of December, 1922, when A. E. Howard, Jr., withdrew from the partnership. Mr. Schutz passed away January 4, 1924, since which time the partnership has been maintained by Charles W. Cramer and Ufa E. Guthrie, although the old firm name is still used. Mr. Guthrie rapidly won recognition as an able lawyer, possessing wide knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, and his clients have found that he can capably and successfully handle cases of much more than ordinary importance. Along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Hartford County and American Bar Associations.

Socially Mr. Guthrie maintains connection with the University Club and the Fernleigh Club. He is also a Phi Delta Phi and fraternally is a Mason, loyally adhering to the teachings of the craft. Politically he has been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has rendered efficient service as vice president and member of the zoning committee of Hartford and also of the city planning commission of Hartford. His connection with these two departments has given him opportunity to demonstrate his high ideals of public service, for he is using his official prerogatives to add to Hartford's beauty and improvement along the most advanced lines of city planning, his labors being attended with results that show not only a recognition of present needs but also of future opportunities.

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#### STEWART WOODS REID

Stewart Woods Reid, dealer in investment securities, has been a large factor in the upbuilding of the extensive business of F. E. Kingston & Company, of which organization he is a senior partner.

He was born in Toronto, Canada, September 14, 1885, the son of William and Priscilla (Woods) Reid. His father was a merchant in that city.

After ten years spent in the insurance business in Toronto he transferred to Boston, New York, and finally to Hartford in 1906, where he became a permanent resident.

In 1908 he gave up the insurance business to enter Yale Medical School, from which he graduated in 1913. The following three years were spent as interne and resident surgeon in several New York hospitals and in 1916 Dr. Reid located for practice in Hartford where he was a member of the profession until 1924, when he withdrew to become an active senior partner in the firm of F. E. Kingston & Company, whose head office was moved at this time to Hartford. The growth of the company since coming to Hartford has been most unusual. They have now nine offices in Connecticut's important cities and their investment security business has assumed mammoth proportions. Their growth has been based on sound judgment and service to their customers. Aside from his connection with this firm he is a director of the Mutual Bank and Trust Company of Hartford, president and director of the Groton and Stonington Traction Company, and a director in several large corporations.

On September 4, 1909, Dr. Reid married Ruby May Gelston, of Walpole, Massachusetts, who died December 7, 1920, and seven years later, on the 21st of June, 1927, he married Doris Francilla Haen of Boston. A daughter, Dorcilla Ann, was born to them on July 23, 1928.

In 1921 the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred on him by Trinity College.

Dr. Reid is well known through his active public life and his membership connections with the Hartford Club, University Club of Hartford, Yale Club of New York, Wampanoag Country Club, the Farmington Country Club, the Rotary Club of Hartford and the Hartford Medical Society. His fraternities are Delta Phi and Alpha Kappa Kappa. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the





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STEWART W. REID



Mystic Shrine and his political views make him a staunch advocate of the republican party. He is now a republican representative on the board of education of Hartford.

Of high moral character and conservative nature, the activities of his life are well balanced and in citizenship he stands out strongly for, and is generous in support of those measures which make for progress and improvement along social, material, intellectual and civic lines.

Doctor Reid is a splendid representative of that class of American men to whom unaided a healthy ambition has given a broad progressive viewpoint, and developed the ability to make the most of opportunity on the high road to a sound material success.

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#### RAYMOND THEODORE OLSON

Raymond Theodore Olson, cashier of the Plantsville National Bank, was born in Orange, Connecticut, May 11, 1895, and is a son of Charles S. and Anna C. Olson. He is indebted to the public school system of Orange for the early educational opportunities which he enjoyed and later he continued his studies in New Haven. While a student in the New Haven Business College he entered the Connecticut National Guard for service on the Mexican border in 1916. At the time when the United States entered the European war he was attached to the Thirtieth Infantry of United States Regulars and at the present writing he is a drum major of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment Band.

Following his connection with the army during the world war period he was made chief clerk in the Birmingham National Bank at Derby, Connecticut, where he continued until January, 1925, when he became cashier of the Plantsville National Bank and so continues. His previous experience had well qualified him for the duties and responsibilities that now devolve upon him. He is always a courteous and obliging official, ready to extend every possible aid to the patrons of the bank that does not interfere with the stability of the institution, and at the same time he most carefully safeguards the interests of depositors.

At Shelton, Connecticut, on the 10th of August, 1924, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Alice H. Hubbell and they have one child, Jean. They enjoy the warm friendship of many in Plantsville and their circle of friends is constantly broadening as the number of their acquaintances increases. Politically Mr. Olson is an earnest republican and he filled the office of auditor of Derby when a resident there. He is now a member of the Shelton Board of Trade and he is interested in all that has to do with the progress and welfare of county and state. A young man, he has made steady advancement in business and in financial circles has gained for himself a creditable name and position, enjoying the warm regard and esteem of the banking fraternity of Hartford county.

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#### NELSON J. GOODWIN, D. D. S.

In no field has there been more rapid or marked advance than in dentistry, and the representatives of that profession must possess ability of a threefold character. They must have mechanical skill and ingenuity combined with comprehensive scientific knowledge and with that business ability which makes for success in any field of labor. Lacking in none of these requirements, Dr. Nelson J. Goodwin has long maintained a position of distinction among the practicing dentists of Hartford, where he has remained for forty-five years. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut, August 1, 1849, and is a son of Virgil C. and Fannie (Potter) Goodwin, the former a native of New Britain and the latter of Unionville, Connecticut, where Virgil C. Goodwin served as the first postmaster. It was there that Dr. Goodwin acquired a public and high school education, after which he entered upon the study of dentistry in the office and under the direction of Dr. R. C. Dunham, of New Britain. He won his D. D. S. degree upon successfully passing the required examination before the state board of New York in 1892. It was in 1870, however, that he began to practice in Unionville, where



he remained for several years, but forty-five years ago he came to Hartford, where he has followed his profession continuously since, and each year has marked an advance in his skill and efficiency, together with a constant growth in his patronage. There are many who have been his patrons through a most extended period and the firm of Goodwin & Goodwin, for his son, Nelson J., Jr., is now in partnership with him, is accorded the foremost position among the representatives of the dental fraternity in Hartford.

In 1882 Dr. Goodwin, Sr., was united in marriage to Miss Florence A. Burnell, of Hartford, and they became parents of two children: Nelson J., Jr., previously mentioned, who is married and has one child, Helen; and Florence, now the wife of Lawrence Godfrey, of Hartford, and the mother of two children, Nancy Lou and John.

The life record of Dr. Goodwin constitutes a most important chapter in the history of professional interests in the capital city. He was the founder of the Hartford Dental Society, in which he still holds membership, and he is also identified with the Connecticut State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Throughout the years he has kept abreast with the trend of the times in dental research and discovery and has ever readily adopted improved methods, his practice ever being the last word in dental science. His keen insight has enabled him to readily recognize the value and true worth of a discovery, and long since public opinion has accorded him a position of leadership. There are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect that are uniformly accorded Dr. Goodwin, for with him success in life has been reached through sterling qualities of mind and a heart true to every manly principle, and today he is the honored dean of the dental fraternity in Hartford.

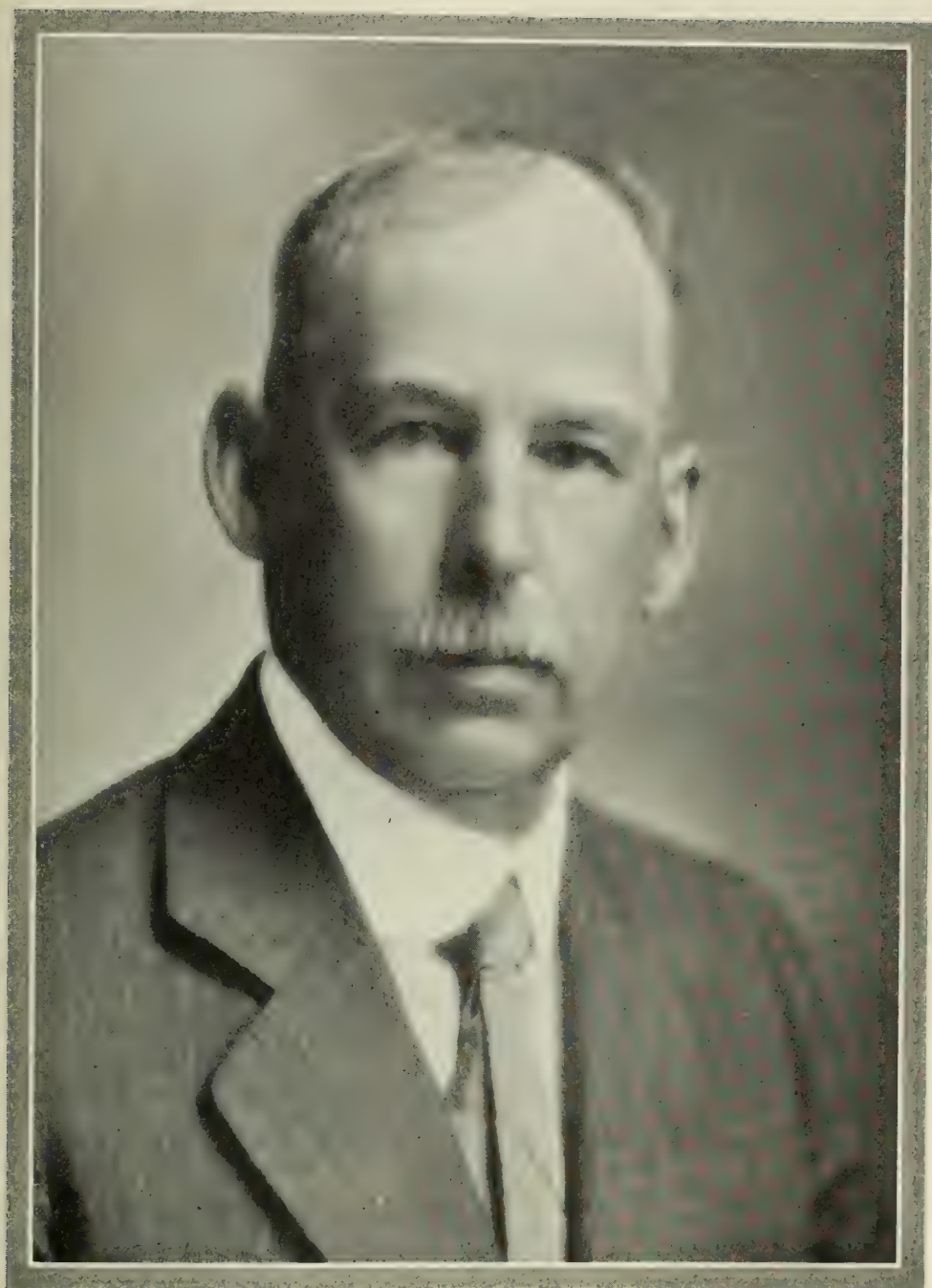
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#### HON. ELIJAH ROGERS

The life record of Elijah Rogers is inseparably interwoven with the history of Southington and of Hartford county because of his activity as an agriculturist, as a financier and as a representative from his town to the two bodies of the state legislature. In all these lines of endeavor he has shown a marked spirit of progress that has resulted most beneficially for this section of the state. In his own career he has advanced steadily and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. He was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, February 22, 1861, his parents being James and Mary (Horsford) Rogers, who came from England in 1857 and settled in this state. Their son Elijah has devoted his entire life to farming and fruit growing, although other interests have also claimed his time and attention. For a brief period just prior to his marriage he worked in a factory in New Jersey. In 1888 he purchased the farm formerly owned by Horatio Dunham at the west end of the Shuttle Meadow reservoir in the Flanders district of Southington. He was then a young man of twenty-seven years and soon afterward he was united in marriage to Sarah F. Merriman, a daughter of Josiah H. and Anna E. Merriman. They became the parents of two children: Ruth L., now Mrs. Barnes of Yalesville, who was born May 16, 1892; and Harold M., who was born March 7, 1894, and married Caroline E. Noble.

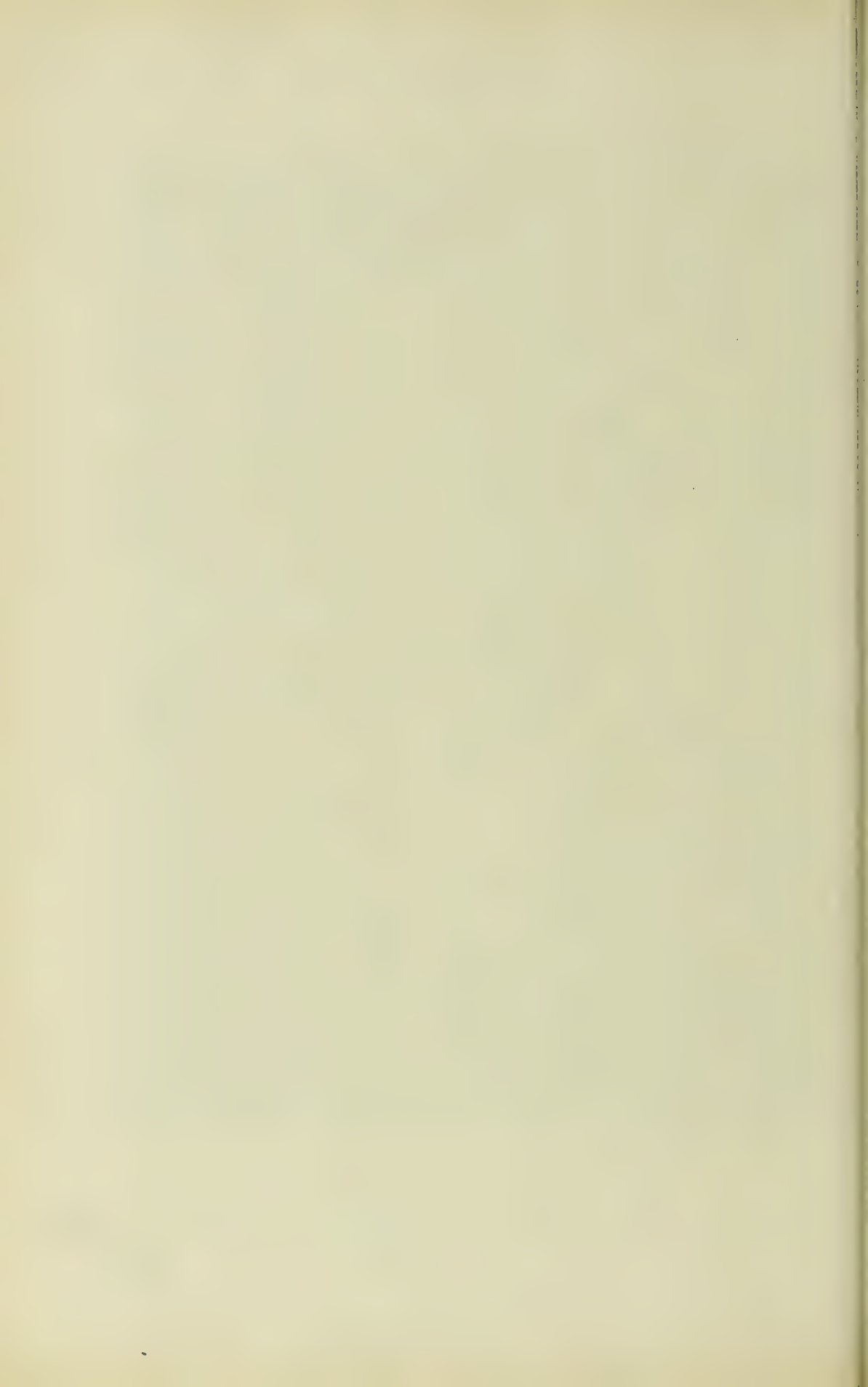
Settling upon his farm, Mr. Rogers started out in a humble way, engaging in the tilling of the soil and gathering therefrom such crops as rewarded his labors, but as time passed on he began raising registered Jersey and Holstein cattle and found this a profitable undertaking, at the same time doing much to improve the grade of stock raised in this section, having every reason to be proud of his success in the breeding of pure bred cattle. He also turned his attention to horticultural pursuits and planted large orchards of both peaches and apples, being one of the pioneer peach growers of Connecticut. Eventually his fruit interests overshadowed his dairy interests, which were abandoned in 1921, and since then he has specialized in fruit raising, in which he is now assisted by his son Harold, who was graduated from the Massachusetts Argicultural College in 1915 and has since been the active aid of his father in the development and care of their splendid orchards, which constitute one of the most attractive plantings in this part of Hartford county.

Mr. Rogers is a most valuable and earnest member of various agricultural societies, particularly in the Connecticut Pomological Society, which he has served as president. There are few who have done so much to stimulate an interest in fruit



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ELIJAH ROGERS





raising in Connecticut and few whose labors have equaled his in extent and in successful achievement. He has studied the question of caring for the fruit in the most scientific manner and his labors are the result of broad practical experience and applied scientific knowledge. He is a loyal advocate and supporter of the International Rotary and National Exchange clubs. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church and he has not only been a generous contributor thereto but has also served as deacon of the Southington church. With various fraternal and social organizations he has membership connection and in community affairs he has manifested a helpful attitude, at no time neglecting the duties nor the obligations of citizenship. In 1907 he was chosen to represent his town in the general assembly and he was elected to the state senate in 1919 and again in 1927, serving as chairman of the committee on agriculture in both sessions. He became a director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and in June, 1924, became one of the first three to be given honorary recognition as an agricultural leader of the state by the Connecticut Agricultural College. During the World war he served with the State Council of Defense and with the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, with which he is still more or less directly affiliated. Today the Elijah Rogers Farm is one of the notable places in Connecticut, equipped with the latest improved machinery and devices to carry on the farm work and care for his orchards. His example has been a stimulating one to his fellowmen and Connecticut owes much to his efforts. Success in considerable measure has attended him and he now occupies a commodious, spacious and attractive country home in the midst of beautiful surroundings, being able to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

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THOMAS H. WELDON, M. D.

Dr. Thomas H. Weldon, consulting physician of the Memorial Hospital of South Manchester, where he is the second oldest member of the medical fraternity in years of continuous practice, was here born on the 19th of March, 1861. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Campbell) Weldon, were natives of Ireland, whence they came to Manchester, Connecticut, about 1849. The father was a weaver who also farmed for a number of years. He continued his residence in South Manchester until called to his final rest in 1916, passing away in the faith of St. Bridget's Catholic church, of which he was a member. He always voted with the democratic party. His wife passed away in 1908 and of their family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, two sons and one daughter are yet living, these being Thomas H., Robert J. and Mrs. Kathryn Donaghue.

Dr. Weldon completed his public school education by graduation from the Hartford high school with the class of 1880, and having carefully considered the broad field of business with its countless opportunities along many lines, he at length decided to take up the study and practice of medicine. He pursued his professional course in the Medical University of New York city and won his M. D. degree in 1883. Through the passing years he has kept in touch with the trend of modern professional research, thought and investigation through his membership in the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and has also done much private reading and study. He practiced for a year in New York city and for a year and a half was an interne in the Bellevue Hospital there. In 1885 he came to South Manchester, where he has since continued, so that his practice here covers a period of forty-three years and with one exception he is the oldest physician at that place. While he has been quick to adopt new and improved methods, he has never hastily discarded the old and time-tried methods whose value he has proven. He has rendered important service to his fellowmen and has always been accorded a large practice that still continues. In addition to his other interests Dr. Weldon was at the head of the T. Weldon Company for thirty-five years and in 1923 sold out to Francis E. Miner.

On the 30th of December, 1892, Dr. Weldon was married to Miss Annie J. D. Carter, of Manchester, and they have become parents of seven children: Thomas C., who is married and who is acting as his father's bookkeeper and utility man; Bessie L., the wife of John Barnsbee; Annie M., the wife of Francis E. Miner; Ethel L. and Edith, twins, the latter the wife of Robert Finnegan; Mary, the wife of Herbert Best; and Margaret, the wife of Joseph A. McLean.

Dr. Weldon has always voted with the republican party and staunchly upholds its principles. At one time he was a member of the local examining board of Manchester and he has filled several local offices, serving as selectman in 1903, 1904, 1922 and again in 1923. His interest in civic affairs has never abated and he has ever worked along constructive lines. Fraternally he is a Mason and he is well known through his membership in the Manchester City and Country Club.

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#### GEORGE ELLERY CROSBY

George Ellery Crosby died at his home on Stony Hill, Windsor, Connecticut, October 11, 1928, when fifty years of age. As superintendent of publicity for the Aetna Insurance Company, The World Fire and Marine Insurance Company and The Century Indemnity Company he was closely associated with insurance interests of Hartford and during the thirty-two years of his connection with the insurance business he worked his way steadily upward from the humble position of office boy. Capability, diligence, loyalty and strength of character gained for him his various promotions until he occupied a position of large importance and responsibility. This was only one phase of his activity, however. He loved Windsor, her history, her development, her accomplishments, and no one was more familiar with the annals of her past or did more to spread a knowledge thereof. In matters of present-day progress, too, he took the keenest interest and his aid and influence were features in their further development. Born in Hartford on the 3d of December, 1877, he was a son of George Ellery and Clara (Hutchings) Crosby, the former a native of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and the latter of Cambridge. They became residents of Hartford about 1870 and both have now passed away. The father was the founder of the New England Laundry, conducting the business for a number of years in association with his son, Lester D., who is also deceased.

George E. Crosby was indebted to the public school system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. He mastered the work of the grades and of the high school and then started out in the business world, spending a short time in the office of the Colt Fire Arms Company. In July, 1896, however, he secured a position as office boy with the Aetna (Fire) Insurance Company. Prompted by a laudable ambition and a sense of loyalty to the interests which he represented, he proved his worth in diligent service and gained promotion after promotion. From office boy he was advanced to the position of map clerk and examiner of daily reports for Connecticut and Rhode Island and in October, 1925, was assigned to create a publicity department, of which he shortly was made superintendent. He closely studied the question of publicity and adequately met the requirements of the three corporations he served in this connection. That he came to be regarded as an authority in this field is shown in the fact that he was chosen secretary of the Insurance Advertising Conference.

Mr. Crosby was twice married. On June 7, 1906, he married May Loomis, of Windsor, Connecticut, who died July 17, 1925, and on September 1, 1926, he was united in marriage to Daisy Gordon Stewart, of Washington, D. C., daughter of Col. Gordon A. and Mary C. (Hopkins) Stewart. Her father was a colonel in the Civil war who fought in the Army of the Potomac.

Fraternally Mr. Crosby was connected with Washington Lodge, No. 70, A. F. & A. M., of Windsor. His name was associated with the military history of the state inasmuch as he was a member of Company K of the First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard. For many years he was a member of the Windsor Library Association. His interests and activities were indeed broad and varied. He was a member of the National Press Club and the president and founder of the Windsor Historical Society, Incorporated. He was an honorary member of the Simsbury Historical Society and also of the Winchester Historical Society and an active member of the Connecticut Historical Society. He was a member of the advisory board of the Hartford County Memorial History, was likewise an honorary governor of the Connecticut Branch of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and was interested in many patriotic organizations. That the purely social side of life had its due attention from Mr. Crosby was manifest in his connection with the Plymouth Meadow Country Club and his recognition of man's moral obligations was evidenced





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GEORGE E. CROSBY





in his legal membership in the Grace Episcopal church of Windsor. He rendered effective and far-reaching service to his community through three years' work as chairman of the school committee in Windsor, during which time the first high school building here was erected. Mr. Crosby caused it to be named the John Fitch high school in recognition and honor of John Fitch, who was the first man in Windsor to bequeath money for the founding of a free public school. For three years Mr. Crosby was president of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce, which at the time he assumed office had a membership of sixty-five. Of these twelve were dropped for non-payment of dues, but at the end of three years there were two hundred and fifty members. Through his efforts Windsor had the distinction of being the first small town to have the annual state convention of the State Chamber of Commerce and, moreover, Windsor enjoys the distinction of being the only town to pay all of the expenses of entertaining this convention. As president of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Crosby gave the address of welcome at the dedicatory exercises of the new Loomis Institute buildings and for several years he acted as one of the auditors of the institute. He was also a director of the Windsor Herald and a writer on historical and insurance subjects, and there was no plan or project promulgated for the benefit and improvement of the town or of the county that did not receive his endorsement and hearty support, while at all times his efforts were far-reaching and resultant.

Perhaps the story of his life and the important part which he played in the world's work can best be told by quoting from articles published at the time of his death. The Hartford Times said: "The tragic and untimely death of George E. Crosby of Windsor removes from the Hartford community one of its most progressive and useful members. Mr. Crosby gave much of his time to the public service in his own village, but his more recent interest was in the preservation of Windsor's and Connecticut's historical places of interest. The Windsor Historical Society, founded largely through Mr. Crosby's zealous efforts, has done yeoman service in re-creating interest in the antiquities of one of the original Connecticut towns and it is not too much to say that this awakening has spread throughout the state."

The Windsor Historical Society prepared and adopted a resolution which said in part: "Forasmuch as our beloved president, George E. Crosby, has been taken from us by death, we the officers and executive committee of the Windsor Historical Society, acting for the society at a meeting duly called on October 12, 1928, desire not merely to put on record our sense of personal loss, but to express our appreciation of all that Mr. Crosby has been to our society and to Windsor. With high ideals, and a strong sense of the obligations of citizenship, he has taken a leading part in many of the activities of our community life. As president of the Chamber of Commerce for two years, and as chairman of the school board and a member of the committee that erected the John Fitch high school, he had had a hand in some of the movements that have meant the most in the development of our town life."

The Windsor Herald of October 19, 1928, contained the following editorial: "As the only president since his initiative founded the Historical Society of Windsor, George Crosby has made the history of Windsor not only a vital reality, but has brought our town into greater prominence in state and nation. Some fitting memorial will surely be placed in the Walter Fyler homestead before 1933 of one who has so ably and untiringly worked to carry on the unfinished work of the founders of Windsor. It is but a few years since the older Windsor in England had its 'Town Crier' who at points of vantage in the town would ring his bell and begin with the words, 'This is to give notice.' For those with eyes to see, both towns may now see that shadowy figure ringing its bell to give notice of some important news. It never occurred to us that the bell our Town Crier rang to such good purpose would cease to ring. His physical grip on that bell was so strong, his upstanding physique so vibrant with health, his personality so commanding, his joy in life so keen, we would not think of Windsor without the 'this is to give notice,' following the ringing of that bell. It was always something worth while of which he gave notice—his two years memorable work as editor of the Town Crier in 1915-16—his articles in The Windsor Herald—his keen interest in the present paper as director—his arduous labors as secretary of the great Insurance Conference in Washington which he directed from a sick bed—these and other interests were always accomplished with both an idealistic understanding of the work as a whole, and the most untiring zeal for the exactness of every detail. It was often remarked that his manners were

those of a southern gentleman of the past. Yes—he was always that—a gentleman—keeping amid the brusqueness of much of our modern machine life, the fine courtesy and gentle manners of that world in which his spirit lived.”

His high position among those with whom he worked was given in an article which appeared in *The Messenger* under the title of “The Passing of the Editor.” “When with tragic suddenness, death called George Crosby, it took from our midst an exceptional man. We are not sure that his real worth was ever truly appreciated, for he did so much that no one success seems to stand above all the rest. He had what so many lack—vision and imagination to a marked degree. The routine of fire insurance did not give full scope to his talents, and we find him in his spare hours, at different stages of his life, organizing a Chamber of Commerce, an Historical Society that preserved the many landmarks of the old town of Windsor, Connecticut, in which he lived; we find him running a newspaper where he gave vent to his exceptional literary talent, and many other activities. When work was to be done, he was always found on the spot ready to do it. But when in 1924 he was selected to head the publicity department of the Aetna and *The World* he seemed to realize that here was the work for which he had long been waiting and to which his full energy could be given. He made a success of the publicity work of both companies, and later when *The Century* was organized, handled their publicity work as well. The company advertisements he prepared received favorable comment from all quarters, and in a short time he was recognized as one of the leading insurance advertising men of the continent. To those who knew him best, as did the writer, he was a gentleman—a man of culture, with a heart full of sympathy and regard for others. So much a part of the life of the company did he occupy, so deeply imbued was he with its aims and ideals that his passing leaves a place very hard to fill, and he will always be remembered with admiration and affection. Some months ago George Crosby was given a cash prize for his advertisements, which he immediately donated to the purchase of a clock for the publicity department. He caused to be inscribed thereon words that may well be used for his epitaph:

We live in deeds—not years;

In thoughts—not breaths;

In feelings—not in figures on a dial.

So passes another man of whom the Aetna was proud to claim her own.”

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#### JOSEPH R. ANDREWS

Among the enterprising and progressive business men of New Britain is numbered Joseph R. Andrews, of the firm of Andrews & Swift, conducting an extensive meat business. He was born June 26, 1856, in the city in which he still resides, and traces his ancestry back to John Andrews, who was the first settler on the home farm, situated just beyond the present city limits of New Britain. The line of descent comes on down through Moses and Joseph to Joseph R. Andrews of this review. His father, Joseph Andrews, Sr., was born August 27, 1819, and passed away January 30, 1899, having reached the age of eighty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Julia B. Church, was a native of East Haven, Connecticut, born December 2, 1821, and died September 9, 1915, at the venerable age of more than ninety-three years.

To the public school system of his native city Joseph R. Andrews is indebted for the educational opportunities accorded him. He passed through successive grades until he had completed the high school course but during the summer of 1876, before finishing school and while assisting his father upon the home farm, he became an employe in the post office under Captain Gladding, who was then postmaster, and wished to employ a boy as an extra worker. Accordingly Mr. Andrews spent the summer in the post office and then returned to his father's farm. Upon the farm considerable butchering was done, the meat being sold in wholesale lots to local butchers. It was the experience which he gained in that way that led Mr. Andrews on the 15th of September, 1881, to form a connection with the Swift Beef Company under the firm name of Andrews & Swift. The business has been carried on continuously since, covering a period of forty-seven years, so that Mr. Andrews is one of the oldest business men in New Britain in years of continuous connection with the



commercial interests of the city. His business methods are always sound, his enterprise unflinching and his energy has carried him over all the difficulties and obstacles in his path, so that a substantial measure of success has rewarded his labors. Moreover, he is one of the directors of the Burritt Mutual Savings Bank and of the Commercial Trust Company of New Britain and is widely known as a representative business man here.

Mr. Andrews has been married twice. His first wife was Olive A. Booth and they became the parents of two children, Florence and Joseph C. He afterward married Miss Mary R. Travis, and to them were born three children: Emily R., Hazel and Maxwell. The daughter Hazel is the wife of George A. Hick and is the mother of three children: Robert, Mary and Elizabeth.

In his political views Mr. Andrews has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has been an active, earnest and effective worker for the party. He has filled various local offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents, having for nine years held the position of police commissioner, while for eight and one-half years he was chairman of the police board and for one year chairman of the board of public safety. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president for two years, while at this writing, in 1928, he is serving on the board of directors. His interests are manifold and varied in character. Along strictly social lines he has connection with the New Britain Club and the Shuttle Meadow Club. He is well known in Masonic circles, having membership in Centennial Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is past master, in Washington Commandery, K. T., in the Scottish Rite bodies and in Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. There is also an interesting military chapter in his life record, as he served in the Connecticut National Guard for five years, holding the rank of captain in the First Regiment. He has thus been associated with all those activities which figure most prominently in the life of a community and his influence is ever given on the side of reform, progress and improvement.

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#### CHARLES SNOW THAYER

The identification of Charles Snow Thayer with the educational and moral progress of Hartford dates from September, 1902, at which time he took charge of the Case Memorial Library of the Hartford Theological Seminary Foundation, having now continued in this position for a quarter of a century. A native of the neighboring state of Massachusetts, he was born in Westfield, August 4, 1865, and is a son of Lucius Fowler and Martha Ann (Harrison) Thayer, of that place. In the pursuit of his education he attended the public and high schools of Westfield and then entered Amherst College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1886. He next matriculated in the Yale Divinity School and won his B. D. degree in 1895, while in 1901 the Ph. D. degree was conferred upon him by the university of Goettingen, Germany, where he later pursued advanced courses.

Mr. Thayer started out in the business world in 1886, when he secured the position of teller in the National Bank of Commerce of Minneapolis, Minnesota, there remaining until 1892. It was subsequent to this time that he became a student at Yale and afterward studied abroad, but in 1899 he returned to his native country and was made assistant pastor of the Union Congregational church in Providence, Rhode Island, where he continued from February, 1900, until July, 1902. In June of that year he was ordained to the Congregational ministry in Providence and in the following September he came to Hartford, where he has since been librarian of the Case Memorial Library of the Hartford Theological Seminary Foundation. His previous experiences and broad study have well qualified him for the onerous and important duties that now devolve upon him and he has ever measured up to the highest requirements of the position.

On the 28th of December, 1904, Mr. Thayer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Appleton Shute, a daughter of Nathaniel and Ellen (Holbrook) Shute, of Exeter, New Hampshire, and they occupy an enviable position in those social circles where intelligence and true worth are accepted as the passports to good society. Mr. Thayer has membership in the University Club of Hartford and is connected with the Phi Beta Kappa and became a member of the Psi Upsilon at Amherst. He also

belongs to the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis and to the Archaeological Institute of America. He has carried his researches and investigations far and wide into the realms of knowledge and is frequently found in those gatherings where men of broad intelligence have met together for the discussion of important problems.

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#### CHARLES SUMNER FULLER

It is always a matter of deep regret when a career of signal usefulness is ended. Such was the life of Charles Sumner Fuller, who for many years was a prominent figure in financial circles in Connecticut and who in his support of important public measures also contributed to the general welfare. His sterling worth was attested by all who knew him and his friends were many. He was a lifelong resident of Suffield, born in this place on the 10th of October, 1855, his parents being William H. and Sarah Adeline (Hare) Fuller. In his youthful days he attended the public schools near his home and later entered the Connecticut Literary Institute of Suffield. The greater part of his life was devoted to the banking business and his preliminary training in that field led to his appointment to the position of cashier of the First National Bank in 1891. He served in that capacity for twenty years and in 1911 was elected to the presidency, remaining as the chief executive officer of the bank until his death. The policy which he pursued was safely conservative yet did not hamper continuous progress. He carefully formulated his plans for the bank's management and conduct and the results achieved were highly satisfactory. He was also one of the incorporators of the Suffield Savings Bank and was for many years auditor of the Travelers Insurance Company and for twenty years was president of the Cemetery Association. Thus his life was one of broad usefulness and activity in the community in which he lived.

In Conway, Massachusetts, on the 10th of October, 1888, Mr. Fuller married Miss Emma F. Judin and they became parents of four children, two of whom are living: Mrs. Dorothy Adeline Bissell, wife of Charles S. Bissell, of Hartford; and Kathryn, at home. Two sons, Laurence I. and Sumner F., have passed away. There are also eight grandchildren.

Mr. Fuller died May 28, 1923. His life constituted a splendid example of high purposes and honorable ideals. He held to advanced standards in civic affairs and rendered efficient service to his community as a trustee of the Suffield School. He was a member of the Second Baptist church, in which he served as a deacon, and he recognized the duties and obligations of citizenship in loyal support of republican principles. No one ever sought his aid in vain when an important public project was under consideration and thus he contributed in substantial measure to the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his community.

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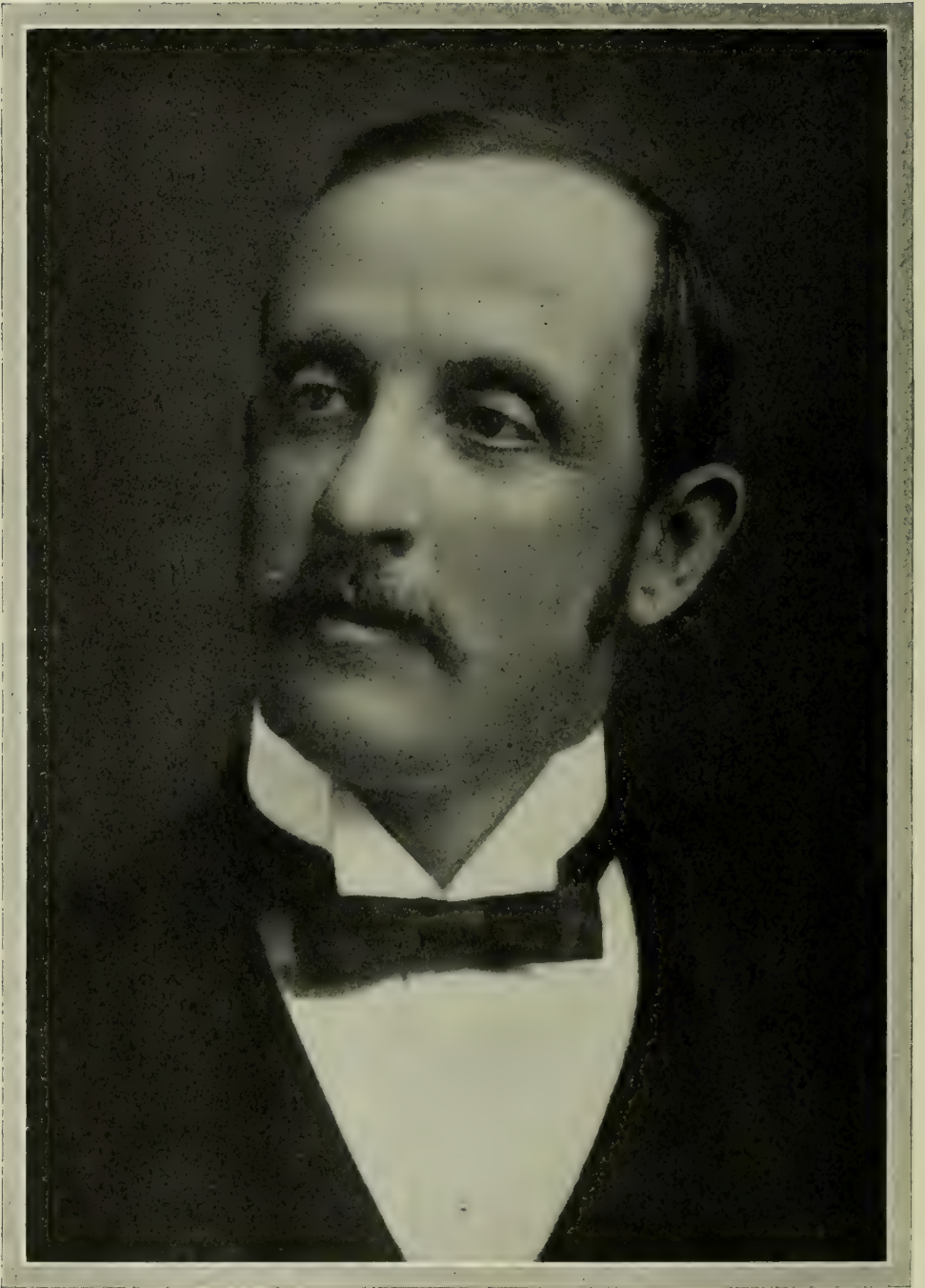
#### SUMNER F. FULLER

In the untimely death of Sumner F. Fuller, the senior partner of the firm of Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Company of Hartford, the city sustained the loss of one of its most prominent and widely known young business men. He was but thirty-five years of age when he passed away January 27, 1928, for he was born in Suffield, Connecticut, on the 25th of October, 1892. His parents were Charles S. and Emma F. (Judin) Fuller, the former a prominent banker and leading citizen of Suffield, where he died May 28, 1923.

In his youthful days Sumner F. Fuller attended the public schools of Suffield and of Salisbury, Connecticut, while his collegiate course was pursued in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, and he is numbered among its alumni of the class of 1915. The same year he entered the business world by becoming the Hartford representative of the New York investment house of Clark, Dodge & Company and was thus active in financial circles until 1917, when all business and personal considerations were put aside that he might aid his country, then engaged with the allies in suppressing the German attempt for world supremacy. He enlisted in the service and trained at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was commis-



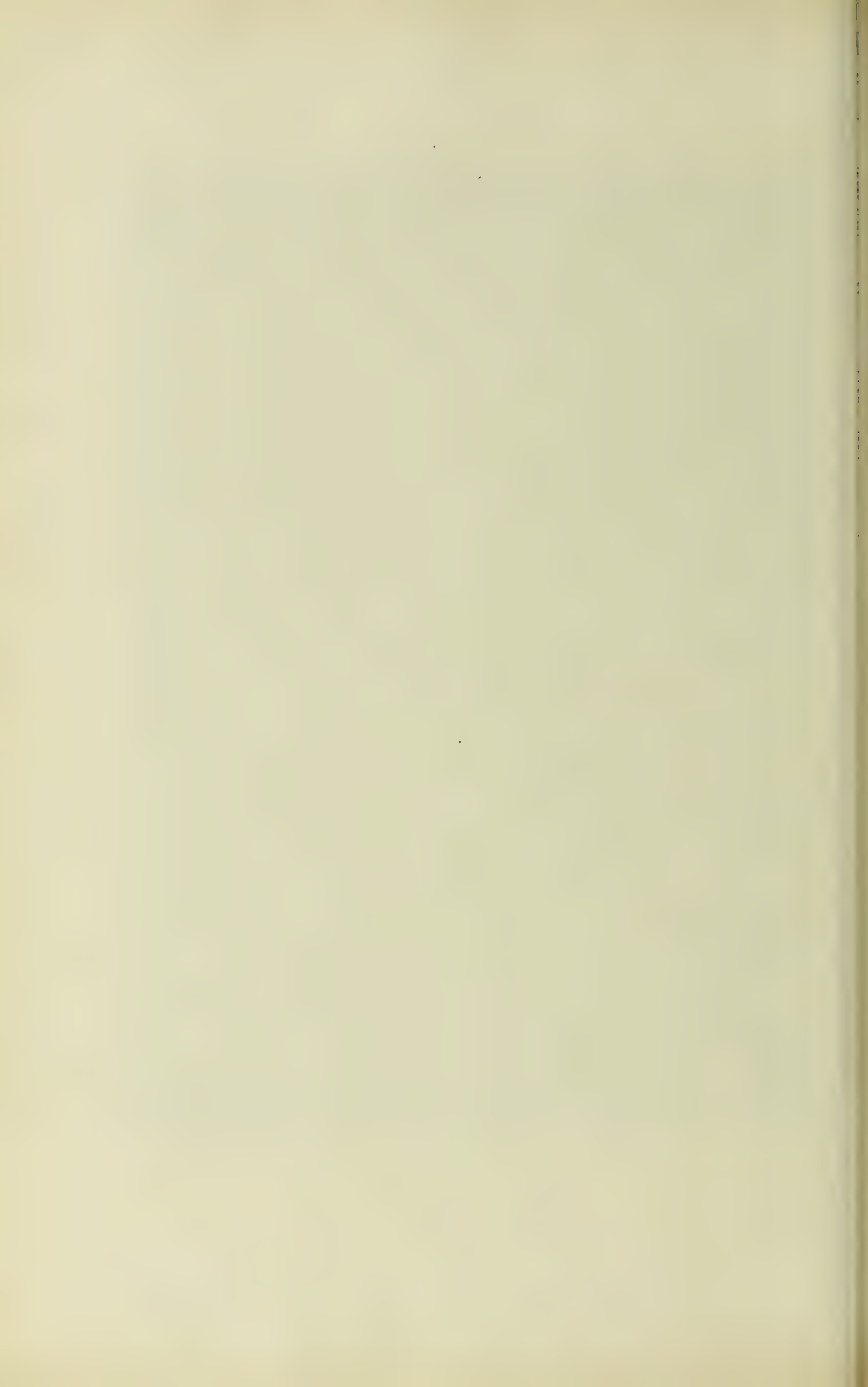




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sioned an ensign and later promoted to lieutenant, junior grade, and assigned to the U. S. S. Annapolis at Tampico, Mexico, remaining on active duty until accorded an honorable discharge in January, 1919.

In the same year Mr. Fuller became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company in the auditing department and there continued for a year or more. In 1921 he became purchasing agent for the Hart Manufacturing Company of Hartford and in April, 1922, he organized the firm of Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Company, of which he was the senior partner. From the beginning this firm has made every effort to meet the wishes and demands of their patrons, providing every facility and comfort for their convenience, while at the same time they are able to render valuable aid in placing investments because of their comprehensive knowledge of the real worth of commercial paper. In the slogan, "Investments That Grow," is found the spirit that underlies the business and has led to its continuous and substantial growth and success. The members of the firm belong to the Hartford Stock Exchange and something of the steady growth and volume of their business is indicated in the fact that they have now established branch offices in New London and in New Britain. Aside from his other interests Mr. Fuller was a director of the First National Bank of Suffield.

His interest in community affairs was shown in his connection with the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a director, and his service as a trustee of the Suffield School. As a republican he supported those political principles which he deemed essential elements in good government. He was well known in club circles, having membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf and University clubs, all of Hartford, and in the Yale Club of New York. His social qualities attracted to him many friends, all of whom esteemed him for his geniality and kindly spirit as well as for those strong and sterling qualities which gained him prominence in business.

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#### EDWARD HART FENN

Special training in the educational field and comprehensive experience in the field of journalism well qualified Edward Hart Fenn for service in the legislative halls of the nation in which he is now a member. He had aided in shaping the history of his state as assemblyman and as senator and his capability and loyalty therein displayed led to his selection for still higher political honors.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, September 12, 1856, he is a son of Edward Hart and Frances Pitkin (Talcott) Fenn. The paternal and maternal ancestral line are of equal interest and antiquity. Ten years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock, Benjamin Fenn, who was born in Whittington, Musworth, England, in 1612, arrived in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and was one of the proprietors of that city in 1637 at which time he was a young man of but twenty-five years. He afterward established his home in New Haven, where he filled the office of magistrate and in 1653 was representative to the general assembly, and subsequently he lived in Milford, Connecticut. He filled the position of assistant from 1665 to 1672, when he passed away, leaving a large estate in America and in County Bucks, England, the latter being inherited by his son Samuel. On the 12th of March, 1664, he had married Susannah Ward, whose will, dated September 9, 1674, was made when she was about to embark for England, where she probably passed away, as the inventory of her estate was filed in November, 1676, and among her beneficiaries was her mother, Susannah Ward, of Buckley, County Worcester, England. Lieutenant James Fenn, the youngest child of Benjamin and Susannah (Ward) Fenn, was born May 14, 1672, and established his home in Milford, Connecticut, also owning land in Waterbury, this state. His wife, Johanna Prudden, who was born in May, 1676, was a granddaughter of Rev. Peter Prudden, who was born in England in 1600 and who owned a goodly estate at Edgeton, Yorkshire, from which his heirs received rental for several generations. He accompanied the Rev. John Davenport to Boston, Massachusetts, lived in New Haven in 1638 and became the first pastor at Milford, Connecticut, the following year. In England he married Johanna Boyce, who died in 1654. Their son, Samuel Prudden, born in Milford in 1644, was married December 31, 1669, to Grace Judson, who was born February 19, 1657, and was a granddaughter of William Judson who was born in Yorkshire and died July 29, 1662, in New Haven,

Connecticut. He had become a resident of Concord, Massachusetts, in 1634, later lived in Hartford, went to Milford in 1639 and afterward resided in Stratford and New Haven. His wife, Grace, died in 1659. They were parents of Joseph Judson, who was born in England in 1619 and was an ensign and lieutenant in King Philip's war, while in 1655 he served as deputy to the general court from Stratford and died October 8, 1690. On the 24th of October, 1644, he had married Sarah, daughter of John and Rose Porter. She was born in 1627 and died March 16, 1697. Her daughter, Grace Judson, who became the wife of Samuel Prudden, was the grandmother of Johanna Prudden, who married Lieutenant James Fenn.

The son of this last marriage was John Fenn, who was born in 1714 and died September 4, 1793. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Susannah Gibson, was born in 1727, was a daughter of Gamaliel and Susannah Gibson and died February 13, 1797. Her son, Captain Aaron Fenn, was born in Milford, December 1, 1746, and in 1767 established his home in that part of Waterbury, Connecticut, which subsequently became Watertown and afterward Plymouth, his home being on a tract of land which he inherited from his grandfather, Lieutenant James Fenn, and a part of this homestead is still in possession of his descendants. His wife was Mary Bradley, of Woodbridge, and their eldest child was Lyman Fenn, born August 26, 1770. Hart Fenn, undoubtedly a son of Lyman Fenn, was born in Plymouth about 1800, became a wheelwright and carriage builder and died at the age of thirty-seven, survived by his widow, Belinda Blakeslee, who was born in Plymouth in 1806 and passed away in 1876.

Their son, Edward Hart Fenn, born about 1830, married Frances Pitkin Talcott, who traced her ancestry to the Worshipful Mr. John Talcott, founder of the family in Connecticut and of English descent, the first of the name in America having come from Warwickshire to County Essex. Their coat of arms is:

Arms—Argent, on a pale sable, three roses of the field. Crest—A demi-griffin erased, argent, wings endorsed collared sable, charged with three roses of the first. Motto—Virtus Sola Nobilitas.

A descendant of the Warwickshire family was John Talcott, living in Colchester, County Essex, England, prior to 1558, and there he passed away near the close of 1606. He married a daughter of the Wells family who became the mother of John Talcott, of Braintree, Essex, England, who died early in 1604. His wife, Ann, was the daughter of William Skinner, of Braintree, and to their marriage was born a son, John Talcott, who on the 22d of June, 1632, sailed on the ship "Lion" for New England, settling at Cambridge, where he was admitted a freeman, November 6, 1632. He held other offices and owned large landed interests in the town but in 1636 sold his property there and joined Rev. Thomas Hooker's company, becoming one of the founders of Hartford, where the previous year he had sent Nicholas Clark, a carpenter, to build him a house which stood on the present site of the North Baptist church. He it was who filled many positions of honor and trust in the colony and was called the Worshipful John Talcott. His wife, Dorothy Mott, daughter of John and Alice (Harrington) Mott, of Wiston, County Suffolk, England, died in February, 1670, having for ten years survived her husband. Their grandson, Joseph Talcott, was governor of Connecticut from 1724 until 1741. His second son, Captain Samuel Talcott, probably born in Cambridge about 1635, died in Wethersfield, Connecticut, November 11, 1691. He was a Harvard graduate of 1658, was admitted a freeman in 1662, was commissioner in Wethersfield from 1669 until 1684 and through the same period was deputy to the general court. In 1679 he became a lieutenant of the Wethersfield Train-Band and on the 16th of October, 1681, was chosen captain of the troop of Hartford county. At the outbreak of King William's war in 1670 he commanded a company of dragoons and he served as assistant during the Andrus administration from 1683 until his death save the year 1688. On the 7th of November, 1661, he had married Hannah Holyoke, daughter of Captain Elezur and Hannah (Pyncheon) Holyoke and granddaughter of William Pyncheon, who founded Springfield. She died in Wethersfield, February 7, 1678.

Samuel Nathaniel Talcott, youngest child of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Holyoke) Talcott, was born in Wethersfield, January 28, 1678, and built a house in Glastonbury long occupied by his descendants. He was a deacon of the church, lieutenant of the Glastonbury Train-Band in 1733, captain, 1738, representative, 1735, and died January 30, 1758. He married, March 18, 1703, Elizabeth March born 1693, died August 26, 1768. Their third son, Joseph Talcott, born 1722, in Glastonbury, lived



in that town, where he died June 30, 1788. He married Sarah Kilborn, born January 21, 1725, died December 29, 1748, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Tudor) Kilborn. Their second son, Abraham Talcott, born March 31, 1757, in Glastonbury, married Bathshebah Hale, of that town, born February 10, 1761, daughter of Daniel Hale. Their youngest child was Ansel Talcott, born September 8, 1789. He married Emily Robbins. Their youngest child, Frances Pitkin Talcott, born September 15, 1830, became the wife of Edward Hart Fenn. Their children were: Louis Hart, who was born in 1853 and died in 1859; Edward Hart; and Francis Hart, who was born in 1859 and died in 1886.

The youthful days of Edward Hart Fenn were largely devoted to the acquirement of a grade and high school education in his native city and for three years he was a student at Yale as a member of the class of 1879 but left college to enter upon a journalistic career. He was associated with the Hartford Post for several years, becoming city editor, and afterward was well known in connection with the Hartford Courant until 1909, when he responded to a call for service in the legislature. He had previously acted as special writer in reporting legislative activities for a number of years and had been state editor on the Courant from 1878 until 1907. In the latter year he was elected to represent Wethersfield in the lower house of the general assembly and in 1908 was chosen by the largest vote ever cast in the fourth district for the office of state senator, serving in the sessions of 1909 and 1911 as chairman of the committees on fish and game and on labor. He was also as a member of the federal relations committee, being chairman altogether of five committees during the two sessions. Later he was appointed to the state fish and game commission by Governor Weeks. In 1915 he was returned to the house of representatives and in 1921 became a member of the sixty-seventh congress. He continues in the halls of national legislation to the present time through reelection and has done not a little to shape public thought and action in congress. His reelections are the evidence of public faith in his ability and his loyalty to the welfare of the country. He is now chairman of the census committee and a member of the banking and currency committee, the World war veterans legislative committee and the labor committee.

On the 30th of June, 1902, Mr. Fenn married Margaret Bacon Clark, of Old Lyme, Connecticut, daughter of Erastus and Emily (Bacon) Clark, and she numbers among her ancestors John Hancock and Abraham Clark, both of whom signed the Declaration of Independence. The latter was born February 15, 1726, in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and filled various public offices, acting as sheriff, as a delegate to the Continental congress from June, 1776, until November, 1783, except in the year 1779. When America declared her independence he became a member of the state legislature and in 1790 he was elected to congress, where he served until his death, on the 15th of September, 1794, at Rahway, New Jersey. He was married in 1743 to Sarah Hapfield, of Elizabethtown, and it was his descendant, Margaret Bacon Clark, who became the second wife of E. Hart Fenn. By his first wife Mr. Fenn had two sons and a daughter: Hart Conklin, Francis Talcott and Isabel Shepard. His residence is one of the old historic places of Hartford—the Silas Deane mansion on Main street in Wethersfield, built in 1776, at which George Washington was entertained in that year, when he was on his way to take command of the army at Boston. The property was purchased by Mr. Fenn's mother about 1874 and has been occupied by him since 1899.

Mrs. Margaret Bacon (Clark) Fenn belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution and Mayflower Society and has taken active part in Red Cross work and in many movements leading to social and moral progress in her community.

Another chapter of interest in the life history of Mr. Fenn concerns his military record, covering service with the National Guard as a member of Company F, Fifth Regiment, in which he served for five years, and he was formerly major of the Veteran Association of this regiment. He belongs to the Republican Club of Hartford and has been identified with various measures for local advancement, having served as vice president of the Association for the Improvement of the Lower Connecticut river, as a commissioner of the Wethersfield fire district and as a director of the State Business Men's Association. He is identified with various patriotic societies, including the Connecticut Society of Sons of the Revolution, of which he has been secretary, the Society of Founders and Patriots and the Connecticut Historical Society. Along fraternal lines he is a Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. The principles that



govern his conduct are further indicated in his connection with the Congregational church and his more strictly social interests come through his connection with the Hartford Club, and the National Press Club, the Metropolitan Club and the Congressman Country Club, all these of Washington, D. C. His entire career is in harmony with that of an honored ancestry, connected through many generations with the progress and upbuilding of the state—a work to which he has made valuable contribution, while national affairs have also been safeguarded and directed by his ability and devotion to country.

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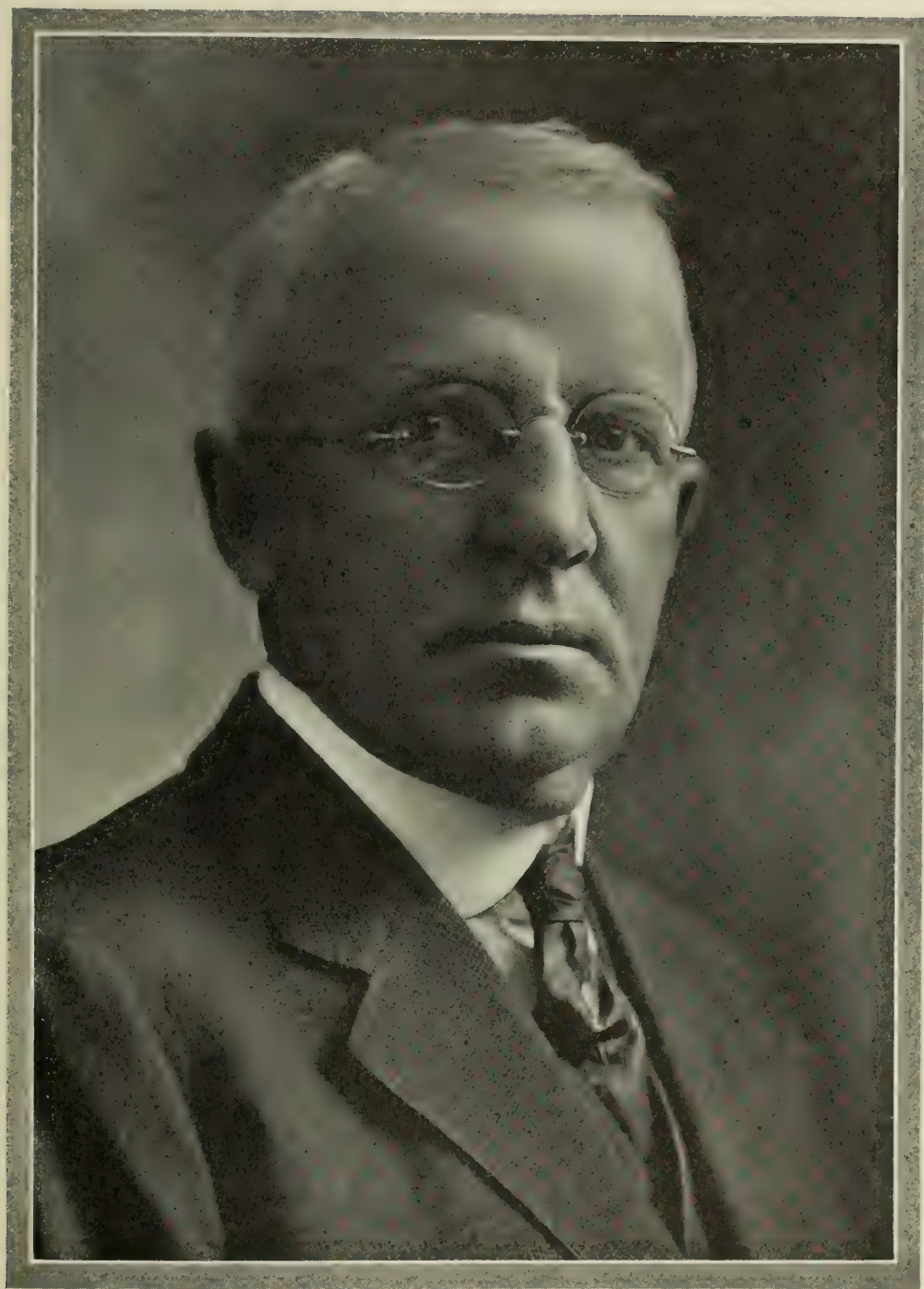
#### HERBERT ELMER PUTNAM

Every face bears the impress of the character within, and the outstanding qualities of Herbert Elmer Putnam—forcefulness, fairness and determination—have left their impress upon his countenance and have found expression in his business career. He is conducting a general concrete construction business of large proportions and measures up to the high standards of the modern-day executive who not only accomplishes his present-day tasks but looks forward to the future and formulates his plans according to the opportunities of the oncoming time.

Herbert Elmer Putnam was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1865, being the second of the children of Francis Emery and Theodosia Victoria (Graves) Putnam and a representative in the tenth generation of a family of English origin mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1660 and then known by the name of Puttenham. The coat-of-arms was: Arms—Sable between eight crosses, crosslet fitchee, argent a stork of the last, beaked and legged gules. Crest—A wolf's head gules.

John Putnam, of Aston Abbott, Bucks county, England, born about 1580, came to New England about 1634, accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Priscilla Gould. He was admitted to the Salem church in 1641 and he died December 30, 1662. Deeds in his handwriting are still extant and show him to have been a good penman. His eldest son, Lieutenant Thomas Putnam, baptized at Aston Abbott, March 7, 1614, died in Salem, Massachusetts, May 5, 1686. He was in the Narragansett fight. At Lynn, Massachusetts, August 17, 1643, he married Ann Holyoke and they were grandparents of Major General Israel Putnam and great-grandparents of Major General Rufus Putnam. After the death of his first wife Lieutenant Thomas Putnam was married September 14, 1666, to Mary, widow of Nathaniel Veren.

Sergeant Thomas Putnam, son of Lieutenant Thomas and Ann (Holyoke) Putnam, was born in Salem, Massachusetts, January 12, 1652, was the largest taxpayer there and a man of great influence. He was married September 25, 1678, to Ann Carr and their son, Seth Putnam, was born in Salem in May, 1695, passing away in Charlestown, New Hampshire, November 30, 1775, his tombstone bearing the inscription: "The memory of the just is blessed." On September 16, 1718, he married Ruth Whipple and their sixth son, Thomas Putnam, was born in Billerica, Massachusetts, October 22, 1728, while he died in Charlestown, New Hampshire, August 20, 1814. He took part in the French and Indian wars, was active in the work of the church and filled various public offices. In Lunenburg, Massachusetts, January 24, 1754, he married Rachel Wetherbee, of Charlestown, Massachusetts. They were the parents of Thomas Putnam (II) who was born in Lunenburg in 1758 and was probably the ancestor of Seth Putnam, who was born in 1788. Seth Putnam (III) was born February 8, 1788, in Vermont and journeyed by ox team to the wilderness of New York, where he became a pioneer lumberman. He married Jane K. Hall. The eldest of their family of six sons and one daughter was Joshua Lancaster Putnam, who was born in Concord, Vermont, and was associated with his brother, Franklin Putnam, in lumber manufacturing. He married Lorinda Wedge and they became the parents of Francis Emery Putnam, who was born January 9, 1840. He was but seven years of age at the time of his mother's death. He received few educational or other advantages, but a laudable determination to advance in life and win success brought its substantial rewards in due course of time. In young manhood he purchased a farm in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and he used the timber upon his place to good advantage, developing a large lumber business and operating several



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HERBERT E. PUTNAM





mills. He acquired numerous other tracts of timber land until the family owned over eleven hundred acres of land from which the timber had been cut. He also had six hundred acres of cleared land on his farm and his progressive methods resulted in the successful production of general crops. During the Civil war he engaged in building bridges for the government and was honorably discharged after hostilities had ceased. He ranked as a public-spirited citizen as well as a representative business man and enjoyed the high regard of all who knew him. His wife, Theodosia Victoria (Graves) Putnam, was born in Harpersville, New York, and was a daughter of George Graves. Their family numbered twelve children. In the affairs of his community the father took an active part. He was particularly prominent in the work of the church and for forty years served as class leader and was also Sunday school superintendent. He passed away in 1911, leaving behind him not only a substantial fortune but also the priceless heritage of a good name.

His son, Herbert Elmer Putnam, began his education in the public schools of his native town, also attended the Starrucca public school, the Millerville State Normal School and a boys' school at Alford Center, New York. His home training was that of the farm-bred boy and he received the further advantage of business training under the direction of his father, whom he assisted until he had attained his majority, after which for four years he was very active in the management of the business that had been established and promoted by his father. There was an excellent stone quarry on the home farm and shortly before his marriage Mr. Putnam acquired a half interest in the business of operating this quarry, of which he subsequently became sole owner. Thus he took the initial step which brought him to his present business connections. It was a desire to afford his daughters better educational opportunities that led him to establish his home in Hartford in 1899, at which time he began business as a contractor. However, he continued to operate the quarry for a couple of years but found it difficult to manage the industry, which was so far distant from his home. On his early days in Hartford he took contracts for laying sidewalks but gradually increased the scope and character of his activities until today he does a general concrete construction business, doing every kind of concrete work and also handling an extensive trade in mason's supplies. He has worked diligently and persistently, never stopping short of the successful accomplishment of his purposes, and his unflinching industry and determination have enabled him to overcome many difficulties and obstacles and advance steadily to the goal of success.

Mrs. Herbert E. Putnam was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Louisa Cook, a daughter of Francis O. Cook, of Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two daughters and a son: Macy Marie, who was graduated from Holyoke College in 1917; Alma Lucile, who was graduated from the Girls' Seminary of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1919; and Herbert Elmer, Jr. The religious faith of the family is that of the First Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which Mr. Putnam has taken an active and helpful interest, serving as a trustee and also as chairman of the finance committee. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is in accord with its high ideals as to citizenship and civic duty. He also exemplifies in his life the basic principles of Masonry and has membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; the Connecticut Consistory; and Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has never sought to figure prominently in public connections, but each day has marked off steady progress in his business and fidelity to duty in every relation of life.

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#### SOUTH MANCHESTER LIBRARY

About 1850, during the early history of the Cheney silk industry, when many of the operations were performed by hand, a group of ten Manchester girls worked together skeining silk in what was known as the Old Mill. Their work was of a monotonous variety, involving no machinery, and it was found that by having one of their number read aloud while the others toiled, more was accomplished and the tedium of the labor was forgotten. Their petition for the establishment of a library was favorably received and a set of Harper's Family Library in two hundred and twenty-five volumes was purchased for a beginning. The books were housed at first in the office of Cheney Brothers and then in the basement of Cheney Hall. From

1880 until the fire of 1913 the library was situated in comfortable and attractive quarters in a converted dwelling house on Wells street. During these years a reading room with periodicals was added and the books were made available generally to the townspeople. After the fire, the books, which had been saved by prompt action, were installed in the Eldridge homestead on Main street. In this more central location the use of the library was greatly increased. In 1923 Cheney Brothers transferred the books and equipment of the library to the ninth school district and since then the library has been supported by an appropriation from the district and an additional gift from Cheney Brothers which covers building maintenance expenses. There is one branch library located in the West Side Recreation building. The library now contains twenty-two thousand volumes and during the past year had a circulation of eighty-one thousand books. It has steadily grown in extent and usefulness, becoming a strong force for cultural development and a great asset to the community.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD GROSS

Among those whose lives have conferred honor upon the city of Hartford is numbered Charles Edward Gross, who passed away December 31, 1924. Few have been more widely or sincerely mourned because of his high standing as a member of the bar, because of his loyal and patriotic citizenship and because of his devotion to all of the highest ideals in his relations with his fellowmen. Eminent ability commanded for him the respect of all, while cordiality, friendliness and consideration gained for him the warmest personal regard.

He was born in Hartford, August 18, 1847, and the ancestral line is traced back to Isaac Gross, who it is believed was born in or near Cornwall, England. Coming to the new world with his brother Edmond, he settled in Boston, Massachusetts, where his name was variously spelled as Groce, Grose and Grosse. The records show that Isaac Gross was admitted to the Boston church April 17, 1636, but later accepting the teachings of Wheelwright he was dismissed from that church to Exeter, New Hampshire, January 6, 1638. In 1636 he had received a grant of land in the great allotment at what is now Brookline and after his dismissal to Exeter he returned again to Boston, where his will was proved June 5, 1649.

Clement Gross, son of Isaac and Ann Gross, was born in England and accompanied his parents to Boston. His son, Simon Gross, was born in Boston in 1650 and died in Hingham, Massachusetts, April 26, 1696. Simon's second son, Thomas Gross, was born at Hingham in 1678, and resided in that town and at Eastham, Massachusetts. Thomas married in 1709 Experience Freeman, daughter of Lieutenant Edmund and Sarah (Mayo) Freeman, a granddaughter of Major John and Mercy (Prence) Freeman, a great-granddaughter of Governor Thomas and Patience (Brewster) Prence and a great-great-granddaughter of Elder William Brewster, who came to the new world on the Mayflower. Experience (Freeman) Gross also traced her ancestry to Edmund Freeman, the pioneer, and Rev. John Mayo, the pioneer clergyman. Their eldest child, Freeman Gross, was born at Eastham, or Truro, about 1710-11 and died in 1742. He joined two of his uncles at Hartford, Connecticut, and was admitted to the Hartford church October 15, 1732. Freeman Gross married Susannah Bunce. Their son, Thomas Gross, who was born in 1738, married Huldah Seymour, a daughter of Richard Seymour and a descendant of Richard Seymour, who was one of the original proprietors of Hartford in 1639. Thomas Gross died August 26, 1773, and his widow removed with her children to Litchfield, Connecticut.

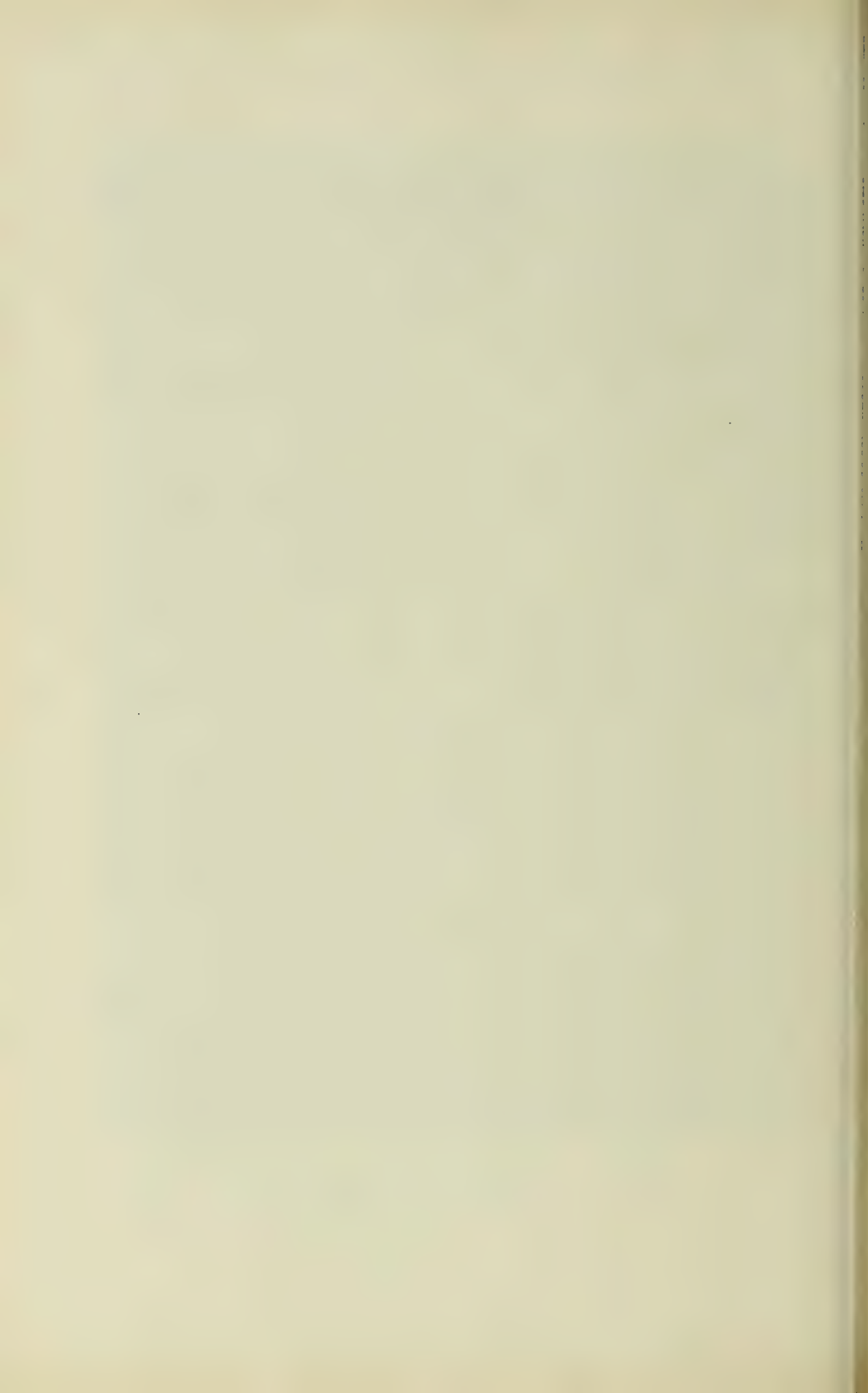
Thomas Freeman Gross, son of Thomas and Huldah Gross, was born in Hartford, November 30, 1772. He married Lydia Mason, daughter of John Mason. Their son, Mason Gross, was born in Litchfield in 1809 and when seventeen years of age became a resident of Hartford, where he established a profitable business as a wool merchant. He served as captain of the Light Infantry Company of Hartford for several years and was prominent in the public life of the community. In 1832 he married Cornelia Barnard, daughter of John and Sallie (Robbins) Barnard, of Hartford, and a granddaughter of Captain John Barnard, who served in the early French wars and also in the struggle for independence and afterward became one of the founders of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Charles Edward Gross, the youngest child of Mason and Cornelia Gross, attended



*Charles E. Gross*





the public schools of Hartford and then became a student at Yale, from which he was graduated in 1869. During his college days he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Alpha Delta Phi. He devoted a year to teaching in Hall's School in Ellington, Connecticut, and in 1870 became a law student under Hon. Charles J. Hoadley, state librarian, while later he studied in the office of Waldo, Hubbard & Hyde, with whom he continued as a law clerk for four years after his admission to the Hartford county bar in September, 1872. In January, 1877, he was admitted to partnership and in 1881, following the death of Judge Loren P. Waldo, the firm name of Hubbard, Hyde & Gross was adopted. This was changed to Hyde, Gross & Hyde following the demise of Governor Richard D. Hubbard in 1884, and with the death of Hon. Alvan P. Hyde the firm name became Gross, Hyde & Shipman and later Gross, Gross & Hyde and so continued while Mr. Gross remained the head of the firm, in the meantime his son, Charles Welles Gross, and Alvan Waldo Hyde being admitted to the partnership.

There was no phase of law with which Charles E. Gross was not thoroughly familiar, although he gave special attention to corporation and insurance law, concerning which he was long regarded as an authority. His knowledge was comprehensive and exact and his opinions regarding any legal question were largely accepted as authority. His mental alertness, his broad vision and the readiness with which he discriminated between the essential and the non-essential made him a valuable factor in business affairs and various corporations profited by his cooperation. He acted as counsel in the reorganization of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1889, which was the first case of the mutualization of a stock life insurance company, and he remained its counsel and director until his death. For over thirty years and until his death he was a director and counsel of the Aetna Insurance Company. For a time he was a director of the New York & New England Railroad Company and of the Connecticut River Railroad Company. For many years he was president of the Society for Savings in Hartford, the largest mutual savings bank in the state, then having assets of over forty-two million dollars. From 1898 to 1922 he was president of the Holyoke Water Power Company, furnishing the water power used at Holyoke, Massachusetts. He also was for some time a member of the board of directors of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company in the capacity of attorney for Mrs. Samuel Colt, and a director of various manufacturing organizations. No company with which he was associated failed to profit by the connection, for his opinions were at all times sound and his progressive spirit led to steady advancement productive of splendid results.

Extensive and important as were his professional and business connections, Mr. Gross by no means limited his efforts to these. The interests of his life were well balanced. He sought the public welfare in many ways and gave his cooperation to plans and measures of great and far-reaching good. At the meeting of the Hartford County Bar held in his memory it was said: "If one were called upon to state Mr. Gross' main purpose in life as he lived it, it was undoubtedly to serve his fellowmen."

Brought up in the Baptist church, as a young man he united with the Pearl Street Congregational church, and in 1879 he became a member of the Asylum Hill Congregational church, of which he was an earnest supporter and constant attendant until his death. He never ceased to feel an interest in artistic pursuits. He was for many years vice president and then president for five years prior to his death of the Wadsworth Athenaeum that had charge of the beautiful Morgan Memorial erected by J. Pierpont Morgan in honor of his father. In 1917 Mr. Gross became the successor of the late Dr. Samuel Hart, of Middletown, as president of the Connecticut Historical Society and his service in that connection was highly commended by his associates. He filled the office of president of the Yale Alumni Association of Hartford and was identified with various patriotic organizations, including the Society of the Cincinnati, of which he was president at his death, the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut, of both of which he had been governor. His colleagues in the Hartford Bar Association honored him with the vice presidency and the presidency, his election to the latter office occurring in March, 1917. He had a large part in the reorganization of the park board of Hartford in 1895 and for eighteen years he served on that commission and was twice president thereof. He aided in organizing the Hartford Board of Trade and from the beginning served as a director, while for several years he was its president. Mr. Gross studied closely and deeply the questions of vital importance to the welfare of the community and the state and in 1885 was made

secretary of the committee of twenty appointed to awaken public interest to the importance of action on liquor licenses and other public problems. He worked diligently and effectively in that connection, his labors greatly benefiting the state. In 1891 he became a member of a committee of five appointed by Hartford on outdoor alms, of which Professor John J. McCook was the chairman. Again his labors were of signal usefulness and benefit. The committee's investigation showed that the United States expended more per capita in outdoor alms-giving than any other nation, that Connecticut led all the other states and that Hartford led in Connecticut. His legal knowledge, combined with his public spirit, made Mr. Gross' efforts of the greatest value in this field and the report of the McCook committee produced a sensation in Hartford that resulted in the abatement of various abuses. This report became a standard textbook on charity work in various colleges. No plan or project for the public good during all the years of his active life sought his aid or cooperation in vain. In 1895 he secured the passage of the first medical practice act by the general assembly of Connecticut and for this service he declined to accept any fee. For this service he was given the unique distinction of honorary membership in the Connecticut Medical Society, which also adopted the following resolution: "In recognition of the distinguished service rendered to the people of Connecticut by Charles E. Gross, Esq., in connection with the recent passage of the Medical Practice Bill by the legislature, and in view of the fact that this service has included many scores of conferences with the members of the committee which represented this society in securing such legislation; the drafting of the bill and subsequent modifications of it; the presentation of the most cogent of arguments in favor of its enactment; which latter has covered some years and all of which has been done without compensation, and often with great personal inconvenience and sacrifice of business interests, and with such devotion to the welfare of all concerned as to render it almost if not quite unique in character; therefore, 'Resolved, That the Connecticut Medical Society hereby expresses its high appreciation of these services of Mr. Gross, and begs to extend to him in behalf of its members and its constituency its thanks and congratulations, that this resolution be spread upon the records of the society, and that a copy be suitably engrossed for presentation to him.'"

Mr. Gross was most happy in his home life. On the 5th of October, 1875, he married Miss Ellen Clarissa Spencer, of Hartford, who survives him, a daughter of Calvin and Clarissa M. (Root) Spencer. Their family numbered two sons and a daughter: Charles Welles, mentioned elsewhere in this work; William Spencer, who died in infancy; and Helen Clarissa, now Mrs. Woods Chandler of Simsbury. The interest of Mr. Gross centered in his own household and he found his greatest happiness in the companionship of his wife, children and grandchildren. His activities, however, reached out to all mankind in his efforts to make the world a better place in which to live, to correct its evils and to promote all ennobling and uplifting influences. Because his activity was based upon broad vision and sound common sense he achieved notable results, and long years will have passed ere his work and his influence cease to be factors for good in the world. As was said at the meeting of the bar after his death: "He lived and served the full measure of his years. He died full of wisdom. He had a happy and a rich life. He has left to us the example of a purposeful and honorable career. He died as he lived, a man without fear and without reproach."

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#### JOHN H. ROSER

Alert, energetic and well poised, John H. Roser is a typical business man of the present age and successfully manages a large industry conducted by members of the family in Glastonbury for more than four decades. He was born here on the 15th of May, 1889, and is a son of Herman Roser, who has long been classed with Glastonbury's foremost business men. The father was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1859. He worked at the tanner's trade in different European countries until 1884, when he yielded to the lure of the new world, locating in Glastonbury. He purchased the business of Isaac Broadhead and has since engaged in the manufacture of pigskin leather. From time to time additions have been made to the plant, which is modern to the ultimate degree, and the business is now ten times greater than when it was



started in 1886. Mr. Roser has fostered the growth of the business by tireless effort, close attention to detail and the maintenance of a high standard of production. He now has the largest industry of the kind in the country and sells the output of his tannery direct to the trade. The business was incorporated in 1918 at which time he was elected president, and still fills that office. John H. Roser was made vice president and treasurer and Martin L. Roser, another son, became assistant secretary, assistant treasurer and superintendent. The father is an influential member of the Chamber of Commerce and was superintendent of Glastonbury Park for a number of years. In politics he is a republican and his religious views are in accord with the tenets of the First Church of Christ, Congregational.

Mr. Roser's first wife, Maria Louise (Veil) Roser, died in 1899, leaving three children: John H., Lydia S. and Martin L. The daughter was born in Glastonbury, July 17, 1891, and attended its public schools. She continued her studies in Germany and Switzerland and resides at home. Martin L. Roser was born September 11, 1893, in Glastonbury and attended school in Germany from 1905 until 1911. In 1912 he completed a course in the Morse Business College of Hartford and then matriculated in the Connecticut Agricultural College, from which he was graduated in 1915. He engaged in farming until 1918, when he responded to the call to arms, and in March of that year was assigned to duty with Machine Gun Battalion No. 320, attached to the Eighty-second Division. With that outfit he went overseas in April, 1918, and was sent to the Somme front. For a time he was stationed in the Toul sector and afterward participated in the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel offensives. In May, 1919, he was honorably discharged, at which time he was sergeant of his company, and has since been with his father in business. At one time he was commander of Leon Goodale Post, No. 56, of the American Legion and is now one of its directors. He is secretary of the Green Cemetery Association and secretary-treasurer of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree, is master of Daskam Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., of Glastonbury, and is a noble of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Hartford. He also belongs to the Grange. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious belief is indicated by his affiliation with the First Church of Christ. On July 17, 1927, he married Miss E. Helen Owen, a daughter of E. T. Owen, of Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Roser was graduated from one of the high schools of that city and also from the Rochester (N. Y.) School of Dental Hygiene, afterward becoming supervisor of dental hygiene for the schools of Watertown, New York.

In 1900 Herman Roser married Miss Maria Heim, by whom he has two children, Conrad H. and Helen M. The son was born in Glastonbury in 1901 and received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the Massachusetts Agricultural College, becoming a member of the Students Army Training Corps while attending that institution. He is now a landscape engineer at High Point, North Carolina, and follows his profession in partnership with C. G. McIntosh. The daughter was born January 6, 1903, and supplemented her public school education by attendance at Abbott Academy, afterward receiving the B. S. degree from Mount Holyoke College. She was graduated from the nurses training school of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York city and has remained with that institution, which numbers her among its most capable nurses.

John H. Roser received his early instruction in Glastonbury and attended boarding and trade schools of Germany and England. His relatives own some of the largest tanneries in Germany and since the sixteenth century members of the family have been leaders in this industry, with which his father was identified for ten years in Germany, becoming an American citizen in 1890. Since 1908 John H. Roser has been associated with his father in the business, of which he is now general manager, and also fills the office of vice president. His salient traits as an executive are initiative, decisiveness, forcefulness and keen powers of discernment and his labors have been manifestly resultant. His identification with the business covers a period of twenty years and he is also a director of the Glastonbury Bank.

In 1926 Mr. Roser married Miss Gertrude Bogardus, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and they now have a daughter, Nancy, who was born in 1927. Mrs. Roser filled an important position with the Fuller, Richter, Aldrich Company, brokers of Hartford, before her marriage. Her ancestors were among the early Dutch settlers in the Hudson valley, locating near Catskill in the seventeenth century.

Mr. Roser is affiliated with the First Church of Christ, Congregational, and gives

his political support to the republican party. He is ably discharging the duties of justice of the peace and manifests a deep and helpful interest in civic affairs. He was a member of the Home Guard during its existence and during the World war was in the service of his country, being stationed at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. In the activities of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce he takes a prominent part and was formerly its president. He belongs to the Daskam Lodge of Masons and is also a member of the Manchester Country Club. A young man of fine mental and moral attributes, Mr. Roser is esteemed and respected by all who know him, and his record sustains the high reputation which has ever been borne by the family.

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#### GEORGE HILLS GILMAN

Possessing all of the qualities requisite for a successful lawyer, George Hills Gilman established his position among the leading attorneys of Hartford, faithfully and efficiently fulfilling the many trusts reposed in him over a period of nearly forty years. In political and civic affairs he also figured conspicuously and at all times manifested an unselfish devotion to the general good. A native of Hartford, he was born October 13, 1866, the only son of Judge George Shepard and Ellen (Hills) Gilman. His public school education was acquired in Hartford where he graduated from the Hartford Public High School in 1885 and in 1890 he was graduated from Yale University, with the degree of B. A.

Soon afterward he entered the law office of Major E. Henry Hyde and Colonel Charles M. Joslyn, and in 1893 was admitted to a partnership in the firm, which then became Hyde, Joslyn & Gilman. In 1897 Judge Frank L. Hungerford of New Britain entered the firm and the name was changed to Hungerford, Hyde, Joslyn & Gilman. Later the firm became Hyde, Joslyn, Gilman & Hungerford, with Major Hyde, Colonel Joslyn, Mr. Gilman and William C. Hungerford as partners. In 1920 Mr. Hungerford withdrew from the firm and Albert J. Marks was admitted as a partner, at which time the name of the firm was changed to Hyde, Joslyn, Gilman & Marks. In 1921 Mr. Gilman, Judge Joseph P. Tuttle, Albert J. Marks and Henry J. Marks formed the law firm of Tuttle, Gilman & Marks which after the death of Judge Tuttle became Gilman & Marks.

Mr. Gilman had given much of his attention to that branch of the law pertaining to land titles and property ownership. In his profession his quickness and accuracy, love of system and method, led him into research work which eventually brought his firm into prominence, winning for it the name of one of the best equipped and most reliable firms in real estate law in the state of Connecticut.

Mr. Gilman was one of the local leaders of his political party and for many years was a member of the Hartford town committee and chairman of the sixth ward republican committee. During 1894-95 he was councilman from the sixth ward and in June, 1900, was made clerk of the South School District, acting in that capacity for a period of twenty-eight years.

Mr. Gilman was always very much interested in horses and his fondness for them afforded him his happiest hours of recreation. In the days of driving he was never without a fine trotting horse, for his own use and after the passing of the driving horse he turned his attention to riding, which interest he always maintained.

He was a member of the Hartford, Farmington and Wampanoag Golf Clubs, the Dauntless Club of Essex, the Hartford Club, the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and the Hartford County and Connecticut State Bar Associations. A man of strict integrity and pronounced ability, Mr. Gilman upheld the high standards of his profession, and his life in its various phases stood the test of intimate knowledge and close association. Genial, companionable and kindhearted, he won friends readily. His death was mourned throughout the City in which his life was spent and to which he was so deeply attached.

The following tribute to his worth was paid by the directors of the Hartford Electric Light Company: "George Hills Gilman was our auditor continuously from February 12, 1895, to the day of his death. Thirty-three years of continuous service to us, not only as auditor, but by his advice and counsel in all matters pertaining to the company. His cheerful disposition and ever thoughtful kindness made him well known and beloved by all who came in contact with him. His forceful character, decided views and opinions, combined with his pleasant disposition, made him one

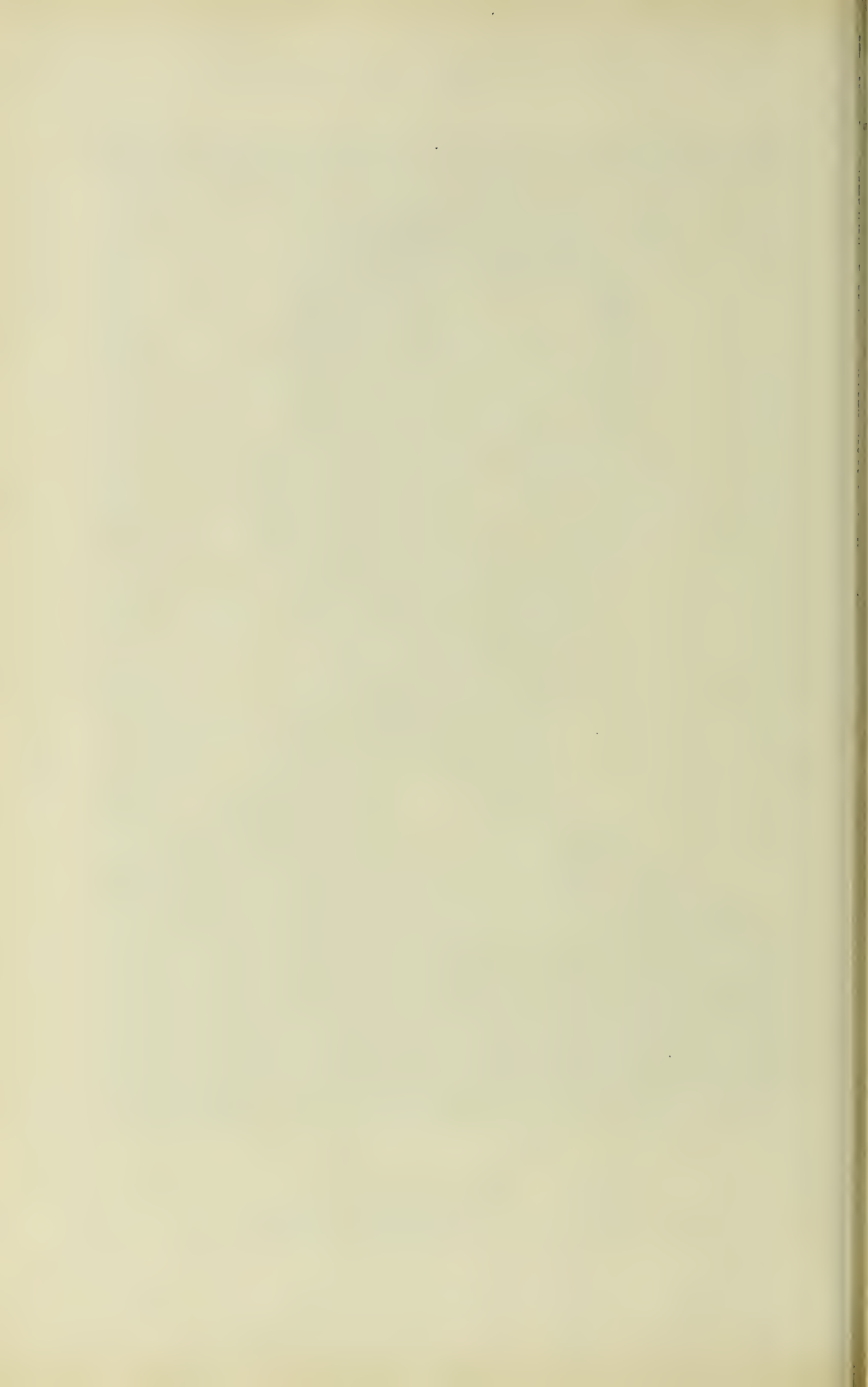




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of the leading men in public life in his native city, to which he gave freely and generously of his time and talent. His untimely death at the age of sixty-one terminates a life full of action and service to others and deprives the company of an officer of great value. His memory will remain an inspiration for the highest standard of living with those who lived, worked or played with him."

Mr. Gilman was married April 20, 1898, to Miss Mabel Edith Goodrich, the only daughter of Senator Elizur Stillman and Mary (Hamner) Goodrich, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, who survives him. Their son, George Hills, Jr., who graduated from the Taft School in 1925, is a member of the class of 1929 of Yale University. Mr. Gilman died on May 17, 1928, aged sixty-one years.

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#### WILLIAM ELIPHALET ADAMS BULKELEY

Connecticut has long been a national center of insurance activity and into this field of labor have come some of the strongest and most capable business men of the state. An outstanding figure in the fields of both insurance and finance is William Eliphalet Adams Bulkeley, who since 1890 has been continuously associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of which he is now vice president. The story of his rise is not spectacular but indicates the force of determined purpose and indomitable energy intelligently directed. A native son of Hartford, he was born February 19, 1868, his parents being William H. and Emily (Gurney) Bulkeley, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. At the usual age he became a public school pupil in Hartford and following the completion of his high school course entered Trinity College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in 1890. Only a brief vacation period was accorded him, for in the following October he entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and was assigned to duty in the bond and mortgage department, with which he continued for five years, handling western farm loans. The thoroughness with which he mastered every task and performed every duty led to his steady advancement. He was made assistant cashier and afterward cashier of the corporation and in 1902, following the death of his father, was elected as his successor to the directorate and also made auditor of the company. When the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company and the Aetna Automobile Insurance Company, subsidiary concerns, were organized, Mr. Bulkeley also became a director and auditor of each. About 1894 he was elected a trustee of the Hartford Trust Company, and subsequently became a director of the United States Bank and also of the American National Bank and for a short time was a director of the Phoenix National Bank, when the American merged with it, subsequently resigning. Later Mr. Bulkeley was elected a director of the old Hartford National Bank and of the Hartford-Aetna National Bank, when the Hartford and the Aetna consolidated. He continued as a director of these several banking institutions until a new banking regulation of the treasury department became effective, barring service as a director or trustee, at the same time, on the boards of competing banking institutions, whereupon Mr. Bulkeley resigned as trustee of the Hartford Trust Company. Some years later, when the United States Bank, the Security Trust Company and the Fidelity Trust Companies merged, forming the United States Security Trust Company, an institution of such financial strength that it became a competing bank with the Hartford-Aetna, Mr. Bulkeley was again obliged to select the banking association he would remain with and continued on the United States Security Trust Company's board. In 1927 a consolidation was effected of these two strong institutions, the Hartford-Aetna National Bank and United States Security Trust Company under the name of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, and Mr. Bulkeley continued as a director on this board. So, through all his life time he has been closely associated with banking, having served in all on the boards of eight commercial banking institutions and on that of the Mechanics Savings Bank. He is likewise a director of the Kellogg & Bulkeley Company, owners of a large lithographing plant in this city. He is a director of the Rourke-Eno Paper Company and a trustee of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association. Throughout his business career he has shown marked executive ability, his plans being carefully formulated, while he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purposes, and at all times his activities have measured up to the highest business ethics.

On the 14th of January, 1911, Mr. Bulkeley married Miss Alys M. Harper, a native of Chicago, in which city her father, Robert C. Harper, conducted an extensive business as a quarryman and dealer in stone. It was from his quarries at Montello, Wisconsin, that the stone was taken for the massive mausoleums of General and Mrs. U. S. Grant on Riverside drive in New York city.

Mr. Bulkeley has always given his political allegiance to the republican party nor has he felt that public service has had no claim upon his time and activities. In 1891 he became a member of the common council of Hartford from the fourth ward and in 1890 he was appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley with the rank of colonel, and for eleven years was a member of the first company, Governor's Foot Guard, as staff officer and adjutant of the command. In the World war period he was an active member and supporter of the Connecticut State Guard. The high purposes of Masonry have found expression in his life, his membership being in St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., of Hartford. In his college days he became a member of Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Psi fraternity and he has served as a Fellow of Trinity College. A membership in the Hartford Golf Club, Fisher's Island Club, the Hartford Canoe, and the Hartford Yacht Club indicates much concerning the nature of his recreation. He is also a member and has twice served as president of the Hartford Club. Mr. Bulkeley, too, is a member of the University Club of Hartford.

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#### WALTER IRVING KING

The entire business career of Walter Irving King has been connected with life insurance, first with the actuarial end and then the executive end.

A native of Connecticut, he was born in Thompsonville, July 9, 1881, a son of Henry W. and Myra E. (Willis) King. He received his primary education in the public schools of Enfield, Connecticut. After graduation from the high school, he entered Yale College, where the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon him in 1904. The same year he became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company, occupying a position in the actuarial department for eight years. In 1912 he became identified with the Columbian National Life Insurance Company of Boston in the capacity of actuary and so remained until 1918. In 1918 he accepted a position with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, to organize its group department, where he was made first superintendent and then secretary of the department. In February, 1927, he was elected secretary of the company, and in November, 1927, he was elected a vice president.

On the 15th of October, 1910, Mr. King was married to Miss Edith Maxon Potter, a daughter of Thomas and Henrietta (Lewis) Potter, of Norwich, Connecticut.

Mr. King is a member of the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club, the Fernleigh Lawn Bowling Club and the Yale Club of New York, as well as being a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, the American Institute of Actuaries, and the Casualty Actuarial Society.

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#### CHARLES HULL CLARK

When Charles Hull Clark was a nonagenarian he was known throughout Southington and his section of the county as "Charley" to the friends of a lifetime and as "Uncle Charley" to the younger generation. Nothing could indicate more clearly the firm hold which he had upon the affection and regard of his fellow citizens. He stood as one of the foremost business men and manufacturers of this part of the state, but it was not his success that endeared him to those who knew him—it was the kindly spirit that was ever manifest throughout all the relations of his life, making him the friend of young and old, rich and poor. He was born in the town of Southington, October 23, 1832, a son of Theodosius Clark, who occupied the old family homestead that had been acquired in the early part of the nineteenth century, the residence thereon being built in 1810. The district was still largely undeveloped then and Theodosius Clark was the owner of a tract of wooded land under West Peak, Meriden,



on which he cut ties which he sold to the New Haven & Hartford Railroad, delivering six of these ties in exchange for a dollar. It was upon the old homestead that Charles H. Clark was reared and his youthful experiences were those of the boy who first performs the chores and later, as years and strength permit, works in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops are harvested in the autumn. He turned from agricultural life to the field of productive industry following the establishment of a bolt manufacturing business by his elder brother, William J. Clark, for whom he worked for ten cents per hour, and he was but twenty-two years of age when with some money that he had saved and with five hundred dollars which he borrowed he purchased an interest in his brother's business, as did another brother, Henry H. Clark, the firm then becoming William J. Clark & Company, with Charles H. as superintendent. From that time forward until his death he was closely associated with the business that was constantly enlarged and developed until it became the most important establishment of the kind in Southington and one of the foremost enterprises of this character in the United States. New methods were introduced, invention added to the effectiveness of the plant, improved machinery was secured and the business of the firm was constantly broadened in scope and volume. When seventeen years had passed—years that marked the continuous development of the business—William J. Clark, its founder, withdrew, selling his interest to his brothers, who then reorganized the business under the style of Clark Brothers & Company, admitting to partnership William H. Cummings and Robert W. Bemiss, who had been in the employ of the firm for a number of years. In the early history of the company Charles H. Clark traveled extensively through many states soliciting orders, and many of the patrons whom he secured at that time have since given their business to the firm. In 1884 it became apparent that another advance must be made in the line of bolt forging machinery and experimental work was begun which after two years resulted in practicable solid die cold forging of carriage bolts at one operation and later led to the open die method which permitted this use on bolts of longer lengths. With the passing of time the business continued to grow and develop until November 3, 1893, when the entire works, including the office, warehouse and other buildings, were destroyed by fire. Their losses were heavy, as they carried comparatively little insurance, but they had many orders booked ahead and they felt that they must meet the requirements of their business. This was done, the plant being immediately rebuilt and equipped, and again was soon in working order. There was no change in ownership or control until March, 1903, when Clark Brothers & Company incorporated their business under the name of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, admitting Charles C. Persiani and Edwin S. Todd as stockholders. Throughout the years the company has been most practical in its management and something of its policy is shown in the fact that not only have various customers remained with the business for more than a half century but employes have continued with the firm for between twenty-five and sixty years. Upon the death of Henry H. Clark, head of the firm, Charles H. Clark became president and so continued until his demise.

It is interesting to note that Charles H. Clark was connected with transportation activities in the early days when he traveled up and down the canal on one of the old-time boats drawn by horses upon the tow path, it being a day's journey to New Haven, twenty miles distant. Again the progressive spirit that ever characterized the Clark brothers was shown in the active work of Charles H. Clark in promoting electric roads through this section. He did everything in his power to further the project of the Meriden, Southington & Lake Compounce tramway, giving the land on which to locate the power house and car barns and even sacrificing his loved maple shade trees to the site of the road. This was the beginning of an electric line which has since been extended into various sections. Mr. Clark also determined that there should be a connection to Waterbury and overcame almost insurmountable difficulties in advancing the project.

On the 21st of August, 1862, Charles H. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Dickerman, a native of Southington, and they lived to observe their golden wedding in 1912, on which occasion Mrs. Clark wore her bridal gown of fifty years before. She lived until after their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary. Having no children of their own, they reared two nieces and a nephew, and the little daughter of the nephew was in Mr. Clark's later years one of the sources of his keenest pleasure and joy. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Clark responded to the country's call for troops to aid in defense of the Union and for many years thereafter was an

honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, proudly wearing the little bronze button that indicated his loyal support of the stars and stripes. He took an active interest in public affairs and was ever an earnest advocate of the republican party, on whose ticket he was elected to the general assembly on several occasions, receiving the support of many democrats as well as those of his own political faith. He filled various local offices and was most loyal to every cause and trust that was reposed in him. For years he was a director and president of the Southington National Bank and he came to rank with the men of affluence in Southington, but he always regarded this prosperity merely as a means to an end. He was constantly extending a helping hand to those who needed assistance and it was said of him by a lifelong acquaintance that he never did an unkind act. When he had passed beyond the ninetyeth milestone on life's journey he still continued as president of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, although largely leaving the active management to others, yet he walked to and from the factory twice each day. He was temperate in all things—in speech, in word, in deed—and his was a nature full of the milk of human kindness. He loved his fellow-men and expressed it in consideration for the rights and privileges of others, in helpfulness, in encouragement and in good cheer, and thus it is that since his demise, in 1925 at the age of ninety-three, his memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

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#### CHARLES F. OLIN

Energetic, self-reliant and capable, Charles F. Olin has made his own way in the world, first achieving success in the field of journalism, and is now in charge of the publicity department of the New Departure Manufacturing Company of Bristol, Connecticut.

A son of Charles Lemuel and Louisa (Kingsley) Olin, he was born September 1, 1870, in Hartford, Connecticut, and when a child lived for a time in Saybrook, this state. At the age of twelve he went to Essex, Connecticut, and continued his studies in Hill's Academy, which he left two years later, beginning his independent career when a youth of fourteen.

Mr. Olin was the Essex correspondent for the Hartford Courant, the Middletown Press and the Deep River New Era, enjoying the distinction of being the youngest newspaper writer in the state. The opportunity offered to learn the printer's trade and he went to Willimantic, Connecticut, where, under the preceptorship of Alan B. Lincoln, publisher of the Connecticut Home, he became a printer and used his spare time in doing editorial work for the publication. His father came to Willimantic and organized the Willimantic Wall Paper Company, and for a time the son, Charles F., was employed by him. Through his interest in the Willimantic Boys' Club he was selected by the state committee of that organization to superintend the activities of the club in Stamford. For three years he ably discharged the duties of this position and was the youngest superintendent in the national field. From Stamford he went to New York city as assistant secretary in charge of boys' work at the Twenty-third Street branch of the Y. M. C. A., then the largest organization of its kind in the country. While acting in that capacity he continued his studies under the tutorship of several members of the faculty of Columbia University. He found time to pursue his favorite avocation and wrote under special assignment for the New York Sun and the New York Recorder. Overwork resulted in a nervous breakdown and temporary blindness. Mr. Olin returned to Willimantic and after recovery entered the employ of the Willimantic Herald, one of the daily newspapers of the city. The business was owned at that time by F. H. Alford of Middletown and for several months Mr. Olin was its manager, also filling the position of editor. Having no party prejudices, he expressed his views on local affairs with clearness and force, standing firmly against local abuses, and his vigorous editorials were distasteful to some of the politicians. Opportunity offered for newspaper work in a larger field and he joined the city staff of the Hartford Post and remained with that paper for five years. He next became editor of the New Britain Record and then editor and manager of The Bristol Press, in which position he continued until 1904, when he resigned to become advertising manager of the New Departure Manufacturing Company.

When in New Britain he became active in civic affairs and at the outbreak of





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CHARLES F. OLIN





the Spanish-American war was appointed by the mayor to be chairman of the Soldiers Comfort Committee, which was charged with caring for the interests of sick and disabled New Britain soldiers, particularly those who had returned home from camps in the south and were stricken with typhoid. So prevalent did this illness become that Mr. Olin and his committee felt the need of a local city hospital. The John B. Smith residence on Walnut Hill, which had been bequeathed to the city for that purpose but had not yet been opened, was utilized, equipped and placed in charge of the committee. This was the beginning of the present New Britain General Hospital, which was immediately opened following its discontinuance as a hospital for the soldiers.

In Bristol Mr. Olin continued his interest in civic affairs, was active in the Bristol Business Men's Association, of which he was an officer, and was secretary of the republican town committee for several years. He became interested in the Old Home Week Movement, then so prevalent throughout New England, and through the Bristol Press aroused interest in a celebration for Bristol that was notably successful. At this time he was elected the Connecticut member of the executive committee of the New England Old Home Week Association.

In his earlier days Mr. Olin was interested in sports, both as a writer and as a promoter. He organized the New Britain Industrial Baseball League, made up of factory teams, that attracted the largest average attendance in the history of the national sport in that city even down to the present time. He also became interested in roller polo, was active in the management of the New Britain State Championship Team and finally became secretary of the National Roller Polo Association. In Bristol he organized the Fraternal Basketball League, made up of teams from the leading fraternal organizations, and for several seasons this league enjoyed unprecedented success. He was the originator of schools for the study and demonstration of parliamentary law in connection with church men's clubs, the first of which was connected with the Prospect Methodist church of Bristol, such schools being subsequently instituted in New Britain, Meriden, Hartford, Wallingford, New Haven and Waterbury, the clubs sitting as either the house or senate of the Connecticut general assembly.

Mr. Olin is a member of the staff of lecturers of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World and has spoken in many cities on advertising subjects. He is a member of the Advertising Club of the City of New York, a former director of the Hartford Advertising Club, a member of the National Association of Industrial Advertisers and of the Technical Publicity Association of New York city. As a speaker, Mr. Olin has often been called upon to address Chambers of Commerce and other business organizations on topics of civic betterment.

In a profession which has become recognized as one of the dynamic forces in American prosperity, Mr. Olin occupies a position of considerable distinction and has worthily earned the coveted title of "self-made" man, while his personal attributes are such as to inspire strong and enduring regard.

On September 11, 1896, Mr. Olin was married in East Hartford, Connecticut, to Miss Annie A. Burnham, a daughter of John Henry and Minnie (Forbes) Burnham. To this union were born five children. Charles, the second son, died at the age of four years. The others are Phillip Stuart, Florence Burnham, Lester DeWitt and Raymond Forbes.

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#### COLONEL D. GORDON HUNTER.

Colonel D. Gordon Hunter, manager of the home office agency of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 16, 1892, and is a son of David and Benia (Hart) Hunter, the former a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the latter of Liverpool, England. They came to America about 1888 and settled in Arlington, New Jersey, where they still make their home, the father having formerly been chief accountant of the Spool Cotton Company of New York city, but now retired.

Colonel Hunter was educated in the schools of New Jersey and in the University of Edinburgh, which he attended for a year. He then took up architectural work in New York city and later engaged in the sale of stone work to the trade. It was in 1915 that he turned his attention to insurance by becoming a sales representative of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford. He was the first officer

from Connecticut who was ordered away after the declaration of war in 1917. It was on the 12th of April that he was ordered to report to Plattsburg, New York, on the 5th of May as a second lieutenant of infantry. Prior to this time he had been commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry of the Officers Reserve Corps by President Wilson, his commission bearing date November 5, 1916. He was retained as an instructor at Plattsburg until December, 1917, and in August of that year was commissioned captain. In December he was ordered to the Seventy-sixth Division Officers Training School at Camp Devens, there continuing until June, 1918, when he was transferred to the Central Officers Training School as a major of infantry, commanding a battalion. His actual duty during the war was in training several thousand infantry officers for combat troops. In May, 1921, he was appointed major of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry and was advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel in January, 1922, becoming colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry on June 8, 1923. His activity in this field has made him widely known in military circles.

When his duties in connection with the World war were ended he rejoined the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in April, 1919, as director of sales training and on the 1st of January, 1923, he organized the home office agency, which under his direction has become the largest agency of the Phoenix Mutual.

On the 30th of November, 1917, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Russell, of Hartford, and they are the parents of two children: David Gordon, Jr., and Russell. The family resides in West Hartford. Mr. Hunter finds his recreation in horseback riding and in golf and has membership in the Hartford Golf Club, the City Club, the Rotary Club, the Automobile Club, the American Legion and the Masonic fraternity. The salient traits in his character measure up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship and all who know him entertain for him the highest respect and regard.

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#### GEORGE E. PATTISON

Among those men who have risen to prominence through capability and close application and are now well known figures in connection with financial activity in Hartford county is numbered George E. Pattison, the treasurer of the Simsbury Bank & Trust Company of Simsbury. His entire life has here been passed. He was born January 28, 1874, and while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Joseph Pattison and Delia (Sceery) Pattison, he attended the public schools and the McLean Seminary, so that his educational training well qualified him for the duties and responsibilities of business life. He first secured employment in the Wilcox general store at Simsbury in January, 1892, and there made steady progress, remaining with the house until May, 1918, or for a period of twenty-six years. In the meantime his brother, Senator Alexander T. Pattison, had become owner of the business and at the time of its incorporation George E. Pattison was made vice president, with the Senator as president of the company. In 1916 the work of organizing the Simsbury Bank & Trust Company was begun, at which time George E. Pattison was appointed treasurer of the new organization. In May, 1918, he severed his actual connection with the general store in order to concentrate his efforts and attention upon the development of the interests of the Simsbury Bank & Trust Company. A general banking business is carried on and success has attended the enterprise from the beginning, owing to the progressive methods instituted and the safe, conservative policy which was introduced in order to thoroughly protect the interests of depositors. In the decade which has passed since the bank first opened its doors to the public its affairs have been most wisely directed and the success of the institution is attributable in no small measure to the efforts of George E. Pattison. He has also represented the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for a number of years. In June, 1927, with Woods Chandler and Charles W. Hall, he organized Chandler, Pattison & Hall, Incorporated, Insurance, of which Mr. Pattison is vice president, treasurer and a director.

It was on the 20th of September, 1904, that Mr. Pattison, in Simsbury, was united in marriage to Miss Eva B. Case, a daughter of Wheeler and Anne (Brockett) Case. They now have three children: Joseph M., born July 15, 1905; Amy C., January 10, 1911; and George M., January 26, 1913.

In his political views Mr. Pattison has ever been a stalwart republican and has responded to the call for his service in public office, having filled the positions of judge



of probate, town clerk and town treasurer, discharging his duties at all times with notable promptness and fidelity. His record in connection with military affairs is equally creditable. He served during the Spanish-American war as a member of Company K of the Connecticut Volunteers and was discharged on the 31st of October, 1898. During the World war he stood with that great force of Americans that loyally supported the government and was chairman of the food committee by appointment of Governor Holcomb and also was a first lieutenant in the Connecticut Home Guard. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational church, in the work of which he takes active and helpful part, having served continuously since January, 1905, as superintendent of its Sunday school. He is likewise a member of the Independent Order of Foresters in Simsbury, in which he has passed all of the chairs. He stands at all times for those measures and movements which result in advancement along social, intellectual, civic and moral lines and at the same time he has wisely and carefully directed his labors in commercial and financial circles, having long been known as a leading merchant and banker of Simsbury, while the most envious could not grudge him his success, so worthily has it been won and so wisely used.

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#### COLONEL MICHAEL A. CONNOR

Colonel Michael A. Connor, a building contractor of Hartford, was born in this city November 16, 1887, and is a son of Michael A. and Margaret (Martin) Connor, who were natives of Athlone, Ireland, whence they came to America in 1862 or 1863, settling in Hartford, where the father became a gardener for William Russell Cone. In the material line James Martin was a member of a Connecticut regiment in the Civil war and was afterward a city office holder, while John Martin likewise served in the Civil war.

Colonel Connor was graduated from a Hartford high school, St. Joseph's parochial school and from Trinity College, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1909. He then engaged in the structural steel business with the Berlin Construction Company of Hartford until the World war and after that conflict he turned his attention to construction business under the name of the Michael A. Connor Company. In the meantime, however, he enlisted in the Hospital Corps under command of Major John B. McCook in 1907 and in 1911 reenlisted as regimental quartermaster sergeant. He was made a second lieutenant in 1913 and was on the Mexican border in 1916 with the supply company of the First Connecticut Infantry, being promoted to the captaincy of that company in December, 1916. He entered the World war service on the 26th of March, 1917, was made supply officer of the One Hundred and Second Infantry, Twenty-sixth Division, in August of that year and sailed for overseas duty in September, serving continuously with the One Hundred and Second Infantry until November 15, 1918. On the 11th of that month he was promoted to the rank of major and was transferred to the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Infantry of the Thirty-second Division in Coblenz, Germany. He returned to the One Hundred and Second Infantry in March, 1919, as commander of the First Battalion and with that battalion reached American shores and was mustered out of service in April, 1919. He commanded his regiment in the Hartford parade on its return home and he was appointed assistant adjutant general on the staff of Governor Lake with the rank of colonel. He was with the One Hundred and Second Infantry as supply officer, regimental adjutant and intelligence officer in the service at Chemin des Dames, in the Toul sector, in the engagement at Chateau Thierry, in the St. Mihiel drive and the battle of Verdun and was with the army of occupation for three months in the vicinity of Coblenz with the Thirty-second Division, so that he saw all phases of modern military warfare.

On the 11th of February, 1914, Colonel Connor was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Conway, of Hartford. They are the parents of three children, namely: Jane, who was born February 23, 1916; Clare, who was born on the 12th of July, 1922; and Michael A., Jr., born January 12, 1924. The family resides at 281 Grandview terrace.

Colonel Connor is now serving as state senator from the first district. For three years he was a member of the Zoning board of appeals, receiving his appointment from Mayor Norman F. Stevens, and was chairman of the board for one year. He is a charter member of the American Legion of Hartford and is a member of the Army

Athletic Association. He is also widely and favorably known in club circles, having membership in the University, City, Wethersfield Golf and Rotary clubs, and in these are found many of the chief interests of his life outside the strict path of business in which he has made steady and substantial progress.

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#### EDSON M. PECK

Edson M. Peck, treasurer of the Bristol Savings Bank of Bristol, Connecticut, was born here on the 23d of May, 1864, one of the six children of Josiah Tracy and Ellen Lewis (Barnard) Peck. The Bristol schools afforded him his early educational opportunities and he afterward entered Yale University as a student in the Sheffield Scientific School. In 1882, when eighteen years of age, he started out in the business world by becoming an employe in the bank in which he was elected assistant treasurer in 1894 and treasurer in 1923. His efforts have been a factor in the bank's growth, which has been notable, showing an increase of over eleven million dollars in twenty-eight years. The growth in the past five years has been particularly rapid, the deposits in that time more than doubling. The total deposits in 1922 were six million, two hundred and sixty-four thousand and nineteen dollars and in 1927 reached twelve million, five hundred and seventy-four thousand, seven hundred and seven dollars. This is indicative of the steady development of the institution. When he entered the bank the deposits were only six hundred and sixty thousand dollars, while at the present writing the assets are about fifteen million dollars. In addition to his connection with the Bristol Savings Bank he is a director of the Bristol Building & Loan Association.

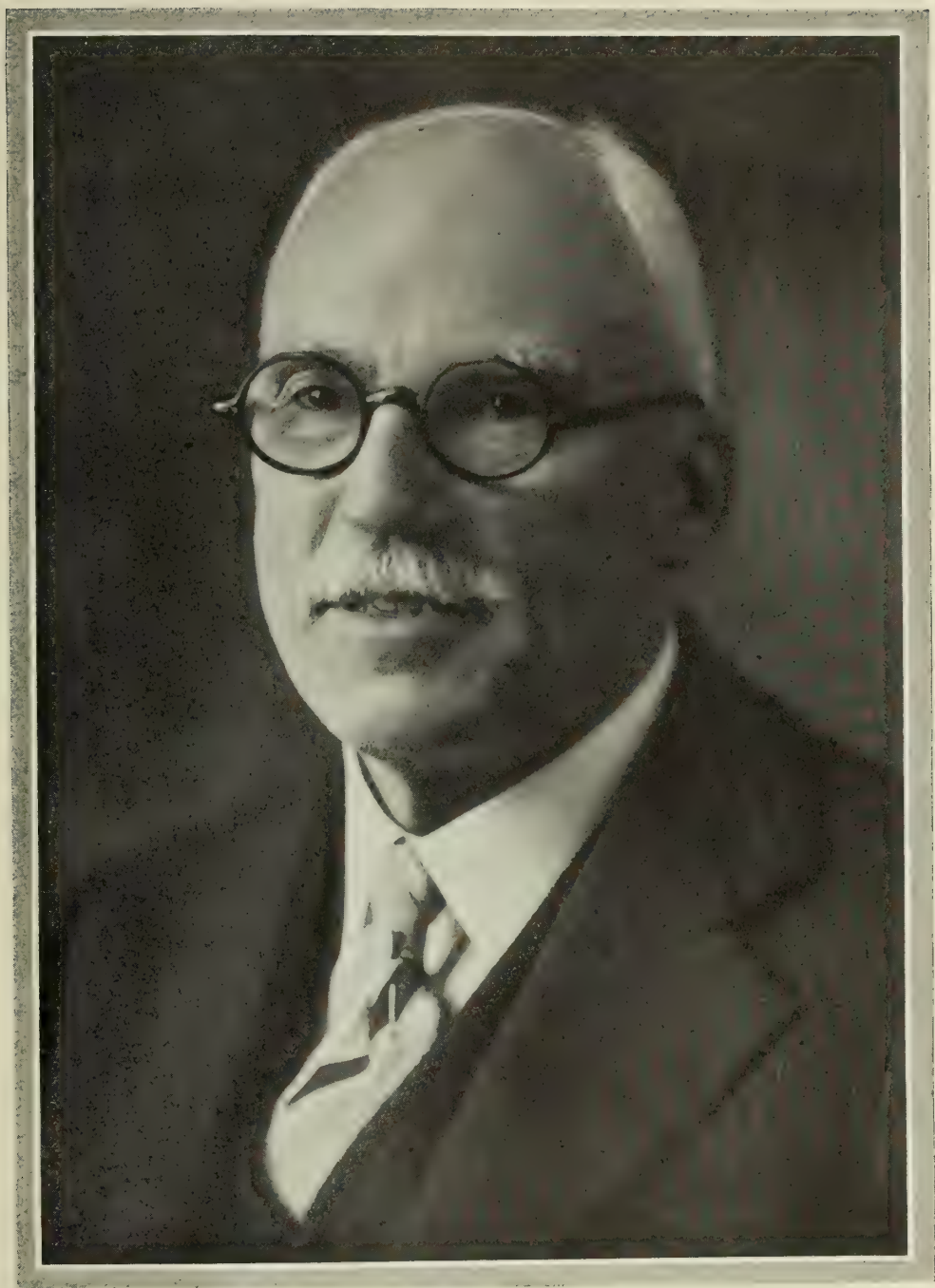
On the 17th of October, 1894, Mr. Peck was married to Mittie Philena Skinner, of Barre, Vermont. She was elected a member of the Bristol board of school visitors in 1895, and served on that board for eighteen years. She was the first woman ever elected to public office in Bristol. She was instrumental in establishing the Bristol Visiting Nurse Association and has also taken active part in organizing the Bristol Girls' Club Association. Along these lines she has done a work of far-reaching worth and importance and has thus contributed in notable measure to the civic welfare. Mr. and Mrs. Peck hold membership in the First Congregational church, in which he now fills the office of deacon, while in all branches of the church work he takes an active and helpful interest. He belongs to the Bristol Club, the Chippanee Country Club, and the Pequabuck Golf Club, and he has manifested a particularly keen interest in the welfare of the youth of his community. He was instrumental in establishing the Bristol Boys Club, and was its first president, which office he held for many years, and recently was made honorary president. He was a member of the board of directors of the Boys' Club Federation, International, for many years. He believes in giving every boy his opportunity for the development of honorable manhood and his labors have been effective in encouraging the youth to follow higher ideals.

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#### HENRY HERMAN CLARK

The life history of Henry Herman Clark was so closely associated with the development of Southington as to become an integral part of the history of Hartford county. He was born in Southington, May 14, 1829, and there the greater part of his life was passed. He enjoyed the educational opportunities afforded by the public schools and by Lewis Academy and he ever made good use of his time and opportunities, while later in the school of experience he learned many of the most valuable lessons of life. In 1845 he became connected with mercantile interests in Milldale in association with his brother-in-law, Hezekiah C. Cummings, and three years afterward he removed to Watertown, where Mr. Cummings took over a well established mercantile business with which he had formerly been associated. Upon the death of Mr. Cummings in 1850, Mr. Clark succeeded him as proprietor of the business and there remained until 1854, when he sold the store that he had profitably conducted and returned to Southington. Here he entered into partnership relations with his two brothers under the firm style of William J. Clark & Company, succeeding to the

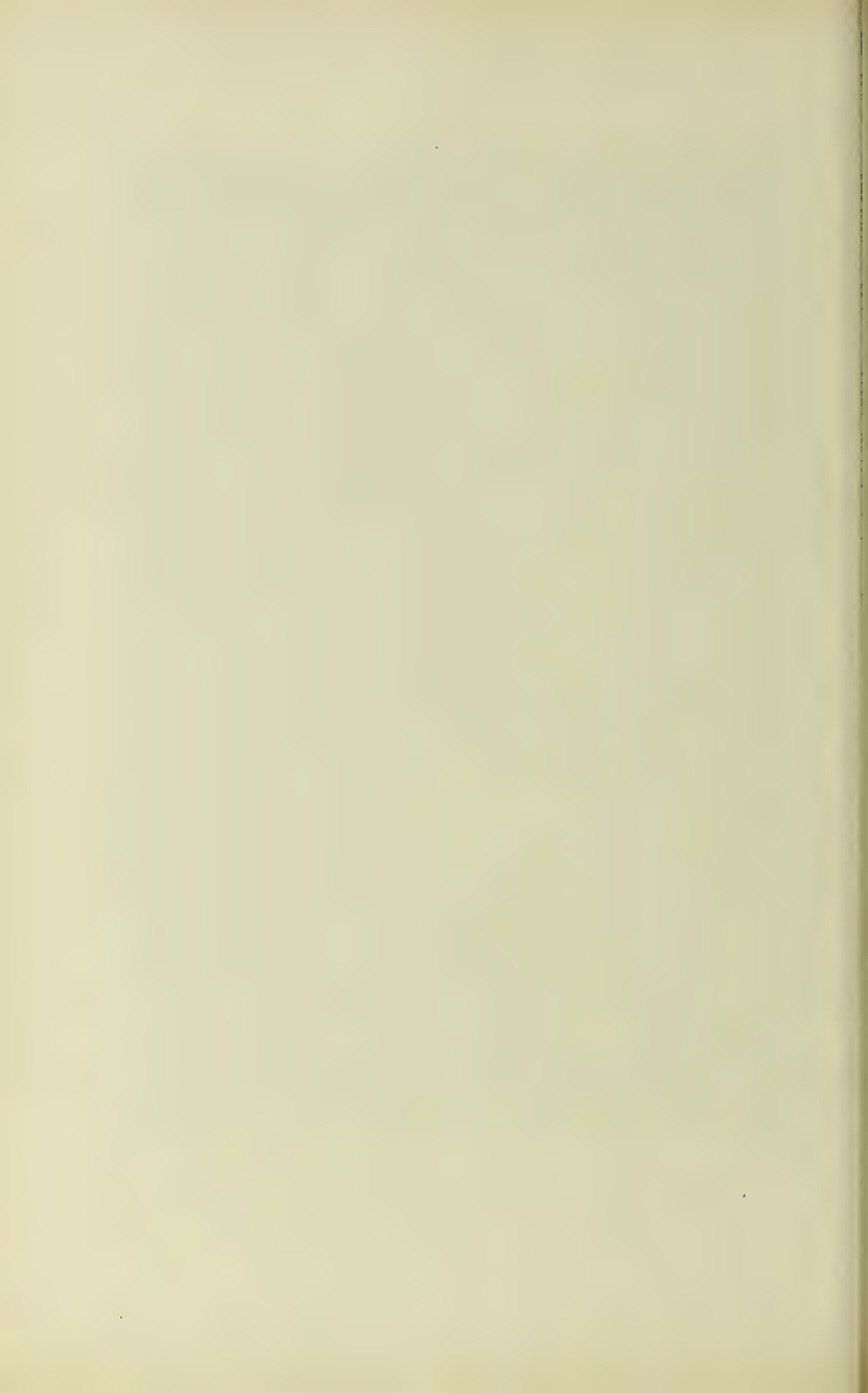




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business hitherto carried on by William J. Clark, who in 1871 withdrew from the partnership, Henry H. Clark thus becoming the senior member of the firm of Clark Brothers Company, which was reorganized to take over the business of William J. Clark & Company, manufacturers of bolts and nuts in Milldale, with the incorporation of their interests under the name of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company, Henry H. Clark was elected to the presidency and so continued until his demise. He was a man of sound business judgment and of unfaltering enterprise and never stopped short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose, for he ever recognized the fact that obstacles and difficulties will give way before diligence, industry and perseverance. He was a man of marked capability and for many years efficiently served as president of the Aetna Nut Company of Southington, while in connection with the Clark Brothers Bolt Company of Milldale he developed one of the large and important industrial activities of Connecticut.

On the 29th of September, 1852, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Davis, of Watertown, Connecticut, who passed away in August, 1866. On the 29th of January, 1874, Miss Susie Curtiss of New York city became his wife. He had two daughters and a son: Carrie Luella, who became the wife of Warren Williams, of New Haven, Connecticut; Flora L., of Milldale, who married F. J. Smith, of Hartford, and Charles W., now deceased, who at one time was manager of the Chicago office of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company.

Mr. Clark died in Milldale, on December 4, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a man of kindly spirit who never withheld his assistance from the needy and gave liberally to worthy charitable organizations. He lived a busy, active and useful life and in every relation enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, leaving to those who knew him an example of business enterprise and integrity that any might profitably follow.

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#### SAMUEL H. GRAHAM

Samuel H. Graham, who is filling the office of county commissioner of Hartford county for the second term and has served as chairman of the board since his first election in 1923, has for many years been numbered among the most influential citizens of Suffield, represented his district in the state legislature for two terms and has exerted his efforts in behalf of many measures of progress and improvement. Born in Suffield, Hartford county, Connecticut, May 5, 1870, he is a son of Robert and Jane (Hamilton) Graham, who were natives of the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish lineage, and are now deceased. Emigrating to America about 1869, they took up their abode in Suffield, this state, where the father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

Samuel H. Graham pursued his early education in the public schools and continued his studies in what is now the Suffield high school. After putting aside his textbooks he obtained employment with the Fitchburg Railroad in Boston, which has been absorbed by the Boston & Maine Railroad, spending five years in a clerical capacity. On the expiration of that period he was sent out as freight agent, working at different stations and finally locating at Troy, New York, where he spent seven years in the company's service. In 1908 he resigned his position and returned to Suffield, where he turned his attention to general farming, specializing in tobacco growing. In this business he has been successfully engaged to the present time and he owns an excellent farm in the vicinity of Suffield, where he makes his home. He has been a director of the New England Tobacco Growers Association for seven years and has been a member of the board of trustees of the Suffield Savings Bank for about five years.

On the 9th of May, 1893, Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss Eugenie C. Stiles, of Suffield, Connecticut, and they are the parents of five children: Lewis S., Philip H., Rowena M., Elliott C. and Charles S.

Mr. Graham has taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs, serving as chairman of the republican town committee for four years. A staunch champion of the cause of education, he has rendered valuable service in its behalf for twenty years as a member of the Suffield school board, of which he acted as chairman for twelve years. He has been chairman of the Suffield board of assessors for nine years, has for six years been a member of the board of trustees of the Suffield high school

and has been a member of the executive committee of the school during the past four years and also auditor of the institution for four years. Mr. Graham has occupied the presidency of the Zions Hill Cemetery Association, Inc., of Suffield for two decades and has been one of the directors of the Connecticut State Fair for three years. In the fall of 1920 he was elected to the state legislature and two years later won reelection, serving as a member of the finance committee during both terms and giving earnest and thoughtful consideration to the many vital questions which came up for settlement. In 1923 he was elected county commissioner for a term of four years and in 1927 was reelected, so that he is now serving for the second term, and from the beginning of his connection with the board he has been its chairman. His duties have ever been discharged with marked fidelity and efficiency and over the record of his career as a public official there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Apollo Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and his name is also on the membership rolls of the Westfield (Mass.) Camping Club, the Suffield Country Club and the City Club of Hartford. His personal relations with his fellowmen have ever been mutually pleasant and agreeable and, being obliging and straightforward, he is highly regarded by all who know him.

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#### PETER ANTHONY TROIANO

Peter Anthony Troiano, a Hartford florist, doing business at 138 Market street, was born in New York city, September 14, 1898, and is a son of Dominick and Angelina (Guiffio) Troiano, who were natives of Italy and came to America about 1888, settling in New York city, where the father followed the stone mason's trade, which he had learned in his native country. He passed away in the eastern metropolis about 1901, after which the mother and her family came to Hartford in 1903 and still reside here.

Peter A. Troiano pursued his education in the Hartford schools and on starting out in the business world obtained employment with Welch, the florist, with whom he continued for several years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account in 1923, when he opened a florist place at 1043 Main street. In June, 1928, he removed to his present location, where he has a well equipped store and is doing a good business, his patronage steadily increasing. He makes deliveries to all parts of the city and handles only the freshest and best cut flowers, which he arranges in most artistic fashion, so that his patrons are well pleased. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he has worked his way steadily upward through his own efforts.

Mr. Troiano takes an active interest in the welfare and progress of his state and in all matters of public concern and is a member of the Governor's Foot Guard. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Foresters, the Oriels and several Italian organizations.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY BULKELEY

For almost three centuries the name of Bulkeley has figured in connection with the history of New England, but no generation of the family has borne the name more creditably and honorably than that to which William Henry Bulkeley belonged. He was actuated by high ideals that found expression in the honor and integrity as well as the progressiveness of his business career and in loyal devotion to the best in citizenship. Political honors were accorded him, but whether in office or out of it he never wavered in his allegiance to the principles which make for good government and the stability of the commonwealth. The greater part of his life was passed in Hartford, although he was born in East Haddam on the 2d of March, 1840, his parents being Eliphalet Adams and Lydia S. (Morgan) Bulkeley, in whose family he was the third son and fourth child. The family came to Hartford during his early boyhood and he displayed special aptitude in his studies while a pupil in the public schools of this city. While his father was a most prominent figure in business and financial



circles, parental influence was not used to give the son an easy berth. His preliminary business training was such as might have fallen to the lot of any boy and his original salary with the Aetna Life Insurance Company was but a dollar per week. Thus while still in his teens he learned the value of industry, perseverance and determination and those qualities were numbered among his marked characteristics throughout his entire life. When a youth of sixteen he became a clerk in one of the oldest dry goods houses of Hartford and in the spring of 1857 went to Brooklyn, New York, where he entered the employ of H. P. Morgan & Company, dry goods merchants, with whom he received thorough training that enabled him to win success when a few years later he established business on his own account on Fulton street of that city. He had just attained his majority when the Civil war began and he was among the first to respond to the country's call for aid following the inauguration of hostilities. He enrolled as a member of Company G, Thirteenth Regiment of New York National Guard, known as the Brooklyn City Guard, which proceeded to the front on the 19th of April, 1861, just seven days after the bombardment of Fort Sumter, and was in the service for four months. In 1862 Mr. Bulkeley organized a company which became Company G of the Fifty-sixth Regiment, New York National Guard, and was elected its captain. Through the Pennsylvania crisis of 1863 his command was in General "Baldy" Smith's division and was also on active duty during the New York draft riots, after which it was disbanded, its term of enlistment having expired.

Captain Bulkeley then returned to his old home in Hartford and organized the firm of Kellogg & Bulkeley to engage in the lithographing business. For many years he was president of this concern, which still owns an extensive plant in Hartford. He also became actively associated with various other important business concerns. He was elected a director of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, which was founded by his father, was from 1877 to 1879 inclusive the vice president of the company and for many years its auditor, contributing in large measure to the success of the corporation through his sound business judgment. He became a director and the vice president of the United States Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions of New England and a director of the American National Bank. In 1878 he purchased the "Bee Hive," one of the leading dry goods establishments of Hartford, and successfully managed the store for several years. His plans were definitely and wisely formed and were ever carried forward to successful completion. He was a man of broad business vision who looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities of the future and wrought along constructive lines.

It was in the period of his early manhood, in fact while he was in the service of his country during the Civil war, that Mr. Bulkeley established his own home through his marriage on the 18th of September, 1863, to Emma Gurney, a daughter of Melvin and Letitia Gurney and descended in the paternal line from one of the oldest and most distinguished families of Massachusetts. The records chronicle the death of John Gurney of Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1663, and of his wife the following year. Their son, Zachariah Gurney, born about 1660, resided in Weymouth with his wife Mary, and their son, Joseph Gurney, born in Weymouth, March 7, 1696, became a resident of Abington, Massachusetts. He was married June 10, 1718, in Weymouth, to Mary Perkins, of Hingham, and their family included Joseph Gurney, who was born in Abington, February 4, 1735, and there resided until his death May 13, 1814. On the 8th of July, 1758, he had married Sarah Shaw, who was born in Bridgewater, Connecticut, May 24, 1736, a daughter of Rev. John and Sarah Shaw. Joseph and Sarah Gurney had a son Joseph, born in Abington, March 28, 1759, and who married Mercy Smith, who was born in Abington, February 24, 1759, a daughter of Jacob and Mercy (Pratt) Smith, of Weymouth, and afterward of Abington. A son of this marriage, Melvin Gurney, born in Abington, April 22, 1782, was married January 25, 1807, to Olive Holbrook, who was born January 30, 1783, and was a daughter of William and Olive (Blanchard) Holbrook, who removed from Weymouth to Abington. Melvin Gurney died July 4, 1846, and his son, Melvin, who was born September 27, 1810, in Abington, and died October 19, 1845, was the father of Mrs. Bulkeley. By her marriage she became the mother of three sons and three daughters: Mary Morgan, the wife of E. S. Van Zile; William Eliphalet Adams, who became the vice president of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Grace Chetwood, wife of David Van Shaack; John Charles, of Hartford; Sally Taintor, wife of Richard H. Macauley, of Detroit, Michigan; and Richard Beaumarais, of Hartford.

Mr. Bulkeley maintained his home in Hartford until his death, November 7, 1902.

He held membership in the Pearl Street Congregational church, of which he was a liberal supporter, and he also contributed generously to charitable and benevolent projects. He was long an honored member of Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., of Hartford, and belonged also to the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut. From the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise he gave his political allegiance to the republican party and city and state benefited by his official service on various occasions. For five years he was a member of the common council of Hartford, acting as vice president and as president, and his duties as street commissioner were most efficiently discharged. He served as commissary general of Connecticut and was one of its commissioners at the Yorktown Centennial celebration. In 1880 he was elected lieutenant governor on the ticket with Governor Bigelow and during the senate sessions of 1881 and 1882 received high endorsement for his impartiality and ability as a presiding officer. He was also the republican candidate for governor in 1882 and was elected to that position on the face of the returns but refused to accept the office, as under a technicality—the Black Ballot so-called—had disfranchised the majority of the New Haven voters. It was, therefore, necessary for the legislature, which was republican, to pass an enabling act declaring the above Black Ballots legal before his opponent, the Hon. Thomas B. Waller, could be declared elected governor of the state. His entire life was actuated by the highest sense of personal and public honor and he ever preferred an untarnished name to any advancement that might have come to him. He was still in the prime of life when at the age of sixty-two years he passed away, leaving a record which few men have equaled because of the extent and breadth of his service in the fields of military, political and business activity.

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#### WILLIAM JUDSON CLARK

As one delves into the past to search out the beginnings and the cause of the prosperity of certain sections of Hartford county it will be found that William Judson Clark played a most important part in promoting the industrial development of Milldale in the town of Southington. He was the founder and promoter of a nut and bolt business that has steadily grown and which after more than three-fourths of a century remains one of the foremost productive industries of this region. His life record indicates what can be accomplished by determined and earnest purpose guided at all times by sound practical judgment.

Mr. Clark was born in the town of Southington, August 19, 1825, and traced his ancestry back through three separate lines of Clarks to progenitors who were among the founders of the Connecticut and New Haven colonies between the years 1635 and 1639. His youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy and his educational opportunities were such as were afforded by the rural schools of the home neighborhood until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he enrolled as a pupil in the Southington Academy, walking to and from the school—a distance of three miles—morning and evening. While pursuing his studies he also continued his farm work and it was only through the utilization of every possible moment that he was enabled to meet the requirements of the college course. Fate intervened in 1845, when he suffered a severe attack of ophthalmia, and a year had passed ere he was able to resume school work. In 1846, however, he took charge of the high school at West Avon and the public soon recognized in him a capable educator who imparted clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He felt, however, that broader business opportunities might be secured in some other field and in the spring of 1847 opened a general store at Hitchcock's Basin, now Milldale, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Hezekiah C. Cummings, under the firm style of Cummings & Clark. The new enterprise prospered and was profitably conducted for three years, when their lease expired, and being unable to renew it, they discontinued the business.

As a result of the discovery of gold in California in 1848, Mr. Clark in January, 1849, became one of a party of fifty-six men who purchased and outfitted the G. H. Montague, a two-hundred ton schooner, to make the trip by way of Cape Horn to San Francisco. The vessel weighed anchor at New Haven on January 23 and ended its twenty thousand mile voyage on the 26th of June, 1849. Mr. Clark continued his prospecting in the gold fields for a few months, when ill health compelled him to abandon that work and seek better medical treatment in San Francisco. When he



had recovered he began the manufacture and sale of ground coffee, supplying the miners and merchants with a commodity which up to that time had been difficult to secure in this newly settled region. He carried on a substantial business through the winter, but his physician advised him not to remain in the climate longer and he sailed by the Panama route for New England, reaching home in April, 1850.

Constantly alert for opportunities that would lead to success, Mr. Clark established a small factory on the Quinnipiac river, securing water privileges there and beginning the manufacture of cold pressed nuts in 1851, investing his entire capital of six hundred dollars in the new enterprise. He had two power presses, an undershot paddle wheel and a few tools so necessary that he could not do without them. Again success attended him, but in 1852 the factory was destroyed by fire, involving considerable loss. With notable determination and enterprise, however, he built a new factory, in which operations were resumed after sixty days, and in addition to manufacturing cold pressed nuts he began turning out washers, kettle ears and other specialties. He remained sole proprietor until 1854, when he was joined by his brothers, Henry Herman and Charles H. Clark, under the firm style of William J. Clark & Company. Again they broadened the scope of their activities to include hand rail or stair rail screws, being pioneers in manufacturing of this kind. They also purchased a new patent for a detachable carriage shaft coupling and added various other improvements and equipments to their factory from time to time until their original plant was no longer adequate to the business and they leased room and power from a neighboring manufactory near Hitchcock Station, now Milldale, there making nuts on presses up to five-eighth inch bolt size. With the passing years the company introduced new machinery and improved manufacturing methods, according to the progressive spirit of the times, the years marking a gradual development and transformation in the business as well as a steady growth in the plant. In 1868 the company brought about a notable engineering feat by turning the water of the Quinnipiac river from its natural course through a canal across the meadows and fields to the river course lower down the stream. New quarters were secured from time to time, new inventions were brought forth and advanced methods introduced until the product of the factory included nearly every style of bolts, nuts and rivets in use and lag, coach and skein screws.

William J. Clark, who had founded the business, continued an active factor in its growth, control and success until 1871, when he sold his interest to his two brothers, but the factories of the Clark Brothers Bolt Company will ever stand as a monument to his initiative, enterprise and progressive spirit.

Mr. Clark, in 1882, was elected a state senator and was actively interested in state problems. He died in Stony Creek, Connecticut, October 29, 1909, at the age of eighty-four years.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD GOODRICH

Charles Edward Goodrich is making a splendid record as county commissioner of Hartford county, in which office he is now serving for a second term. Born at Glastonbury, Connecticut, November 22, 1879, he is a son of John and Deborah Hale (Edwards) Goodrich, both of whom are deceased. The father, also a native of this state, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. The mother was born on Long Island, New York, but lived in Connecticut from her infancy.

Charles E. Goodrich received his early education at the place of his nativity and subsequently continued his studies in Worcester Academy. Eventually he turned his attention to the business of tobacco growing and trucking prior to the time when motor-driven vehicles were generally adopted. He still owns his tobacco farm but is not now actively engaged in its operation. However, he is still a factor in business and financial affairs as a director of the Glastonbury Bank & Trust Company and the Riverside Paper Company. Public affairs have largely claimed his time and attention in recent years. He was elected commissioner in the legislature of 1923 and reelected in 1927, so that he is now filling the office for the second term. For four years he served on the board of the Glastonbury selectmen, being its chairman for three years.

On the 1st of June, 1905, Mr. Goodrich was united in marriage to Helen B. Gris-



wold, of Glastonbury, and they are the parents of a son, John, now a student in the University of Pennsylvania. The family home is still maintained in the Glastonbury residence in which Mr. Goodrich was born. A representative of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Daskam Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and he also has membership in the City Club of Hartford and the Automobile Club of Hartford. He has lived in Hartford county since his birth, and that his career has been an upright and honorable one in every relation is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his warmest friends and admirers.

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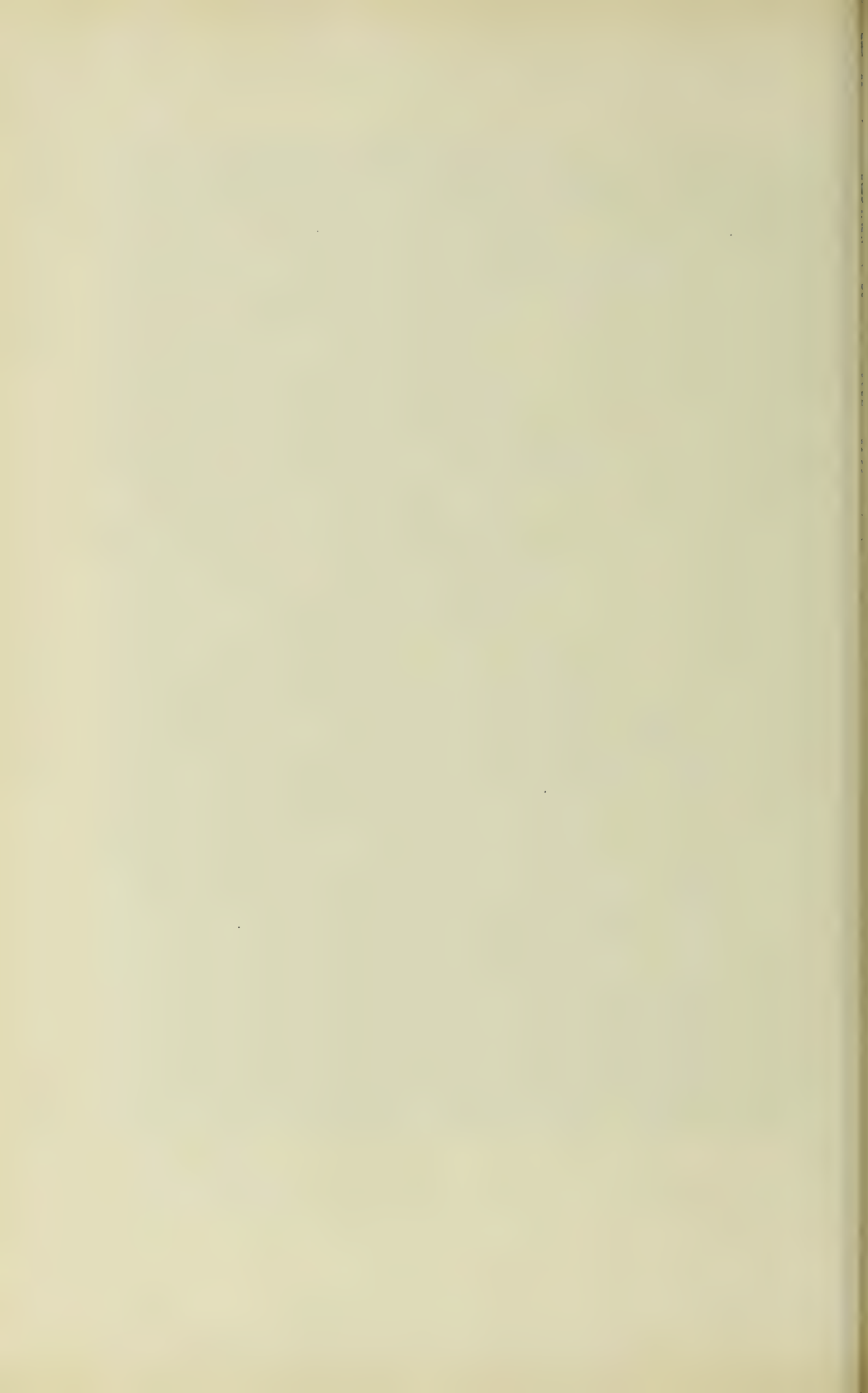
WALTER RALPH STEINER, M. D.

With the opening year of the present century Dr. Walter Ralph Steiner came to Hartford, where he has since engaged in the practice of his profession. He was born in Frederick City, Maryland, November 18, 1870, a son of Lewis Henry and Sarah Spencer (Smyth) Steiner. The family is of German origin and the first representative in America was Jacob Steiner, who was born in 1713 and died in 1748. He took up his abode in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1733. His eldest child, Captain John Steiner, married Catherine Elizabeth Ramsburg. He was a miller and owned large land holdings. Tradition says that he served in the French and Indian war and he participated in Braddock's campaign and was in the quartermaster's department of the Continental army in the Revolutionary war. His third son, Henry Steiner, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1764, and died in Frederick City, April 24, 1831. The sixth child of Henry and Elizabeth (Bregel) Steiner was Christian Steiner, born January 14, 1797, and died February 26, 1862. For many years he was a director of the Fredericktown Savings Institution and one of the founders and trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary. He belonged to the Evangelical Reformed church and served as an elder. He married Rebecca Weltzheimer and their son, Lewis Henry Steiner, was the father of Dr. Steiner of this review.

Lewis Henry Steiner, born May 4, 1827, prepared for college in the Frederick Academy and was graduated from Marshall College in 1846. He then became a medical student in the University of Pennsylvania, winning his professional degree in 1849, while Marshall College conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree about the same time. In 1854 he received the same degree from the College of St. James and in 1869 from Yale. He practiced in Frederick, Maryland, until 1852, when he went to Baltimore, where he was connected with the private medical institute of Dr. John R. W. Dunbar until 1855. Later he devoted his time entirely to the teaching of botany and chemistry, was professor of chemistry and natural history at Columbian University from 1853 until 1856 and professor of chemistry and pharmacy in the National Medical College. He lectured on chemistry and physics at the College of St. James from 1854 until 1859 and in 1855 and 1856 was Swann lecturer on applied chemistry in the Maryland Institute. In the latter year he became professor of chemistry in the Maryland College of Pharmacy, which he reorganized. Later he aided in incorporating the Mount Washington Female College at Baltimore, in which he held a professorship, and from 1856 until 1861 he was librarian of the Maryland Historical Society. At the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Frederick and entered the United States Sanitary Commission as an inspector. In 1863 he was made chief inspector for the Army of the Potomac and in recognition of valuable service rendered the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion elected him a companion of the third class in 1868. For twelve years he served in the state senate of Maryland and in 1876 was a delegate to the republican national convention. He was political editor of the Frederick Examiner from 1873 until 1884, when he became librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, so serving until his sudden death on February 18, 1892. High honors were accorded him by medical, scientific and other organizations and he was an outstanding figure in scientific circles in the country. He contributed much to scientific literature and in 1884 Delaware College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, while from Franklin and Marshall Colleges in 1887 he received the degree of Doctor of Literature. He took prominent part in church work as a representative of the Evangelical Reformed church and collaborated with Professor Henry Schwing in preparing two hymn books.



DR. WALTER R. STEINER





On the 30th of October, 1866, he married Sarah Spencer Smyth, of Guilford, Connecticut.

Their son, Dr. Walter Ralph Steiner, pursued a preparatory course in the University School of Baltimore and also received instruction from private tutors. In 1888 he entered Yale and in 1892 completed the academic course, the Bachelor of Arts degree being then conferred upon him, while in 1895 he received the Master of Arts degree. It was his desire and purpose to become a member of the medical profession and in 1892 he entered Johns Hopkins University for pre-medical work and two years later began the regular medical course, which he completed in 1898, winning his professional degree. He served as medical house officer in the Johns Hopkins Hospital during 1898-99 and the year 1900 witnessed his arrival in Hartford, where he opened an office, concentrating his efforts and attention largely upon pathology and bacteriology. In 1901 he was made pathologist and bacteriologist of Hartford Hospital, was assistant visiting physician from 1905 until 1907 and visiting physician from 1908. Since 1912 he has been consulting pathologist and bacteriologist to the hospital. He is consulting physician to the Hartford Isolation Hospital, the Hartford Orphan Asylum, the New Britain, General, the Manchester Memorial, the Bristol and Meriden Hospitals and the Middlesex Hospital of Middletown. He has membership relations with the leading professional societies, including the State and American Medical Associations, the Association of American Physicians, the American Climatological and Clinical Association, the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, and of the Connecticut State Medical Society he was secretary from 1905 until 1912, while of the Hartford Medical Society he has been librarian since 1903. He belongs also to the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, of which he has been secretary since 1911, and he has membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars and to the Connecticut Historical Society.

Dr. Steiner votes with the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He obtains needed recreation through his connection with the Hartford, University, Hartford Golf, and Twentieth Century Clubs. His professional activities, however, have made demands upon the major part of his time and aside from his active practice he has written broadly upon the subjects of internal medicine, pathology and medical history. In the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital have appeared his articles: "A Contribution to the History of Medicine in the Province of Maryland," "A Contribution to the History of Medicine in Maryland During the Revolution" and "Governor John Winthrop, Jr., of Connecticut, as a Physician." His authorship includes two chapters on the diseases of the muscles in the seven-volume textbook entitled "Modern Medicine." He has also written for the Nelson and Oxford Loose Leaf Systems of Medicine. He was chosen one of the principal speakers at the centenary celebration of the Yale Medical School, June 15, 1914. Throughout his life he has been a lover of good literature and of art, especially interested in old prints. In a word he is a man of broad and liberal culture and, like his father, is an outstanding figure in scientific circles.

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#### WILLARD G. PHELPS

Willard G. Phelps, a well known coal dealer of Glastonbury, who is successfully following in the business footsteps of his father, was born April 27, 1877, in this city, and is the only child of Alfred E. and Isabel Phelps. His grandparents were Philo F. and Anne Phelps, and his forebears were natives of England. Alfred E. Phelps established a large coal business in Glastonbury and was also a prosperous tobacco grower. In politics he was a stalwart democrat, became a member of the state legislature, and also filled the office of selectman. As a public servant he made an enviable record and measured up to high standards in every relation of life.

In the acquirement of an education Willard G. Phelps attended the public schools of Glastonbury, completing his high school course in 1892, and a year later was graduated from the Huntsinger Business College in Hartford. For some time he had charge of the clerical work in his father's office and before the latter's death assumed the management of the business. It was first operated under the name of P. F. Phelps and later the style of A. E. & S. S. Phelps was adopted. At that time the

business was owned by Alfred E. Phelps and his brother, and in 1920 the present name of the Phelps Coal Company was assumed. The partners are Willard G. Phelps and Raymond B. Olcott. They are the leading coal dealers in Glastonbury and conduct the business on both a wholesale and retail basis. This is one of the pioneer commercial enterprises of the city and from the time of its founding the business has been controlled by men of high standards. Mr. Phelps knows every phase of the trade and has inherited his father's executive force and business acumen. He has a tract of twenty-two acres planted to tobacco and he is also identified with financial affairs, being one of the directors of the Glastonbury Bank & Trust Company.

On October 4, 1911, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Margaret R. Johnson, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and their attractive home has become a center of the social life of Glastonbury. They are affiliated with the Episcopal church and Mr. Phelps is allied with the democratic party. He is a member of the town finance board and an earnest and untiring worker for the good of his community. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order and is treasurer of Daskam Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. A lifelong resident of Glastonbury, he has watched its progress with deep interest and has aided in the work of development and improvement. Mr. Phelps has been loyal to every cause which he espoused and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM E. GATES.

No public official of Glastonbury is better known or enjoys a higher reputation than William E. Gates, its efficient and popular postmaster, who has been identified with this branch of governmental service for thirty-two years. He was born in Lyme, Connecticut, in 1857, a son of Francis E. and Sarah M. (Day) Gates. His uncle, William Hungerford, engaged in the practice of law and achieved prominence in the profession. Francis E. Gates owned a valuable farm in the vicinity of East Haddam, Connecticut, and was active in public affairs, filling a number of local offices. He was a consistent member of the Hadlyme Congregational church, with which his wife was also affiliated. They had a family of five children: William E.; Justin J., deceased; Charles D., who is president of the Turner-Day-Woolworth Handle Company, of Louisville, Kentucky; and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sanford and Mrs. Nellie M. Luther, of East Haddam.

William E. Gates was reared on his father's farm and completed his studies in a high school at Hartford, graduating with the class of 1877. For three years he was a dealer in groceries at Middlefield, Connecticut, and in 1885 entered the same line of activity in Glastonbury. He was thus engaged until 1896 and prospered in business, never resorting to questionable methods in any commercial transaction. In 1896 he joined the firm which became known as the E. S. Kibby Company in 1909, and was one of its directors for a number of years. For two years he was secretary of the Glastonbury Bank & Trust Company, of which he is now a director and chairman of the building committee.

In 1883 Mr. Gates was married in East Haddam to Miss Phoebe Holmes, who died in 1883, leaving a son, Robert Holmes. He was born in 1883 and resides in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been in the employ of his uncle for twenty-two years and fills the responsible position of manager. Mr. Gates was married in 1889 to Miss Isabella Robertson, who passed away in 1922, and his third union was with Miss Ethel Maynard, to whom he was married in East Haddam in June, 1926.

In 1885 Mr. Gates joined Putnam Phalanx of the Sons of Veterans and rose to the rank of first lieutenant, remaining with the organization until 1926, when he tendered his resignation. Along fraternal lines he is connected with Daskam Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., and Elm Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F. He is a zealous member of the First Congregational church and was chairman of its finance committee for three years. In politics he is a stalwart republican and in 1912 became a member of the board of selectmen, with which he was connected for a year. When the World war was in progress he served on the local draft board and was trial justice of the peace for eight years, at which time Woodrow Wilson was president of this country. In 1885 Mr. Gates became an employee of the United States government, entering the postal



department, and for four years was assistant postmaster under President Cleveland. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster of Glastonbury, which was then made an office of the second class, and with the exception of eight years during the Wilson administration he has since acted in this capacity. His service covers twenty-eight years and few postmasters in Connecticut have been retained in office for a longer period. He has a special talent for this branch of public activity and his work has received high commendation. Mr. Gates was largely instrumental in securing adequate fire protection for Glastonbury and for ten years was chairman of the committee in charge of this fire district. Devotion to duty is one of his outstanding characteristics and for many years he has been a tireless and effective worker for the general welfare. Honest, unselfish, broad-minded and public-spirited, Mr. Gates has won and retained the confidence, respect and friendship of all who know him, and his life record affords a striking example of what constitutes good citizenship.

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#### PAUL MERRITT GROVER

Paul Merritt Grover, of the firm of Putnam & Company, handling stocks and securities in Hartford, with offices at 6 Central Row, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, March 13, 1905, a son of Alfred C. and Ethel (Peterson) Grover, who are also natives of the old Bay state. The father engaged in business as a shoe manufacturer in Boston and Lynn, Massachusetts, and in Manchester, New Hampshire.

After attending the public schools, Paul Merritt Grover continued his studies in the Phillips Exeter Academy and in 1921 enlisted in his country's service, going to the United States Naval Academy, where he received officers' training, completing his course by graduation with the class of 1926. He then resigned his commission in the navy but in 1927 joined the Marine Corps Reserve as a first lieutenant. His association with the business interests of Hartford dates from 1926, when he joined the firm of Putnam & Company, handling stocks and securities in Hartford. He is applying himself closely to a mastery of the business and is making steady progress in the field of finance.

On the 9th of August, 1926, Mr. Grover was married to Miss Ella Miles Beckham, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they have one son, David, born June 4, 1928. Mrs. Grover is a niece of Ex-Governor Beckham of Kentucky, who was also at one time United States senator, and is a daughter of Colonel D. Yulee Beckham. Her family was connected with the Wickliffes of England, of whom Lord Wickliffe translated the Bible into English, while others of the name were prominent both in Europe and America. One of these, Robert Wickliffe, was governor of Louisiana, while Senator David L. Yulee was the first United States senator from Florida, and several members of the family have served in the cabinet. Mrs. Grover, who is a graduate of the Holton-Arms School of Washington, D. C., presides with gracious hospitality over her home at 816 Farmington avenue, Hartford. Mr. Grover is a member of the Army and Navy Club of America at Washington, D. C., and of the Putnam Phalanx and the Norwich (Conn.) Golf Club. What he has already accomplished argues well for a successful future.

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#### CHARLES RAY

Charles Ray, who has become a successful business man and an outstanding figure in industrial circles of South Manchester, is a native of Ireland. He was born in 1882 and when a child of five came to the United States with his parents, Robert and Elizabeth Ray, who settled in Troy, New York. His education was acquired in the public schools of that city and when about eighteen years of age he entered the employ of the John A. Manning Paper Company. Conscientious and painstaking, he gave his best efforts to the company and was steadily advanced, eventually becoming secretary and manager of the firm, with which he remained for nineteen years. On the expiration of that period he sold his interest in the business and in 1920 became associated with the Rodgers Paper Manufacturing Company in the capacity of general manager. For seven years he filled that position and on August 1, 1927, when the business was reorganized, he assumed the duties of president and treasurer, which he:



is now discharging, while he is also a director of the Wheelwright Paper Company of Leominster, Massachusetts.

Mr. Ray belongs to the Manchester Country Club and is an ex-president of the Kiwanis Club. While living in Troy he became a Mason, joining King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, and shapes his conduct by the beneficent teachings of the order. He is one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and heartily cooperates in movements for Manchester's growth and improvement. Mr. Ray's business associates have found him a man whose word is always to be relied upon and in every relation of life he measures up to high standards.

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#### CHARLES WILLIAM JAYNES

Charles William Jaynes, engaged in the real estate business, with offices in the Capitol Bank building of Hartford, and also well known in military circles, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 24, 1879, a son of Charles P. and Ella F. (Janes) Jaynes, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, the Jaynes family having been pioneers of the New Haven colony. The father was a manufacturing druggist who carried on business in Boston for a considerable period.

In the public schools of his native city Charles W. Jaynes began his education, while subsequently he attended the Hopkinson school. He afterward entered Harvard and was graduated with the B. S. degree in the class of 1901. He then became connected with a manufacturing business in Boston and so continued for about ten years. In 1911 he came to Hartford, where he engaged in the foundry business, becoming treasurer of the Standard Foundry Company. When America entered the World war in 1917 he was appointed deputy fuel administrator for the state of Connecticut, which position he filled until the cessation of hostilities made it no longer necessary to sustain that office. His own military experience covers three years' service as a member of Troop B of the Connecticut Cavalry, after which he went to the civilians' camp at Plattsburg, New York, in 1916. On his return and the organization of the State Guard he was commissioned captain of Company B of the First Regiment. Before the war he had acted as one of the managers in taking the military census of Connecticut. Mr. Jaynes' identification with the real estate business dates from 1923, when he became associated with W. A. Sanborn & Company, one of the leading firms of Hartford. He is also a director of the Capitol National Bank and Trust Company of Hartford.

On the 17th of October, 1903, Mr. Jaynes was married to Miss Ruth Cheever Wilkins, of Brookline, Massachusetts, and with their two daughters, Nancy C. and Elinore, both of whom are now students at Vassar College, they make their home at 211 Fern street, in West Hartford.

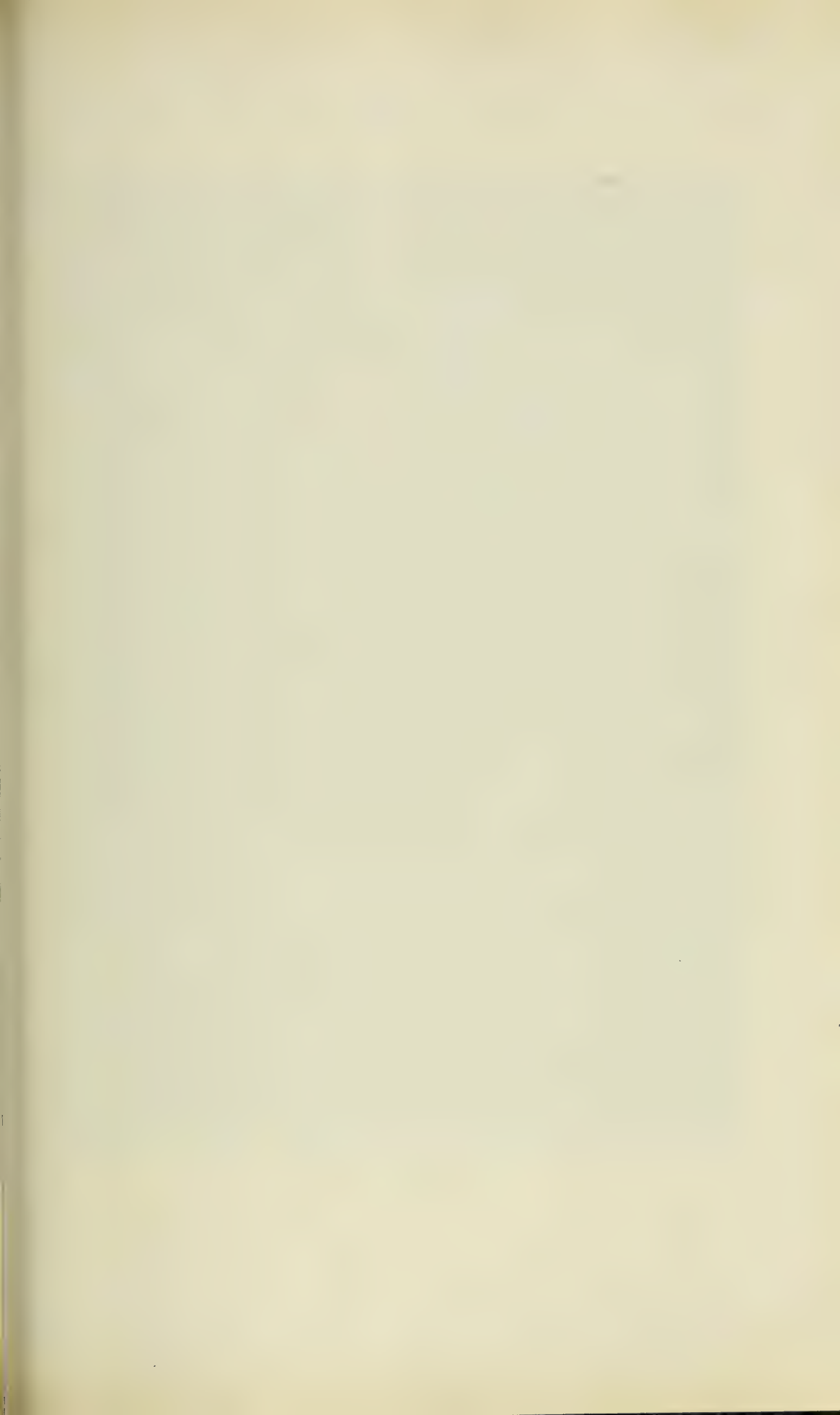
In the public life of the community Mr. Jaynes has manifested an active and helpful interest. During the first two years of its existence he was in charge of Community Chest individual subscriptions and he has been connected with other charitable work in this city. He belongs to the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club of Hartford, the Eastern Yacht Club of Marblehead, Massachusetts, the Harvard Club of Boston, Harvard Club of Connecticut, and the Dauntless Club of Essex, Connecticut.

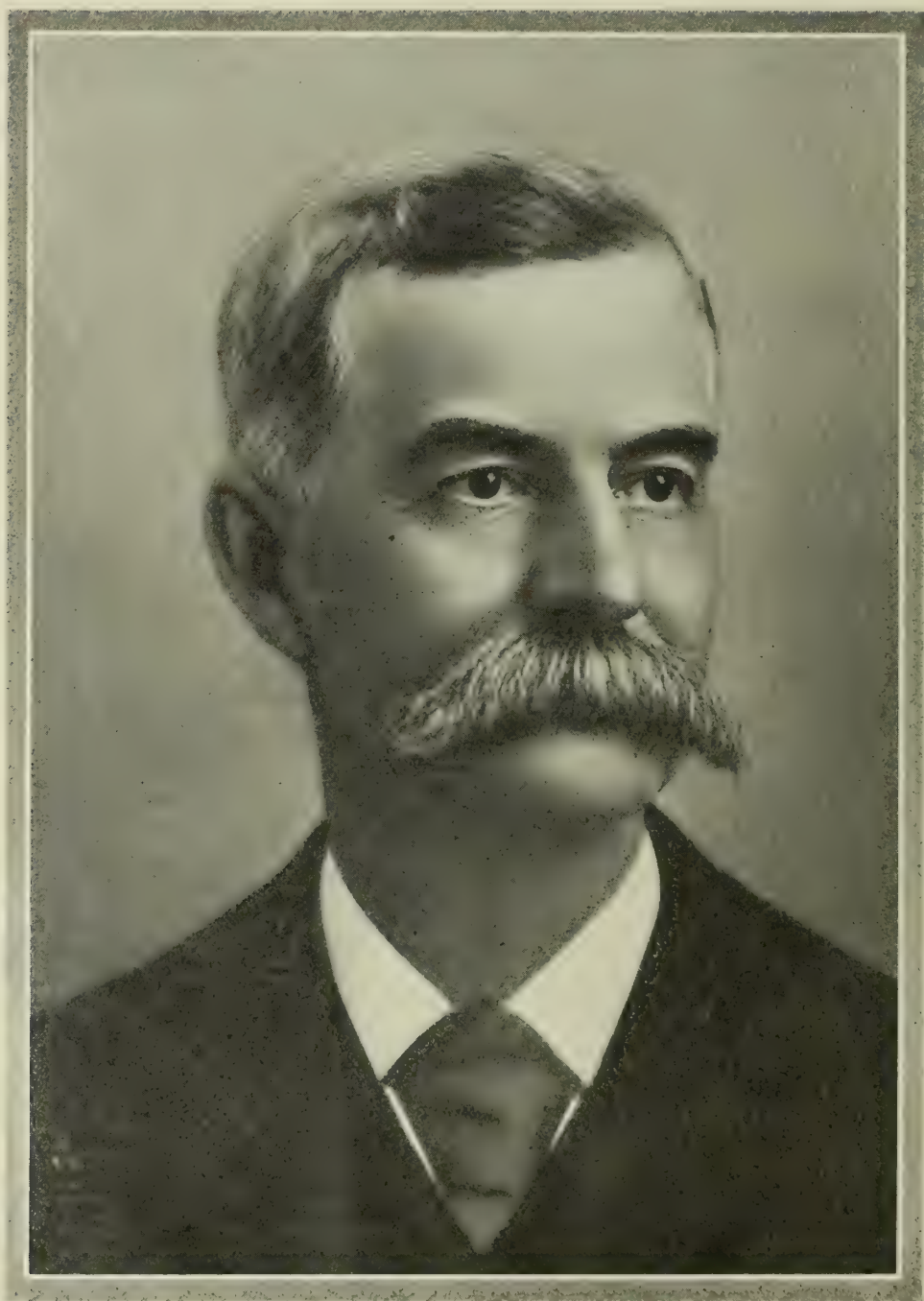
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#### A. WELLS CASE—A. WILLARD CASE

The story of the Case family constitutes one of the most important chapters in the history of commercial development not only in Manchester but in this part of the state. For many years an extensive paper manufacturing enterprise has been carried on by members of the family and the three present companies in the county, Case Brothers, Inc., of Highland Park, Manchester, Case Manufacturing Company of Unionville, and Case & Marshall, Inc., of East Hartford, are the outgrowths of their early activities in the manufacture of paper in Manchester.

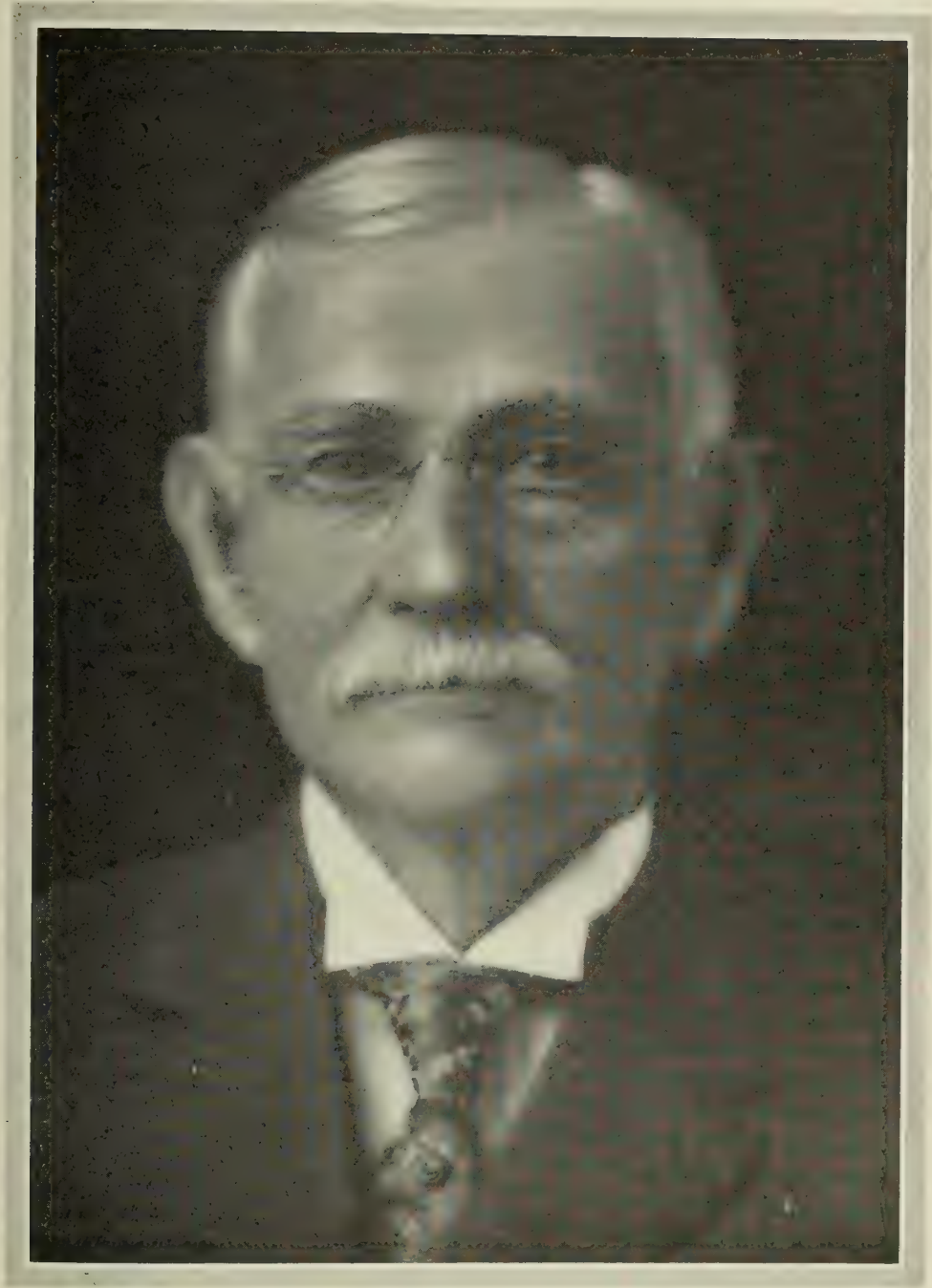
Many years ago Charles Bunce, Sr., began the manufacture of paper here and the business which he established was afterward conducted by his six sons. It was



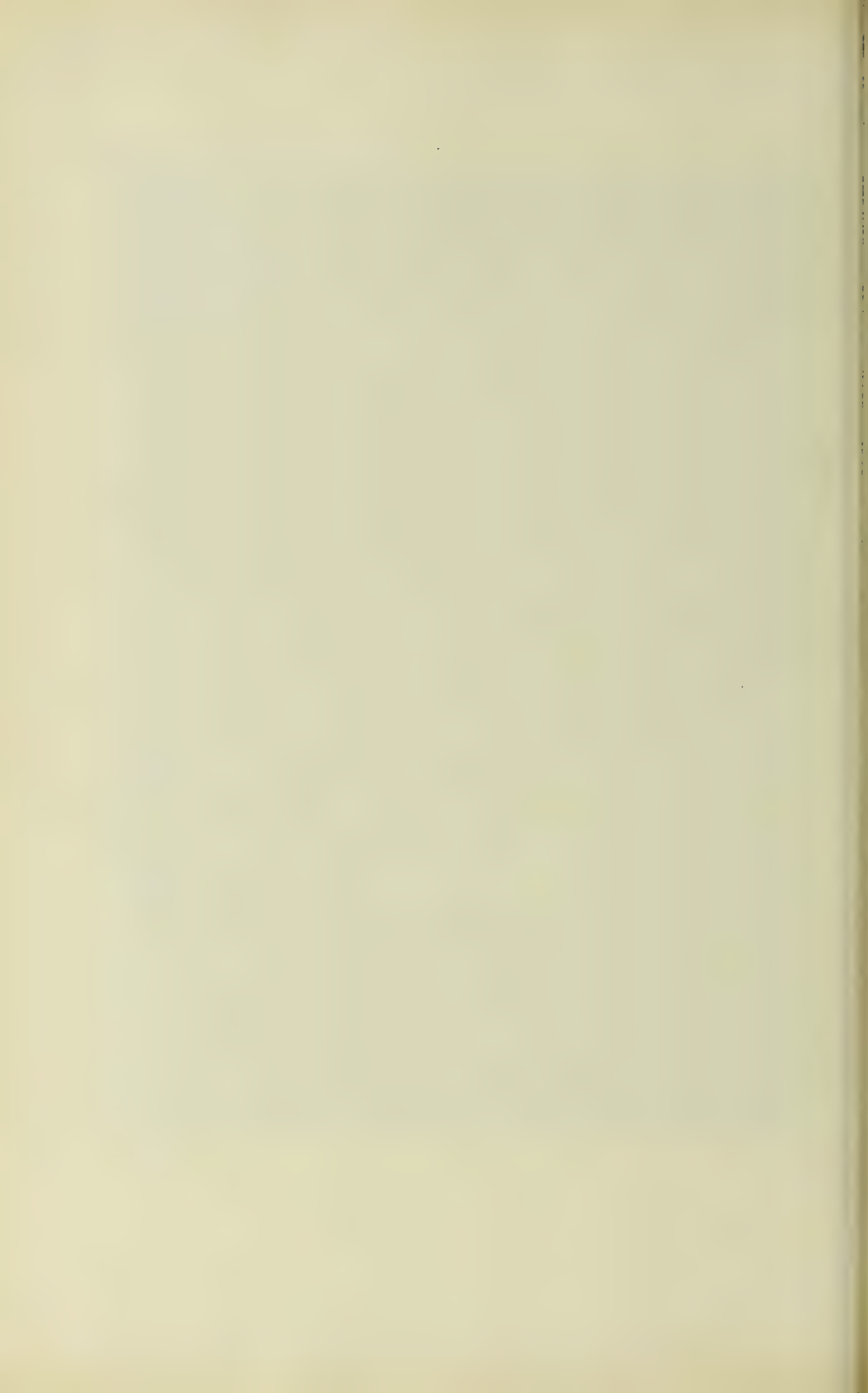


A. WELLS CASE





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in one of these mills that three of the brothers, C. Frank Case, A. Wells Case and A. Willard Case, learned the trade of paper making.

In 1861 A. Willard Case, with his brother Frederick, hired an old mill near the present site of St. James cemetery and began paper making. At about this time, A. Wells Case started a small mill in that part of the town now known as Highland Park, for the washing of cotton waste. In 1869 another brother, Henry F. Case, with C. Frank Case, started the manufacture of paper making machinery in their machine shop on Gardner street, and A. Wells Case, A. Willard Case and Frederick Case built a mill on the site of the present plant at Highland Park. Later they built mills at Chaplin, Connecticut, and on the sites of the Bunce mills in Manchester. Frederick retired from the firm some years later and built a mill at Andover, Connecticut.

Lawrence W. Case, son of A. Wells Case and Raymond S. Case, son of A. Willard Case, were admitted to the firm in the early '90s, the former becoming president of Case Brothers upon the death of his father in 1908, the latter having previously taken the management of the mill of the Case Manufacturing Company of Unionville.

Albert L. Crowell and Joseph N. Viot, sons-in-law of A. Willard Case, have also been in the business for many years, the former now being secretary and treasurer of Case Brothers, Inc., and Case & Marshall, Inc., the latter having been treasurer and manager of Case & Marshall, Inc., and the A. Willard Case Company until his death in 1927.

Raymond S. Case was president of the Case Manufacturing Company and Case & Marshall, Inc., until his death in 1928, and was succeeded by Lawrence W. Case as president of Case & Marshall, Inc.

A. Wells Case was intensely interested in the natural beauty of Highland Park and for years devoted much thought and effort in developing it. He constructed winding roads through the woods on the mountain side, which, with the stone bridges and walls that he built, added much to the attractiveness of the park.

A. Willard Case died in 1925, at the age of eighty-five years, shortly after the completion of the South Manchester Methodist Episcopal church edifice, for the construction of which he was largely responsible.

He continued to be an active factor in the several companies until his death.

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#### LAWRENCE WELLS CASE

Lawrence Wells Case, president of Case Brothers, Inc., paper manufacturers of Manchester, has been identified with the business continuously since 1892, and his familiarity with every phase thereof, combined with his enterprising spirit, has contributed to its further success and development. Other business enterprises, too, profit by his sound judgment and he is a well known figure among the captains of industry in Hartford county. He was born in Manchester, Connecticut, July 5, 1871, and is a son of Alfred Wells and Caroline E. (Jenney) Case.

Lawrence W. Case, pursued his early education in the public schools and afterward attended Wilbraham Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his liberal training well qualifying him for the duties and responsibilities of later life. In 1892 he returned to Manchester and entered Case Brothers mills, then conducted by his father and the latter's brother, Albert Willard Case. Lawrence W. Case was at that time a young man of twenty-one. He bent every energy toward the mastery of the business, with which he acquainted himself in principle and detail, increasing his efficiency with the passing years. His father passed away in 1908 and it was then that Mr. Case succeeded to the presidency. In addition to his other activities Mr. Case is serving as president of Case & Marshall, Inc., and also as a director of the Manchester Trust Company. In all business affairs he readily discriminates between the essential and the non-essential and quickly utilizes the former with the result that he continually advances toward his objective.

Mr. Case has also carried out another enterprise which was instituted by his father, who in 1903 began the construction of a four-hundred acre park on the slope of Birch mountain. With great appreciation for the natural beauty of that section, he began to develop its advantages with the purpose of rendering them more easily accessible to the public. He laid out the western slope of the park, built winding forest roads and bridges and eventually completed a road to the summit, which o'er-



tops the Connecticut river nine hundred feet, affording a magnificent view of the valley. Following the death of the father in 1908, Lawrence W. Case at once continued the work of park improvement, which he completed on the eastern slope of the mountain in 1909. One of the most beautiful features of Highland Park is the cascade known as Wyllys falls, which plunges sixty-five feet down a rocky slope into a wooded glen. Highland Park is indeed one of the beauty spots of New England and its beauty has been put within the reach of the public through the efforts of A. Wells and Lawrence W. Case, whose civic spirit took tangible expression in the development of this property. The park contains mineral springs and there is an attractive community club house which is also used as a branch of the Hartford County Young Men's Christian Association. From the time when the swelling buds first open in the early spring until late autumn the park is the resort of many visitors, and then when the glorious fall coloring fades it becomes a scene of almost fairy beauty when clothed with winter snows. In the midst of all this beauty stands the extensive plant of Case Brothers, Inc., affording the one hundred employees ideal conditions amid which to perform their tasks.

Mr. Case was united in marriage September 18, 1918, to Miss Florence M. Reid, daughter of David J. and Agnes (Cornett) Reid, of Gananoque, Ontario, Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. Case have been born three children: Lawrence W., Jr., who died at the age of three months; Dorothy Agnes; and Alfred Wells (II). The parents are active in the Methodist church, of which Mr. Case is a trustee, and was chairman of the building committee during the construction of the present edifice. His name is on the membership rolls of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Manchester Country Club and the Kiwanis Club of Manchester. Mr. Case largely concentrates his efforts and attention upon his business affairs and has ever held to the straightforward policy instituted upon the establishment of the business, while he has enlarged his activities in accordance with the commercial and industrial development of the twentieth century.

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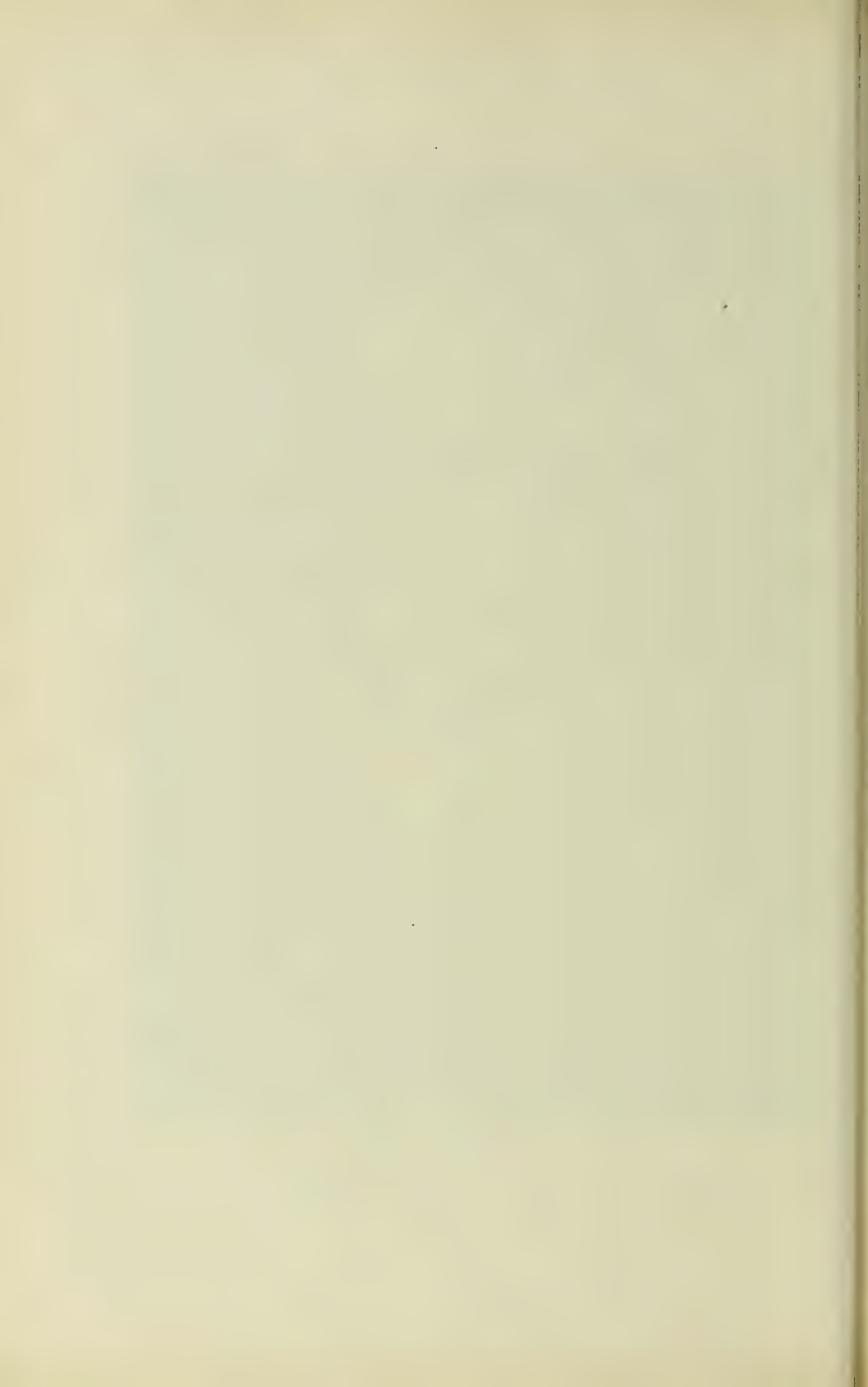
#### AUBREY L. MADDOCK

An enterprising realtor, Aubrey L. Maddock has done much to exploit the resources, attractions and advantages of Greater Hartford, proving his loyalty to the greater city by word and deed, and has also won prominence in other walks of life. He is widely known as an expert publicity man and his patriotic activities and work in behalf of disabled veterans are also deserving of special mention. He was born in Willimantic, Connecticut, October 19, 1890, and is a son of Alonzo and Evelyn (Baker) Maddock, also natives of this state. In the maternal line he is descended from the Comstock and Strickland families, early settlers of Montville and Colchester, Connecticut.

Mr. Maddock was educated in Westerly, Rhode Island, graduating from high school in 1909, and entered the field of journalism as a reporter for the New Britain Herald. In 1913 he became connected with the Hartford Courant, doing reportorial work for a year, and was then made assistant city editor. The duties of assistant managing editor were added in 1914 and he measured up in full to their requirements, continuing with the paper until May 28, 1917. In 1916 he directed the state-wide publicity campaign of the republican state central committee and in 1917 he was made director of publicity of the Connecticut military census. In April, 1917, he organized the publicity department of the Connecticut committee on food supply and on May 28, 1917, at the request of R. M. Bissell, chairman of the Connecticut State Council of Defense, he was given leave of absence from "The Courant" to assist the publicity committee of the council, becoming secretary of the committee. He organized and was director of the division of press cooperation, securing special representatives commissioned by the governor on practically every newspaper in the state, and later was a representative in Connecticut of the Committee on Public Information, receiving one dollar per month for his services. Mr. Maddock was elected secretary of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, the work of which he combined with that of the Council of Defense, and became a member of the council's committee on industrial relations by virtue of membership on the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Thus he spent more than a year in publicity work, cooperating closely with



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employment service, Liberty Loan organization and other similar efforts. In addition to originating newspaper publicity and being responsible for the Connecticut Bulletin, circulated throughout the State Council of Defense organization, his duties included the preparation of posters, booklets and other publicity devices setting forth America's war aims and upholding morale in the state. In 1918 he was asked by Captain G. B. Perkins, chief of the military morale section, connected with the office of the chief of staff, to file an application for a commission in that section, in compliance with the recommendation of the Council of National Defense. This he did but subsequently withdrew his application, having accepted the commission of second lieutenant in the production department of the air service.

After the World war Mr. Maddock became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company, of which he was an agency assistant for five years, and in May, 1924, opened a real estate office in Hartford. In the intervening period he has negotiated many important transfers of property, becoming recognized as an expert valuator, and his business has assumed large proportions. His advice in regard to realty investments is sound and practical and his honesty is well known. In June, 1928, in competition with representatives from all of the principal cities of the United States, who were chosen to extol their respective communities in five-minute speeches before the National Association of Real Estate Boards, whose convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Maddock won first place in the contest and was awarded a silver cup. His victory was a great honor for Hartford and at a meeting of the court of common council held June 25, 1928, the following resolutions were passed and approved:

"RESOLVED that the board of aldermen of the city of Hartford hereby extends its congratulations and the congratulations of the city of Hartford to Aubrey L. Maddock of the Hartford Real Estate Board, who, on June 21, 1928, at the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Louisville, Kentucky, brought credit to Hartford and to himself when he earned first place in a nation-wide 'home town speaking contest' in a speech extolling the beauties and virtues of our city.

"RESOLVED FURTHER that the clerk be instructed to secure a copy of Mr. Maddock's prize-winning speech and that it be spread upon the minutes of this board.

"RESOLVED FURTHER that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the clerk to Mr. Maddock and to the Hartford Real Estate Board."

Following is a copy of this notable address, entitled, "The Best Town in the World—Hartford, Connecticut."

"I come to you from Connecticut—land of steady habits—birthplaces of constitutional government—where the wheels of industry hum a tune sweet to the ears of capital and labor alike—and where the melting pot is a reality and not a dream.

"Three hundred years of crowded history, of constant progress and of brilliant achievement combine to make Hartford, Connecticut, the best town in the world. Her climate is healthful and invigorating. Her homes are homes of peace and happiness. She lacks the ugly areas of poverty and want which mar so many of our cities. In every direction her broad avenues lead to sweet countryside, the suburban acres which are rapidly being peopled with thrifty, happy home-owners.

"Hartford knows no hard times. Why! Because her enormous insurance industry, embracing forty companies with assets of one and one-half billions of dollars, pours into Hartford an annual premium income of six hundred millions and stabilizes the barometer of her prosperity.

"Hartford knows neither strikes nor labor difficulties. Her four hundred industrial establishments employ thirty thousand, mostly skilled mechanics, and produce annually one hundred million dollars' worth of products of merit, built up to a standard and not down to a price. Industry is encouraged in Hartford, and its expansion is steady and sound.

"The resources of Hartford banks aggregate three hundred millions of dollars. Is it surprising under these conditions that retail business flourishes in Hartford, with some of the finest department stores on the Atlantic seaboard?

"In Hartford are the state capitol, the state library, the heart of the state government. The Morgan Memorial Museum houses art treasures of priceless worth. Hartford's schools are modern, her fire and police departments trained and efficient, her government clean and honest. Rose lovers the world over visit Hartford to see her famous rose gardens. Brainard field is one of America's pioneer municipal airports.

"Come with me in your imagination to the Travelers tower, the home of radio station WTIC, the tallest building in New England, and look out upon a wonderful

sight. Twenty-six expanses of verdant fields and tree-clad hillsides reveal a park system of twenty-two hundred acres. Close at hand on all sides splendid buildings, a big-city skyline, the thriving business section of a hustling community, the trading center of a half million men and women. Here, there and yonder church spires point heavenward their evidence of a devout people. To the east, the silver strand of the Connecticut river, crossed by one of the finest stone bridges in the world. To the west, where sky and forest meet, the beautiful Talcott mountain range. Between the two—the glorious picture that is Hartford.

"Go north, go south—go east, go west—seek God-given beauty of setting and man-made evidence of progress and culture—choose what city you will on the basis of those values which really count in the lives of men and of generations—and you must agree with me that the fairest community on which God's sunshine smiles is that three-centuries old New England city of happiness and contentment and opportunity—Hartford, Connecticut."

On June 14, 1916, Mr. Maddock was united in marriage to Miss Marion Elizabeth Moore, of Hartford. Mr. Maddock joined the Connecticut National Guard after the war and while serving on the staff of the 169th Infantry was regimental intelligence officer. He is a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, a member of Hayes-Velhage Post, No. 96, American Legion, and also belongs to the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the Hartford Real Estate Board, the Hartford Club and the Middletown Yacht Club.

In 1922 the members of Hartford Chapter, No. 1, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, decided to establish a summer camp for disabled ex-service men and appointed a board of trustees. Mr. Maddock was selected as its secretary and raised the necessary funds. He was made director of the camp, taking care of about two hundred men, and under his direction additional money was raised and three buildings were erected for the camp, which is located on the state military reservation at Niantic. Since it was started, five camps have been held, of which he has been director, and he is still acting as secretary of the board of trustees of the camp fund, to whose interests he is devoted. He is a "stand-by" member of the Disabled Veterans' organization. A young man of patriotic impulses and high ideals, Mr. Maddock has directed his efforts into those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the largest number, and his career has been conspicuously useful, while at the same time he has achieved individual prosperity.

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#### J. KELL BRANDON

For almost two decades J. Kell Brandon has been identified with the Ensign-Bickford Company of Simsbury, Connecticut, of which he is the secretary and a director. His business course has been marked by steady advancement since he started out for himself on the completion of his education. He was born in Celina, Ohio, March 28, 1880, a son of John Riley and Hannah F. Brandon, who were also natives of the Buckeye state, the father born in Celina, December 24, 1850, while the mother was born in Cincinnati, November 29, 1852. Her parents were natives of Germany, while the grandfather of J. Kell Brandon in the paternal line was born in England.

In the acquirement of his education J. Kell Brandon attended the grammar grades of the Chicago (Ill.), public schools from 1891 until 1895, when he was graduated from the eighth grade, and afterward attended high school in Albion, Michigan, graduating with the class of 1898. He next entered Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, and won the Ph. B. degree at his graduation in 1902, becoming a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity during his college days. Thus well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties, he turned his attention to the coal brokerage and coal mining business at Columbus, Ohio, remaining active in that field from 1902 until 1907. In the latter year he went to Denver, Colorado, and was connected with the National Fuse & Powder Company of that city until 1910, which year witnessed his arrival in Connecticut. Through the intervening period he has been associated with the Ensign-Bickford Company of Simsbury and as secretary and a member of the board of directors has contributed in substantial measure to the steady development and expansion of the business. In the fuse manufacturing field this firm has the highest rating and its success is attributable in no small measure to the capability and enter-



prise of Mr. Brandon, who has had long experience in this field, which he entered in 1907. He gives most careful study to business situations, recognizes and utilizes the opportunities that are before him and the results accomplished are most satisfactory.

Mr. Brandon is identified with the Episcopal church and with the Masonic fraternity—associations which indicate much concerning the rules that govern his life and direct his activities. He is also a prominent figure in club circles, having membership in the Hartford University Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Country Club, the Fishers Island Club of Fishers Island, New York, and the Mountain Lake Club of Lake Wales, Florida. During his residence in Simsbury he has become widely known and gained many warm friends who speak of him in terms of high regard.

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#### WILLIAM ROBERT FALKIN

William Robert Falkin, for about a quarter of a century identified with the Russia Insurance Company of America at Hartford, was born in New York city, February 23, 1888, and is a son of Joseph and Ethel (Ronkin) Falkin of New York city, where they still reside.

William R. Falkin, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, pursued his education in the public schools of America's metropolis and after his textbooks were put aside secured a position with a New York Stock Exchange house, with which he remained for about a year. In 1904 he became associated with the Russia Insurance Company of America at Hartford. This company had just been organized and its business was in the formative stages of development. Mr. Falkin was at that time a youth of fifteen years and he has remained continuously with the company, covering a period of about twenty-five years, being the oldest employe in point of continuance of service. With the passing years he has been advanced to positions of greater responsibility. Thus it is that he is well known as a highly valued representative of the Russia Insurance Company.

On the 10th of March, 1920, Mr. Falkin was married to Miss T. Jane Aldridge, of Hartford, and they are the parents of three children: Ruth Elizabeth, born July 19, 1921; William Robert, Jr., born December 5, 1923; and Janice Aldridge, born November 22, 1925. The family resides at 354 Fern street, in West Hartford.

There is another chapter in the life record of Mr. Falkin well worthy of mention. He is a veteran of the World war, having joined the service June 22, 1918, at Camp Meade, Maryland. He was attached to the Thirty-sixth Company of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Depot Brigade and subsequently was transferred to other companies. On the 9th of September, 1918, he was appointed a corporal and was made a sergeant on the 1st of October following. He was on active duty in the training of recruits for overseas service and was honorably discharged May 14, 1919. In all matters of citizenship Mr. Falkin manifests a spirit of loyalty that finds expression in his support of plans and measures for the general good.

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#### ARTHUR B. GOODRICH

For nearly a quarter of a century Arthur B. Goodrich has been a notable figure in manufacturing circles of Glastonbury, successfully controlling the operations of a large paper mill, and he also has other business interests of importance. Commercial affairs, however, constitute but one phase of his life, his activities in the field of public service having been equally resultant and beneficial. He was born March 8, 1873, in Glastonbury, a son of Patrick Henry and Helen (Wells) Goodrich. His father was born in Portland, Connecticut, and settled in Glastonbury in 1869. At first he was a dealer in groceries and in 1894 he organized and incorporated the Riverside Paper Manufacturing Company, of which he was elected president, remaining at its head until his death in 1900. A business man of high standing, he materially influenced the industrial growth of this section of the state. His political support was given to the republican party and for two terms he was a member of the Connecticut legislature, serving in sessions of 1885 and 1897.

Arthur B. Goodrich obtained a public school education and attended Mount Hermon



School at Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, one of the big preparatory schools of the country, for four years, graduating there in 1894. He entered Amherst College in the fall but was only able to complete his freshman year when the illness of his father called him into business in 1895, when a young man of twenty-two. His keen mind enabled him to readily grasp the technicalities of the industry and he advanced through the various departments, becoming treasurer of the company in 1900. Since 1904 he has filled the offices of president and treasurer and during this period the firm has made notable progress. Adapting old methods to new conditions, he maintains a high degree of efficiency in the operation of the plant and has never deviated from the policy of honorable dealing instituted by his father. The firm makes binder boards for book covers and markets its products in New York, Philadelphia and other large cities. The plant is thoroughly modern and furnishes work to a large number of employes. In 1898 Mr. Goodrich became a coal dealer, selling on a retail basis, and his business has grown steadily in the intervening period. He has been a director of the Glastonbury Bank & Trust Company since its organization.

On October 12, 1905, in Glastonbury, Mr. Goodrich was married to Miss Agnes Black, by whom he has five children: Evarts H., a junior at Wesleyan University; Helen E., a high school graduate; Alice, who is a high school student; and Eunice and Robert, grammar school pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich are members of the First Congregational church and in politics he is a republican. In 1915 he was chosen a member of the general assembly of Connecticut and gave deep thought to all measures brought before the house. For several years he was town auditor and was chairman of the republican town committee for three terms of two years each. Since July, 1902, he has been treasurer of the Glastonbury Free Academy and exerts his efforts as readily for the general good as for his own aggrandizement. In 1920 he became master of Daskam Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., and his wife is connected with Good Intent Chapter of the Eastern Star, of which she was matron in 1925. They are Congregationalists in religious faith and Mr. Goodrich is also a member of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, Putnam Phalanx and the Sons of Veterans, of Hartford. He has been the recipient of many trusts and his course has at all times marked him as a citizen of worth.

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#### GEORGE CLINTON FAIRCHILD WILLIAMS, M. D.

Doctor George Clinton Fairchild Williams, a Hartford capitalist, was born in Cheshire, Connecticut, February 26, 1857, his parents being Doctor William Cook and Lucinda (Fairchild) Williams.

Following in his father's professional footsteps, George C. F. Williams, after graduating at the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, with honors in mathematics and classics, and being admitted to the scientific department of Yale University in the class of 1878, took up the study of medicine. He was a member of the class of 1878 in the Yale Medical School, but graduated from the medical department of New York University, with the class honor and honors in scholarship, in February, 1878. He practiced medicine in Cheshire, and represented the town in the Connecticut legislature, house of representatives, for the session of 1880-81, as a republican. Afterward he engaged in hospital work in New York, and thence removed to Hartford to enter business in 1887. Here he has since resided.

He is president of The Capewell Horse Nail Company; director of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company; director of The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company; director and member of the executive committee of the Hartford Hospital; director of the Connecticut Fair Association, trustee of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut and of the Good Will Club; vice president of the Connecticut Humane Society and of the Connecticut Civic Association; president of the Connecticut Historical Society, of the Connecticut Department of Public Welfare and of the Friends of Hartford, Inc. He has been president of the Municipal Art Society, The Connecticut Congregational Club, the Connecticut Humane Society, the Hartford Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Connecticut Consumers' League and the Get-Together Club. For thirteen years he was a member of the board of park commissioners of Hartford, and twice its president.

He is a member of the Acorn Club; an honorary member of the Beaumont



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Medical Club; a member of the Graduates Club of New Haven; the Republican, Hartford and Twentieth Century Clubs, having at one time been president of the last named; the Hartford Club; the Country Club of Hartford; the Union League Club and the Players' Club of New York. Also he has membership in the American Economic Association; the American Political Science Association; The American Academy of Political Science in New York; the National Committee for Mental Hygiene; The Bibliophile Society of Boston; the National Civil Service Reform League, in which he is a member of the Council; the American Historical Association; the Society of Mayflower Descendants, being Governor of the Connecticut Society; the Society of Colonial Wars, and the Society of Sons of the American Revolution, having been at several times president of the Connecticut Society.

On the 12th of February, 1896, Doctor Williams was married to Jessie Scott Dike, of Brooklyn, New York, and they are the parents of a son, Staunton Williams, a lawyer residing in New York.

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#### GEORGE W. BURNEY

George W. Burney, connected in an official capacity with the Williams Brothers Manufacturing Company, of Glastonbury, was born here in 1879, a son of Samuel and Eliza (Wrisley) Burney, the latter also a descendant of the Hooker family. The father of Samuel Burney was a native of England and because of his expert knowledge of the textile industry was brought to this country. While living in Nantucket, Rhode Island, he set in motion the first machinery used in the manufacture of cotton goods in the United States. Later he located in Webster, Massachusetts. His son, Samuel Burney, was born in that section of the Bay state and became a resident of Glastonbury. For many years he devoted his attention to the embossing of precious metals, becoming an expert engraver, and after his retirement purchased a farm on which he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1910 and his wife passed away in 1919. Eight children were born to them and four are now living—a son and three daughters.

George W. Burney, the youngest child, attended the public schools of Glastonbury and also took a course in the Huntsinger Business College. After his graduation he became a bookkeeper for the Glastonbury Knitting Company and filled the position for twelve years. In 1910 he entered the Hartford Rubber Works, which he left four years later owing to injuries received in an accident, and for one and a half years was a traveling salesman for the owners of Collier's Weekly. He began his independent career as a public accountant in 1916 and in 1917 his services were sought by the Connecticut State Council of Defense. Mr. Burney was made chief accountant in the treasury department at Hartford and acted in that capacity during the World war. On August 1, 1919, he returned to Glastonbury and was placed in charge of the accounting department of the Williams Brothers Manufacturing Company, with which he has since been connected. He is now chief accountant and assistant treasurer of the corporation.

In 1914 Mr. Burney married Miss Edith Case, of West Granby, Connecticut, and they now have three sons: Robert M., who was born in 1915; Donald Case, born in 1916; and George W., Jr., born in 1917. The parents attend the Congregational church and Mr. Burney has been active in public affairs, doing all in his power to promote the welfare and progress of his community. In 1922 he was elected secretary of the Glastonbury Fair Association and filled the office for four years. He belongs to the Goodwill Grange and is a member of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce. His Masonic affiliations are with Daskam Lodge, Wolcott Chapter and Gideon Wells Council and both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star.

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#### MAURICE HARTMAN

From a small beginning the business of the firm of A. & S. Hartman, tobacco growers and dealers, has been built up and not a little of the success of this concern is attributable to the efforts and sound judgment of Maurice Hartman, who is prominently known to the tobacco trade, being now treasurer of the Hartman Tobacco Com-

pany. He was born in New York city, December 1, 1879, and is a son of Samuel and Jennie (Leventhal) Hartman. The father, who was one of the founders of the business still carried on under the name of A. & S. Hartman, was a native of Austria. He came to America in 1872 and was associated with his brother Adolph in founding the business, which was established in Manchester in 1882 but was afterward removed to Hartford. Both of the founders have since passed away, but the enterprise which they established has become one of the strong tobacco interests of this section of the country.

Maurice Hartman pursued his education in the grade and high schools of Manchester and in Brown University, which he attended for a time. In 1900 he became associated with his father and uncle in the conduct of the business located at 231 State street. The founders had begun operations in a small way by packing and selling tobacco, but their business grew steadily and in 1901 they began raising shade-grown tobacco. The firm today is one of the oldest concerns in the shade-grown industry in Connecticut and operates one of the largest plantations in the state. In 1900 their offices and warehouses were removed to Hartford and it was in 1910 that Maurice Hartman was admitted to a partnership. The company now owns extensive plantations in Manchester and South Windsor, comprising about five hundred acres of land, and they have a number of warehouses, including several in Massachusetts, but the principal one is in Hartford. Their output is sold in the American markets and their business has assumed large proportions. Upon the consolidation of the Hartman Tobacco Company in March, 1928, Maurice Hartman was made treasurer. This company operates a number of tobacco warehouses and plantations and is a very large factor in this industry. Mr. Hartman is the vice president of the Connecticut Leaf Tobacco Association and is treasurer of the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco Association.

On the 27th of October, 1908, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage to Beatrice Sherrick Klein, of Hartford. They have one daughter, Fanchon, who is the wife of Melvin W. Title, of Hartford. The family home is at 727 Prospect avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are identified with Congregation Beth Israel, of which he is vice president and a trustee. He also belongs to the Tumble Brook Country Club and is a man of social nature who has won many friends in Hartford and throughout this section of the state. He has also made steady advancement in his business career. Although he entered upon a business already established, since becoming active in its control he has instituted improved methods in keeping with the spirit and tendency of the times and has advanced steadily from one point of success to a still higher point, being today accounted one of the well known representatives of tobacco growing and dealing in Hartford.

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#### EDWARD INGRAHAM

The history of Bristol's development is closely linked with that of The E. Ingraham Company, a pioneer institution whose growth has paralleled that of the city. For one hundred and three years the business has been conducted by members of the family, and Edward Ingraham is now president of this well known corporation. A native of Bristol, he was born December 20, 1887, and is a son of William S. and Grace (Seymour) Ingraham, a record of whom appears on another page of this volume.

In the public schools of this city Edward Ingraham obtained his early education and afterward completed a two years' course at Phillips-Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He was next a student at Yale University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910. Entering the Ingraham office as office boy, he handled the billing and pay roll and later spent four years as a traveling salesman for the concern. His responsibilities were gradually increased and eventually he was made assistant treasurer and purchasing agent. On September 29, 1927, he was elected president of the company and under his administration its successful progress is assured. He is also a director of the American Trust Company, the North Side Bank & Trust Company and the Bristol Brass Corporation.

The officers of The E. Ingraham Company are Dudley S. Ingraham, vice president; E. Morton Ingraham, secretary; and William S. Ingraham, treasurer and general manager. The business was started in 1824 by Elias Ingraham, a skilled cabinetmaker, who first made clock cases under contract for Lawson and Chauncey



Ives. In 1843 he was joined by his brother, Andrew Ingraham and Elisha C. Brewster, who comprised the firm of Brewster & Ingrahams, which existed until 1848. The next owners, E. & A. Ingraham, conducted the business until 1855, when a fire destroyed their plant, and in 1859 Elias Ingraham admitted his son Edward to a partnership. They were incorporated in 1881 as E. Ingraham & Company, later changing to The E. Ingraham Company. Of the sixty independent clock producers in Bristol in 1857 this firm is the only direct survivor. Its founder was a man of broad vision, far in advance of his times, and originated the design of the Sharp Gothic clocks. His son, Edward Ingraham, the father of William S. Ingraham, was also endowed with creative genius and was the first to produce the black enameled wood case, for many years the standard finish for fine mantel clocks.

The entire plant is equipped with the most modern machinery obtainable and a large force of skilled American workmen is employed. Owing to the efficiency of operation the output is distributed at a minimum cost, and the growth and success of the industry are attributable to a policy of standardized quantity production, with consequent economies in manufacture combined with an exceedingly low overhead. Rich with the wisdom of years, the firm remains young in spirit and is constantly pressing onward to better ways and higher standards.

At Rutland, Vermont, Edward Ingraham was married September 18, 1918, to Miss Alice Pattie Pease, and they are the parents of four children: Alice, who was born November 12, 1919; William (II), whose natal day was November 2, 1921; Grace Seymour, who was born December 27, 1924; and Ellen Jane, born February 14, 1927.

In October, 1918, Mr. Ingraham was drafted for service in the World war, joining the coast artillery at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, and was attached to the Forty-fourth Division. He had previously been rejected several times on volunteering for service because of defective vision. He held the rank of corporal at his discharge after the armistice. Previous to his enlistment in the regular army he held the rank of first lieutenant in Company L of the Connecticut National Guard. His religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Congregational church, in which he is a deacon. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order and is also a Rotarian. As president of the Boys Club of Bristol, Mr. Ingraham exerts a strong and beneficial influence in the community, and his life presents a forceful example of what constitutes good citizenship.

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#### ERNEST HYDE CADY

Ernest Hyde Cady, a well known representative of insurance interests in Hartford, has been continuously identified with the Travelers Insurance Company during the past quarter of a century and in 1926 was elected assistant secretary of its compensation and liability department. Born in Norwich, Connecticut, June 19, 1873, he is a son of Ernest and Ellen (Hyde) Cady, natives of Stafford, this state. Both his father and grandfather, Ephraim Henry Hyde, served as lieutenant-governors of the state of Connecticut. The former occupies a prominent position in Hartford's industrial circles as president of the Pratt & Cady Company.

Ernest H. Cady completed a high school course by graduation with the class of 1892 and subsequently matriculated in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1895. Thereafter he became connected with Pratt & Cady, but four years later left that company to organize the Hartford Foundry Company, of which he served in the dual official capacity of secretary and treasurer for about four years. On the expiration of that period he sold his interest in the latter concern and in December, 1903, entered the service of the Travelers Insurance Company as a pay roll auditor. In the insurance publication "Protection" the following article appeared in the issue of March 24, 1926: "Ernest H. Cady was elected assistant secretary of the compensation and liability department of the Travelers Insurance Company at a recent meeting of the directors. He has been superintendent of the pay roll audit division of the company for many years. In his new official position he will have enlarged duties in connection with compensation and liability underwriting. \* \* \* It was in 1903 that he came with the Travelers to assist in the establishment of a pay roll audit division. The growth of employers' liability insur-



ance had made it necessary for the company to establish a special division for the auditing of the pay rolls on which employers' liability premiums were based and the handling of premium adjustments. Mr. Cady's entire career with the company has been with the payroll audit division, which has grown to the point where its number of employes is in the neighborhood of two hundred and seventy-five, of which number one hundred and fifty are expert auditors located in offices from coast to coast."

On the 7th of November, 1900, Mr. Cady was united in marriage to Ruth Holmes Gay, of Farmington. They are the parents of five children, as follows: Beatrice, the wife of John W. Clark, of Stamford, Connecticut; Ernest H., Jr.; Richard G., Charles W., and Francis C. The family resides at Farmington.

Mr. Cady made an excellent record as police commissioner of the city of Hartford, which office he held for five years. He has membership in the University Club, the Wampanoag Country Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Country Club of Farmington and the Yale Engineering Association, and has won many friends in the varied relations of life.

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#### GEORGE H. WADDELL

The standing of a community largely depends upon the character of those who represent it in official capacities, and the town of Manchester is fortunate in having as its treasurer and clerk a man of the type of George H. Waddell, who has forcibly demonstrated his qualifications for these branches of public service. A native of Manchester, he was born November 20, 1894, and is a son of Thomas and Minnie (Joyce) Waddell. His early instruction was obtained in the Ninth District school and he next became a member of the class of 1914 of the South Manchester high school, which he left before his graduation to take a course in the Connecticut Business College, a local institution. Mr. Waddell's first position was with Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, with which he spent about one and a half years, and he next joined the clerical force of the Columbia Motor Car Company. In 1913 he accepted a position in the offices of the highway department of the state of Connecticut and at that time laid the foundations for the public service which he was afterward to give to his own town. It was in October, 1916, that he was appointed clerk of the board of selectmen of the town of Manchester and later when the new office of assistant treasurer was created in 1917, Mr. Waddell became the first incumbent. In 1919 he was elected treasurer of the town, succeeding Sanford M. Benton, who had served for many years, and from this time on his connections with the board of selectmen and the town of Manchester have become so important that today he is practically town manager, although Manchester is not yet controlled by a commission form of government. However, Mr. Waddell is so highly proficient in his duties as clerk of the board that his knowledge of its functions and his advice on matters pertaining thereto have been of inestimable value to each successive board of selectmen.

In 1917, soon after the United States was drawn into the vortex of the World war, congress passed the selective service act and Mr. Waddell was made chief registrar for the local board, proving highly efficient in that connection. He was also a member of the Home Service section of the American Red Cross Society, serving on the executive committee of the local war bureau. His capacity for work was such that his aid was sought in every local drive during that period and subsequently he acted as treasurer of a number of campaign committees, thoroughly justifying the trust reposed in him. During the coal crisis of 1922 he was named local fuel administrator, representing the state police department of Connecticut, and through his untiring efforts Manchester was spared much of the suffering that other towns in New England were forced to undergo. In addition to his official activities he is a director of the Home Bank & Trust Company.

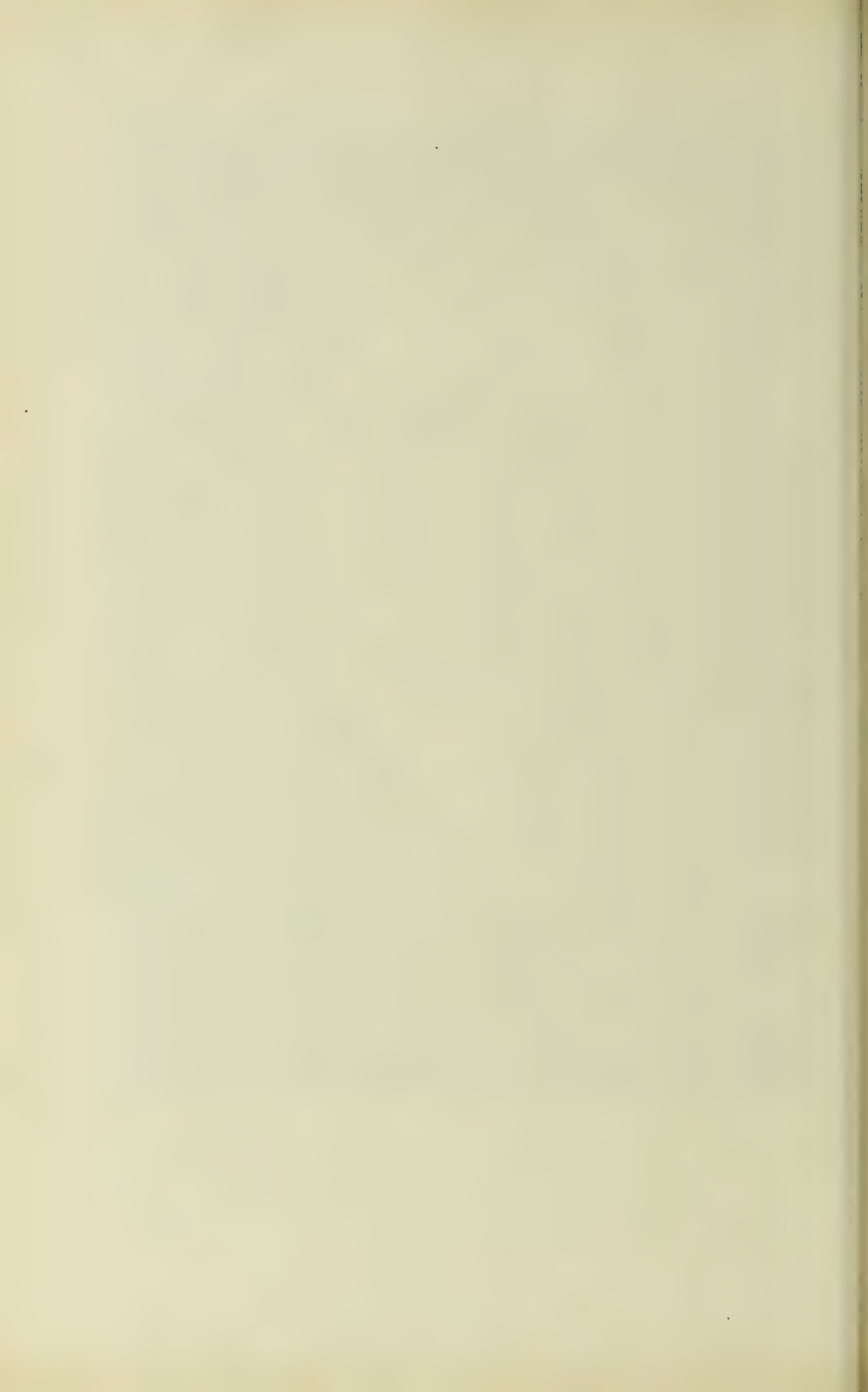
On September 28, 1920, Mr. Waddell was united in marriage to Miss Maybella Darlin, a daughter of G. Ellery and Minnie (Avery) Darlin. G. Ellery Darlin, who removed from East Hartford to Manchester, is now deceased. On the maternal side Mrs. Waddell is a direct descendant of the Avery clan that settled in Groton, Connecticut, in the decade of the '30s of the seventeenth century and won fame in connection with colonial activities and the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Waddell takes a prominent part in the activities of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, of which he has been secretary, and of the Kiwanis Club of Manchester.



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GEORGE H. WADDELL





He is affiliated with the Manchester Country Club and with Hose Company No. 2 of the South Manchester fire department. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being a charter member of Rockville Lodge No. 1359. His Masonic relations are with Manchester Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M.; Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., of Hartford; Rockville Council, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Hartford Council of the Princes of Jerusalem; Cyrus Goodell Chapter of the Rose Croix; Connecticut Consistory at Norwich; Syria Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., at Hartford; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Hartford. In the last named he is serving as chairman of the committee in charge of the Shriners Home for Crippled Children. Mr. Waddell is a young man of exceptional worth and his life, much as it holds of accomplishment, is still rich in promise.

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#### DANIEL HOWARD

Daniel Howard, superintendent of the public schools of Windsor, is a successful educator with a background of thirty-five years of practical experience, and he has also achieved prominence as a historian and author. He inherited the rich mental and moral force of a long line of worthy ancestors and has added thereto the interest of his own individuality. A native of Foster, Rhode Island, he was born December 15, 1864, and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of that state. Isaac Howard, the American progenitor of the family, was an Englishman and became one of the colonial settlers of Rhode Island. His son, Daniel Howard, served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war and was a man of prominence in his community, filling the offices of town clerk, member of the general assembly and judge of the Rhode Island court of common pleas. He was the father of Daniel Howard, who also figured conspicuously in public affairs, becoming town clerk, a member of the Rhode Island legislature and judge of the court of common pleas. His son, Horace Howard, was one of the framers of the Rhode Island constitution of 1842 and the grandfather of Daniel Howard, whose father was Pardon Tillinghast Howard. The last named was born in Foster Center, Rhode Island, August 2, 1839, and followed the occupation of farming, later becoming a teacher and land surveyor. His wife, Ann Louisa (Stone) Howard, was born in Cranston, Rhode Island, March 2, 1846, and was also of English lineage.

The public schools of Foster afforded Daniel Howard his early educational advantages and he next attended an academy in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. His higher studies were pursued in Brown University, in which he won the A. B. degree in 1893, and in 1898 the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him. He left Foster in 1889 and spent four years in Providence, Rhode Island. Before entering college he was a district school teacher and has engaged in educational work continuously since 1893. For a year he was principal of the high school at Wallingford, Connecticut, and then accepted a similar position in Windsor Locks, this state, assuming his duties in 1894. The record which he made in that connection won him the appointment of superintendent of the joint supervision district composed of Suffield and Windsor Locks, of which he had charge until 1916, and has since had supervision of the Windsor schools, which have made notable progress during the intervening period of twelve years. He thoroughly understands the needs of the pupils and also has the requisite tact, enthusiasm and executive force. Studious by nature, he keeps in close touch with the modern ideas in regard to the education of children and has been active in school organization work for the promotion of "individual opportunity." History and civics are subjects in which Mr. Howard is deeply interested and thoroughly informed. He has a decided gift for writing and is the author of the following volumes: "Isaac Howard and his Descendants"; "American History, Government and Institutions"; "Connecticut History Stories"; and "The United States, its History, Government and Institutions," written in collaboration with S. J. Brown.

Mr. Howard was married November 6, 1887, in Foster, Rhode Island, to Miss Sarah Wilbur Randall, who was born June 12, 1863, in that town. She is of English ancestry and one of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her parents, Job and Alzada Elvira (Howard) Randall, were also natives of Foster. The father was born October 2, 1823, and the mother November 15, 1836. Mr. Howard votes with

the republican party and was town clerk of Foster during 1888-89, discharging the duties of that office with characteristic thoroughness and efficiency. He is a member of the University Club of Hartford, Connecticut, the Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Gamma Mu national honorary scholarship fraternities, and many local, state and national educational organizations. While a resident of Windsor Locks he became a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M., and is also identified with the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are members of the Eastern Star of Windsor Locks and of the First Church of Christ, Congregationalist, and closely observe the teachings of the church. Impelled by high ideals, Mr. Howard has utilized practical methods in their attainment, and his life has been a serviceable factor in the cause of human progress.

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#### AUGUSTINE LONERGAN

Among those who have been active in shaping the history of Connecticut is Augustine Lonergan, lawyer and lawmaker, who has left the impress of his individuality and ability upon congressional activities and whose public service has ever been characterized by the utmost devotion to duty. Mr. Lonergan was born in Thompson, Connecticut, May 20, 1874, his parents being Michael and Mary (Quinn) Lonergan. The father, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, was just nineteen years of age when, having completed his education, he came to the new world and after learning the trade of wool spinning in Webster, Massachusetts, he won various promotions until he became foreman of the spinning department of a woolen mill at that place. He afterward resided successively in Putnam, Thompson and Rockville and passed away in 1894, while his widow survived until 1899. She was the daughter of Thomas Quinn, a sea captain, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who operated a line of boats between Boston and Nova Scotian ports.

Augustine Lonergan attended the schools of Rockville and Bridgeport and devoted his evening hours to further study while employed during the day. It was his ambition to become a member of the bar and he utilized every opportunity that would lead to the fulfillment of his purpose, pursuing a course in the Yale Law School that gained him his LL. B. degree at his graduation in 1902. Both prior to and after his admission to the Connecticut bar he was associated with the prominent law firm of Perkins & Perkins and gained valuable experience during the three years spent in that employ. He then opened an office and with the exception of the period of his congressional work he has been continuously engaged in practice in Hartford, where he has made rapid advancement, preparing his cases with great thoroughness and skill, his devotion to his clients' interests being proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. For many years his practice has been of a most important character, connecting him with the work of the state and federal courts and of the United States supreme court, and such is his high professional standing that he is numbered among the honored members of the Hartford Bar Association, the Connecticut State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Aside from his law practice his activity has chiefly been directed in the field of politics as a firm supporter of democratic principles. In 1910 he was the nominee of his party in the first Connecticut congressional district, then composed of Hartford and Tolland counties, but was defeated by E. Stevens Henry. Two years afterward, however, he was elected to that office notwithstanding Hartford county went republican. In 1914 he was again the defeated candidate and in 1916 again the successful candidate, and in the latter year he was given a record-breaking majority. He was elected to congress for a third term in 1918 and was the democratic nominee for the United States senate in 1920. He was chosen chairman in Connecticut of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation and a member of the advisory committee to make provision for the establishment of the metropolitan district comprising Hartford and several surrounding towns. His congressional record reflects credit and honor upon the state which sent him to the national legislative halls, for on the three occasions of his election he took his seat in congress with high purpose to advance to the extent of his power the interests and welfare of the nation. He did important committee work and stood loyally at all times for those interests which he believed



to be of vital worth to the country. Hartford, too, has benefitted by his services in municipal affairs. He was a member of the city plan commission and also was assistant corporation counsel. He was made a member of the dedication committee of the municipal building and he served as a director of the Chamber of Commerce. What he undertakes he accomplishes and his plans are always well defined and promptly executed. Public opinion accords him a prominent position in the ranks of the most able and successful lawyers of Hartford, while public records attest his valuable work for community, commonwealth and country.

At Washington, D. C., on the 29th of October, 1921, Mr. Lonergan was united in marriage to Lucy Waters, daughter of Dr. Charles H. and Ella (Yates) Waters. They are the parents of four children: Ruth Ellen, Lucy Waters, Ann Yates and Mary Lee. The family residence is at 48 Forest street in Hartford.

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#### PHILIP J. SMITH

Philip J. Smith is at the head of the oldest monumental firm in Hartford county, conducting a substantial business in New Britain under the name of T. C. Smith Sons. He is a son of T. C. Smith, who was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and came to New Britain about 1865. In 1885 T. C. Smith began the manufacture of monuments and tombstones and the company has been operating continuously throughout the intervening period of forty-three years. In 1921, at the time of the father's death, the business was taken over by three sons—Thomas C., Philip J. and Edward J. Smith—and has since been carried on under a partnership connection. The father began operating on a small scale and the business has grown to many times the original size, although it is still conducted on the same site where the father made his first monument. He erected the present building in 1885 and with the passing years the superior workmanship shown in connection with the monuments turned out by the firm and the reliable business methods of the partners have brought to the establishment a very extensive and gratifying patronage.

The father, T. C. Smith, was a supporter of the democratic party and for three terms served as alderman, taking a helpful interest in promoting the civic welfare of the community. He ranked high as a citizen and his sterling worth of character commended him to the confidence and good will of all who knew him. His religious faith was indicated in his connection with St. Mary's Catholic church. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Collins and they had a family of seven sons and two daughters, of whom James is engaged in the steamfitting business, while the others are active in different lines outside the city save the brothers who are carrying on the business which was established by the father.

Of these Thomas C. Smith was born in 1884, Philip J. in 1887 and Edward in 1899. Taking over the business which the father had organized and placed upon a substantial basis, they have carried it forward and their labors have been largely resultant. Today their handiwork is seen in cemeteries throughout Hartford county and their high standards are manifest in artistic designs and finished products. In addition to the manufacture of monuments they have been handling coal since July, 1926, selling to the retail trade, with coal yards at 1193 East street, and something of the continuous growth of their patronage in this connection is shown by the fact that they operate three trucks. The brothers have adhered to the religious faith of the parents and are identified with St. Mary's church.

Philip J. Smith is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and his brothers are likewise advocates of the same political teaching. Philip J. is a member of the civil service commission of New Britain and of the civic meeting board, Thomas C. having also served on this board. Thomas C. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Murphy and they have become parents of five children, the family home being maintained in Hartford.

The family has been well represented in the military activities of the country. William J., Francis A., Edward J. and Philip J. all served in the World war, William J. and Philip J. having been connected with the infantry branch of the army, the latter serving overseas in the Forty-seventh or Rainbow Division, while William J. was instructor in numerous camps. Francis A. and Edward J. were in the ord-



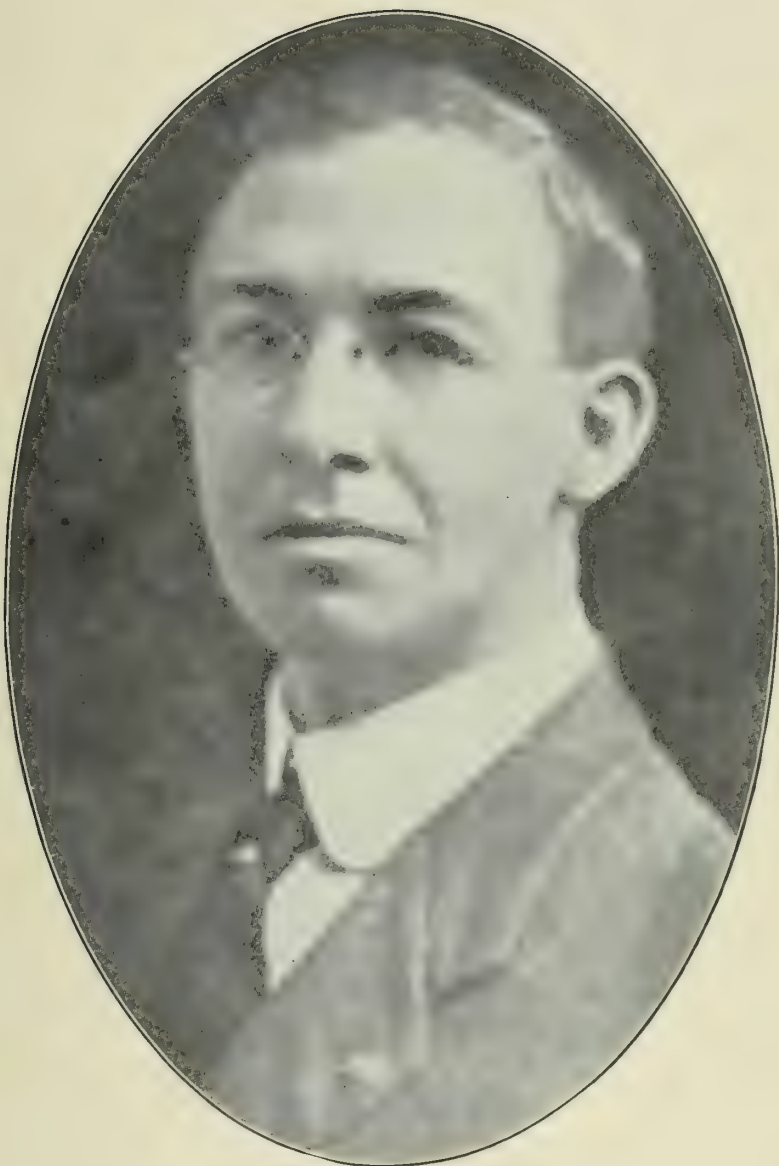
nance department and all faithfully served their country in the posts to which they were assigned, doing all in their power to further the interests for which the country entered the world strife. Philip, Edward and William Smith are all members of Eddy Glover Post of the American Legion and in matters of citizenship they stand for progress and development, while in business they have steadily advanced until their position is a creditable one and their success most gratifying.

#### GEORGE G. McCLUNIE

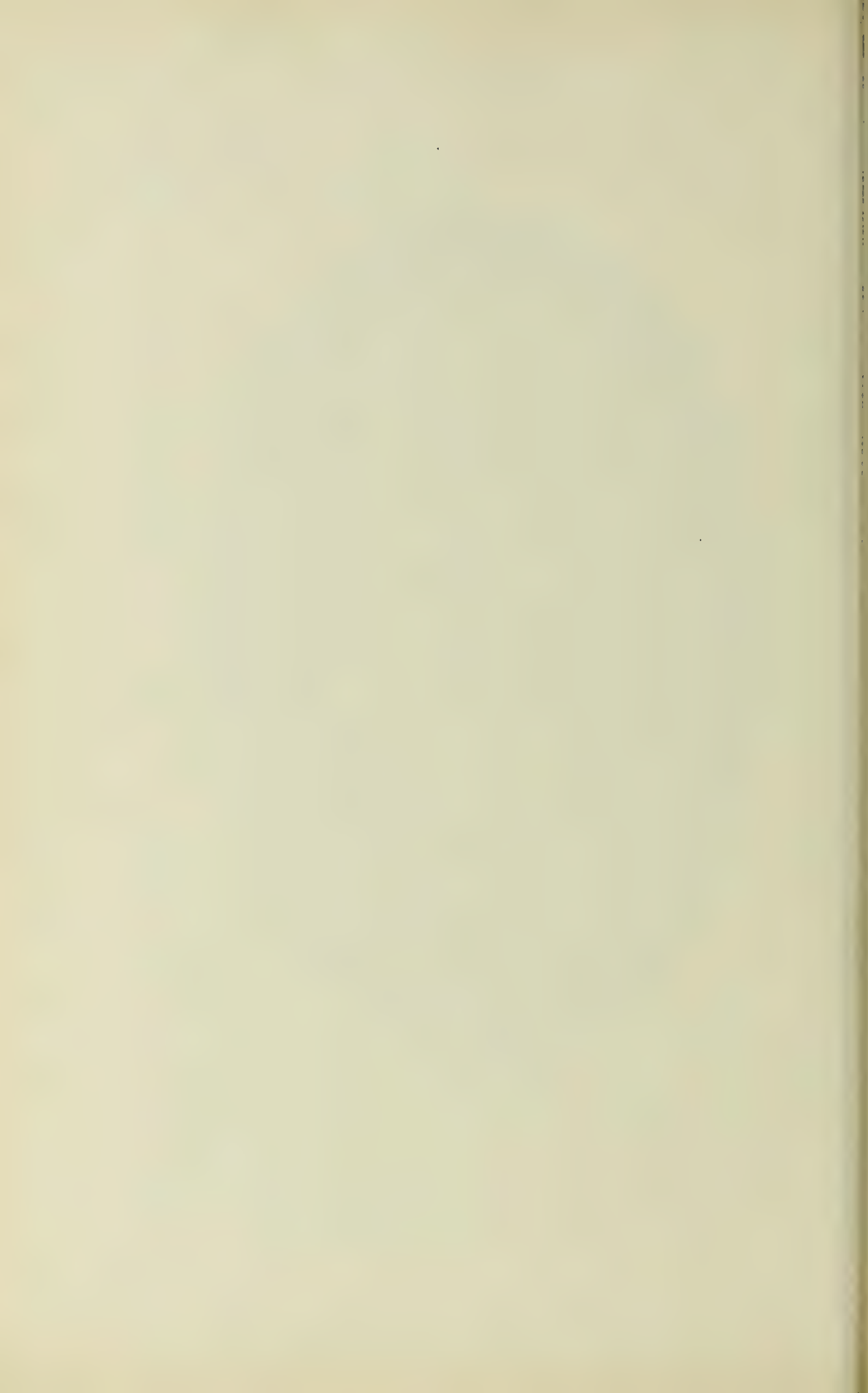
George G. McClunie, a prominent florist of Hartford, has devoted his life to this business, in which members of the family have been engaged successfully for more than a century, becoming known throughout New England owing to their activities in this connection. The father, Thomas B. McClunie, was born in Thorn Hill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and his higher education was acquired in Edinburgh University, in which Thomas Carlyle, the noted historian, and William Meggett, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, were also students. When a young man of twenty-one he left Scotland and was chief engineer on the Panama Canal when it was owned by the French. The work was retarded by the lack of proper sanitary measures and many of his men died of yellow fever. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Rhode Island Seventh Infantry and owing to his bravery was made first sergeant of his company. Among the notable engagements in which he participated were the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness and he was thrice wounded in action. Afterward he embarked in business as a florist and landscape gardener and built the first range of greenhouses in New England. He owned the property where the Whiting greenhouses are now located and also was the proprietor of the old City Gardens. To Mr. McClunie was intrusted the task of laying out Bushnell, Elizabeth and Charter Oak parks and the grounds surrounding the state capitol of Connecticut, and he also had charge of the work of designing and beautifying the grounds of the late Senator Dixon's home, the trees being hauled by ox team from Farmington. He married Ann Elizabeth McElroy, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters, namely: Joseph Alexander, Thomas R., Gaius William and George G. McClunie; Mrs. Fred C. Burnham, of Hampton, Connecticut; Mrs. Charles E. Day, who resides in Hadlyme, this state; and Miss Helen McClunie, a teacher at the New Park Avenue school in Hartford.

Joseph Alexander McClunie, the eldest son, was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in October, 1853, and for a time was associated with his father, later opening a flower shop in Hartford in partnership with G. William McClunie. Joseph A. McClunie was also a landscape gardener of note and planned the Stafford Springs cemetery, likewise designing the grounds of the Woods estate in Simsbury. He made the floral arches for battle flag day, September 17, 1879, and afterward organized the Hartford Decorating Company. In that venture he was associated with his brother Thomas and as the years passed the business assumed extensive proportions. They used flags, bunting, silk and satin for decorating purposes and were recognized as artists in that line of work. The firm decorated the state capitol for Senator Platt's anniversary, the White House in Washington for an inaugural ball, and was called upon to perform work of that character in many parts of the country.

G. William McClunie was born in Pittsfield, July 17, 1855, obtained his first knowledge of floriculture under the direction of his father, and was engaged in that business in Hartford for fifty-three years. The shop was at No. 80 Church street. In partnership with his brother, the late Joseph A. McClunie, he opened a floral establishment at No. 224 Asylum street, Hartford, in 1875 and later they were joined by Thomas R. McClunie. Success attended the undertaking and as a result of their combined efforts this became recognized as the city's leading firm of florists. For fifty-three years G. William McClunie engaged continuously in the business and at his death in 1928, at the age of seventy-three, was the dean of New England florists. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Crampton, of No. 692 Broadview terrace, who has two children, Lois and Richard Crampton. Mr. McClunie was a member of Charter Oak Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and would have completed his fiftieth year in that organization had he lived



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until December. He also belonged to the Hartford Lodge of Elks and was a veteran of the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard.

George G. McClunie, the surviving brother, was born in New London, Connecticut, September 17, 1869, and was but six months old when his parents settled in Hartford. His education was acquired in the public schools of the city and at an early age he began to prepare for his chosen vocation, working for his brothers for a number of years. Inheriting a special aptitude for floricultural pursuits, he readily mastered the details of the work and in 1893 began his independent career. For thirty-five years he has successfully conducted the business, which is located at No. 185 Main street and is regarded as the finest floral shop in Hartford. His green-houses are filled with beautiful plants and flowers and occupy a large space. The work is conducted on a scientific basis and the business is managed with system and efficiency.

On the 30th of June, 1897, Mr. McClunie was united in marriage to Miss Annie S. Callender, of Berlin, Connecticut, and their attractive and hospitable home in Hartford has long been a center of the city's social life. Mr. McClunie served in the Hartford City Guard and joined the First Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, holding the rank of sergeant major. He belongs to Hartford Camp, No. 50, of the Sons of Union Veterans; Clan Gordon of the O. C. S.; Summit Lodge, No. 45, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Khoram Sanctorum, No. 95, of the M. O. S., of which he is a trustee. In matters of citizenship he is loyal and public-spirited and champions every movement for Hartford's growth and betterment. Mr. McClunie has established an enviable reputation as a business man and his record reflects credit and honor upon the family.

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#### FRANCIS G. WAY

A man of well balanced capacities and powers, Francis G. Way has become an outstanding figure in manufacturing circles of East Glastonbury and is also active in civic affairs. A native of Connecticut, he was born in New London in 1879, a son of James A. and Mary Alice Way. The father was a prosperous agriculturist and for a number of years lived retired in East Lyme. He was an adherent of the democratic party and a man of prominence in his community. He died in 1915 and his wife passed away in 1921.

In the acquirement of an education Francis G. Way attended the public schools of East Lyme and New London and completed his studies in the law school of Yale University. He was admitted to the bar in 1904 and practiced for two years in New London. In 1906 he became connected with the Angus Park Manufacturing Company, which purchased the business of the Crosby Manufacturing Company and was incorporated at that time. The plant was enlarged and most of the old equipment has been replaced by new machinery. The company manufactures fine woolen cloth, selling through commission houses, and is nationally known. The Airlie Mills at Hanover, Connecticut, and the Assawaga Mills at Dayville, this state, are all under the same management and this is classed with the largest industries of the kind in the United States. Mr. Way was secretary of the corporation for about eleven years and since 1917 has been its president. That he is a business man of rare acumen and an executive of superior ability is indicated by the scope and importance of the industry and he also has financial interests, serving on the directorate of the Glastonbury Bank & Trust Company.

In 1906 Mr. Way married Miss Margaret Park, a daughter of Angus Park, and they have become the parents of three children: Elizabeth Eadie, aged eighteen, a student at Connecticut College in New London; Frances G., who is thirteen years of age and a sophomore in high school; and Angus Park, aged ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Way are members of the East Glastonbury Methodist Episcopal church and he is chairman of its board of trustees. A strong republican, he exerts considerable influence in local politics and his public spirit is expressed by service on the Glastonbury board of finance. He belongs to the Home Guard and aided his country during the World war by manufacturing material for the government in his plants. Mr. Way is a Knight Templar and Consistory Mason and Shriner, and is a member of the Hartford Rotary Club, the Manchester Country Club and others.

Genuine, frank and unassuming, he cares nothing for the artificialities of life, and is broad in his views, progressive in his standards and holds to high ideals—a fine type of the modern business man.

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#### EDWARD P. DUNNE, M. D.

Dr. Edward P. Dunne, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Unionville, was born in Collinsville, Connecticut, in 1888 and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (McNamara) Dunne. The father, a farmer by occupation, was a representative of one of the oldest families of Hartford county.

Having acquired his early education in the schools of Collinsville, Edward P. Dunne afterward attended St. Thomas Seminary of Hartford and Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, where he was graduated in 1912, the Bachelor of Arts degree being conferred upon him. He next matriculated in the University of Maryland and won his professional degree upon graduation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1916. He next put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test by serving as interne in St. Agnes Hospital until the 1st of October, 1917, when he came to Unionville, opened an office and entered upon the private practice of his chosen profession. Here he has since remained and has won an excellent general practice, in addition to which he does some minor surgery. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought and methods of the profession through wide reading and observation and his labors have brought about excellent results in the sickroom. He has served on the medical examining board at Plainville and also as medical examiner of the public schools of Unionville and he belongs to the Hartford County Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

In 1917 Dr. Dunne was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sudsburg, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and they are now parents of five children: Ann and Patricia, who are attending school in Unionville; Mary; Edward; and Betty. Dr. Dunne is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Catholic Order of Foresters and he holds membership in St. Mary's Catholic church. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Unionville and to the Avon Country Club, but no outside activities or interests are allowed to interfere with the faithful performance of his duty in the line of his chosen life work. He is rendering effective service in connection with several of the hospitals of Hartford county and at all times he is most careful in diagnosis and in the application of remedial agencies whereby health and strength are restored.

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#### THOMAS J. SPELLACY

Thomas J. Spellacy, who has risen to leadership in democratic circles in Connecticut and who as an attorney has made for himself a creditable name and place at the Hartford bar, is now devoting his time and energies to those professional and political interests which he deems of greatest moment, and that his labors are far-reaching and resultant has been manifest in many events which have left their impress upon the history of the state.

A native son of Hartford, Mr. Spellacy was born March 6, 1880, his parents being James and Catherine (Bourke) Spellacy. The father served as assessor of Hartford as early as 1869 and his sons have inherited his interest in vital political situations, one of them, John F. Spellacy, having served as chairman of the democratic committee in the old fifth ward, while another son, Frank P. Spellacy, represented that ward in the city council.

Along the same line a third son, Thomas J. Spellacy, has directed his interests and attention, but that has been since he has reached adult age and had had some experience at the bar. His early education was acquired in the public schools, including a high school, and in a private school conducted by Miss Burbank, and he always recounts with great pride as a reminiscence of his boyhood days that he conducted a successful campaign through a high school paper to do away with white walls in the schoolhouse, causing the walls to be tinted. Enthused with the idea, he approached the



late Charles Noel Flagg, an artist, with the request that he would write an article favoring tinted walls, for the school paper, under the head of "Timely Suggestions." The article appeared and was followed by editorial comment from the pen of Mr. Spellacy, who gave various practical reasons for the change being made. Even the boy himself did not know how far-reaching were his efforts, for his suggestion was taken up by the *Courant* and carried on by other newspapers until it became a nationwide movement. After he had mastered the elementary branches of learning he attended the Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts. In his youthful days he was ambitious to enter the journalistic field and at intervals worked on the *Hartford Telegram*. He also acted as correspondent for other newspapers, and though the profession was then largely underpaid, through the establishment of these connections he succeeded in winning a salary of from thirty-five to sixty dollars a week. It was largely his mother's influence that turned him to the profession of law and he attended the Georgetown Law School, from which he was graduated in 1901. He then returned to newspaper work in Hartford, however, but with the intention of marrying and establishing a home of his own and with the belief that law practice would bring him better financial returns to support that home, he took the bar examination in 1902, was admitted to practice in January, 1903, and began professional work in earnest. His record as a lawyer has been characterized by a masterful grasp of the problems presented for solution, by careful preparation of his cases and by marked fidelity to the interests of his clients.

This was particularly manifest when one of his clients, an employe of the Standard Oil Company, was convicted of selling illuminating oil below test and under an old law passed in 1860 was sentenced to forty days in the county jail. Mr. Spellacy believed this was an unfair verdict, as his client was only the agent of the Standard Oil Company and had nothing to do with the quality of the oil which he sold, but the sentence was mandatory and therefore he knew relief could only be obtained by having the law changed. To gain time he took an appeal to the supreme court of errors, and then without wasting time in trying to influence legislators, he became a candidate for the state senate from his district and won the election. Then he sought to bring about a change and in January, 1907, the first act passed by the legislature was an act whereby a judge might suspend execution of a sentence on a person convicted and place him on probation. It was thus that Mr. Spellacy's political career was launched and from that time to the present he has never ceased to be a prominent and influential factor in the democratic party and a leader in shaping the political history of the state. He labored untiringly to secure the passage of the workmen's compensation law, which in due time was placed on the statute books of the commonwealth. In 1912 he received the democratic nomination for mayor of Hartford but was defeated, and after being named an alternate to the democratic national convention in Baltimore he attended as a delegate-at-large, as his superior, W. O. Burr, was unable to attend. He has been chairman of the democratic town committee and a member of the state central committee and on the 30th of June, 1915, he received a recess appointment to the office of United States district attorney from President Wilson and was regularly appointed January 11, 1916. He was a great admirer and warm champion of President Wilson, whom he first met at a quiet little dinner in New York in 1910, on which occasion it was proposed that Mr. Spellacy perfect an organization among the young men in Connecticut and so bring out the party strength by securing their cooperation. He relates that some years later he was on the steamship on which the president and Mrs. Wilson were returning from their first trip to France after the war. Daily or oftener he inquired concerning Mrs. Spellacy, who was in poor health, and tendered the services of his personal physician, Rear Admiral Grayson. Moreover, when he inquired concerning why the deck on which the presidential party was quartered was not generally used and learned that it had been reserved for him, he gave orders to have it opened to everybody on the boat, including four thousand soldiers returning from the war. As district attorney during the war, Mr. Spellacy headed a huge organization to prevent sabotage in the state. At that time Connecticut was manufacturing fifty-five per cent of the small arms made in this country, and as nearly every factory was a government arsenal, it was vital that the government should exercise the strictest supervision in preventing sabotage. By coordinating the work of various branches of the government intelligence and protective departments Mr. Spellacy carried out the purpose intended and there were no disasters in the state of Connecticut through the period of his incumbency in office and there was but one strike during that time, this being at Bridgeport, where it was settled within twenty-four



hours. In December, 1918, Mr. Spellacy was appointed by President Wilson to act as civilian member of a commission in connection with Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, and Lieutenant Commander John Hancock of the United States Navy, to go abroad, settle claims against the navy, demobilize it and assist in the settlement of general affairs connected therewith. That work required his attention for two months overseas, with headquarters in Paris and London, and although the problems presented were stupendous, they were successfully accomplished by Mr. Spellacy and his associates. It was his purpose to resume the private practice of law upon his return, but again the president called upon him for public service, appointing him to fill a vacancy as assistant attorney general of the department of justice. He had been approached three times before he consented to undertake this work, which had to do with the handling of alien property, and acceptably served in that capacity from November 19, 1919, until January, 1921, when he tendered his resignation. Mr. Spellacy was the democratic candidate for governor in 1918 and for United States senator in 1922, but with little hope of election because of the great majorities which the republican party has always piled up in Connecticut, but was defeated for governor by only eight thousand votes. In 1926 he was chosen democratic national committeeman of Connecticut by the state central committee, upon the resignation of Homer S. Cummings, and today he is the acknowledged leader of his party in the commonwealth and one whose opinions carry weight in the national party councils.

On the 25th of November, 1903, Mr. Spellacy was married to Miss Nellie Walsh, whose parents, Thomas and Mary (Gaitley) Walsh, were residents of Middletown, Connecticut. He has had comparatively little time for social activities yet has membership in the National Democratic Club of New York, the Catholic Club of New York, Sequin Golf Club and Wampanoag Club of Hartford and the Elks lodge and the Knights of Columbus. He is always social, genial and courteous, and a ready adaptability to every situation and to every demand upon him has made for both popularity and for his success in the political and the professional field.

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#### WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN

William J. Mulligan, attorney at law of Hartford, was born in Thompsonville, Connecticut, June 2, 1881, and is a son of William and Frances (Browne) Mulligan, natives of East Windsor, this state. His ancestors came from Ireland about 1830, settling in Hartford county, where the grandfather of William J. Mulligan carried on business as a stone mason. His father was quite prominent locally, being one of its leading business men and holding several offices in the town of Enfield.

William J. Mulligan supplemented his public school training with a preparatory course in Phillips Exeter and Williston Seminary and was graduated from the Yale Law School with the class of 1904, being admitted to the bar the same year. He then opened an office in Thompsonville, and though advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, made steady and substantial progress, the volume of his business justifying his opening an office in Hartford in 1915. Mr. Mulligan was prosecuting attorney in the town of Enfield for six years and was also town counsel during the same period. He continued his practice in both places until October, 1923, when he centered his interests in the capital city, where he has since given his entire time to his law practice, which is now extensive and of an important character. The thoroughness with which he prepares his cases is one of his marked characteristics and no one ever questions his devotion to the interests of his clients.

During the World war period, Mr. Mulligan was chairman of war activities for the Knights of Columbus, his committee having in charge all the camps of the country and all of the work of that organization among the American forces overseas. During this period Mr. Mulligan made several trips across the Atlantic to supervise the camp work of the Knights of Columbus, having his office and headquarters in Paris, and following the signing of the armistice he went with the army of occupation into Germany for the relief of the soldiers, spending some time in his work in that field. The work of establishing centers for the service of soldiers and sailors in Italy and the British Isles was also initiated and carried on under his direction. When Ignace

Paderewski was Premier of Poland Mr. Mulligan arranged with him when he was in Paris for a special train-load of supplies to be sent to Poland. "Everything Free," the important part of the K. of C. slogan "Everybody Welcome and Everything Free" was originated and kept in force and effect during the entire war service of the K. of C. through the efforts of Mr. Mulligan. He received two decorations from France and was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Benedict XV. His activities in connection with the war having ended, in the spring of 1921 he resumed his practice in Hartford.

On the 15th of June, 1905, Mr. Mulligan was married to Miss Kathleen Keefe of New Haven, and they have become parents of three children—William, Jean and Kathleen, who with their parents occupy an attractive home at 69 Bloomfield avenue.

Mr. Mulligan has his office at 484 Ann street, in a beautiful apartment building which he owns. Fordham University has conferred upon him the LL. D. degree, as has also Holy Cross College. In addition to his connection with the Knights of Columbus he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is prominently known in club circles, having membership in the Yale Club of New York city, the Yale Club of Hartford, the Hartford Club, the Wampanoag Country Club, the Misquamicut Golf Club at Watch Hill, Rhode Island, the Watch Hill Riding Club, the Watch Hill Yacht Club, the Keney Park Riding Club and the Connecticut Editorial Association. Not only has he gained a prominent position in professional circles but has reached out along widening lines of usefulness, aiding his fellowmen in many particulars.

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#### WILLIAM FRANCIS DELANEY

For twenty-one years William Francis Delaney was an active member of the Connecticut bar and was called upon to fill various offices in New Britain, where he made his home. He ranked as a representative lawyer and citizen there and his death, on the 23d of April, 1924, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. New Britain numbered him among her native sons, for he was born here August 23, 1872. His parents were Edward and Margaret (McMann) Delaney, the former a son of Dr. James Delaney, of Bellacola, Ireland, who came to the United States in 1809 and founded the family in the new world.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, William F. Delaney enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the graded and high schools of New Britain, and with a desire to become a member of the bar, he afterward matriculated in the Niagara Law School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. He put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test in the office of Judge Bernard Gaffney, of New Britain, with whom he spent the year 1903, and in that year was admitted to the Connecticut bar. He established an independent law practice in 1912 and with the passing years became closely associated with much important work heard in the courts of the district. The thoroughness and care with which he prepared his cases, combined with a naturally analytical and logical mind, enabled him to make steady progress in his chosen calling and he enjoyed a substantial measure of success. His fellow townsmen, too, recognized his ability and called upon him for public service on various occasions. He filled the office of park commissioner, was chairman of the city council and postmaster of New Britain from 1916 until a few days prior to his death, his retirement from the office occurring on the 12th of April, 1924. In every position which he filled he was loyal to the trust reposed in him and discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. He always supported the democratic party, being a firm believer in its principles.

On the 9th of October, 1900, Mr. Delaney was married to Miss Anne Elizabeth McCabe, a daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Coogan) McCabe, of New York. They became parents of two sons. The elder, Francis William, born July 15, 1902, was graduated from Yale University in 1927 and is now a student in the Harvard Law School. The younger son, Edward Patrick, was born July 14, 1904.

Mr. Delaney was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He also belonged to the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he filled all of the chairs, and was a member of the New Britain lodge of the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks, of which he was a past exalted ruler. He had attractive social qualities which endeared him to his friends, who were many, and thus his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret to those who knew him, as well



as to his immediate family, to whom he was ever a devoted husband and father, finding his greatest pleasure in promoting the joy and happiness of those of his own fireside.

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#### WILLIAM R. BATTEY

William R. Battey's connection with Hartford and its development was that of an enterprising merchant whose life measured up to high ethical standards in the commercial world. As the years passed he so wisely and capably directed his labors that he came to be the head of one of the largest shoe houses in New England, conducting two separate stores in Hartford. He came to Connecticut from Rhode Island, he having been born at Fiskville in the latter state September 18, 1872, a son of John Alden and Nancy (Matthewson) Battey. When he was a youth of sixteen years he entered the shoe trade in Providence as an employe. In 1898 he arrived in Hartford, where his previous experience enabled him to secure the position of shoe buyer for the firm of H. & D. Daniel, and while thus engaged he developed that department of their store into a large business. Ambitious, however, to enter the field independently and garner the profits of his own labors, he opened a small store in 1909, investing a capital of five hundred dollars and thus securing a small stock. His only assistant was an errand boy, while Mr. Battey cared for the trade. From that humble beginning the business steadily grew until the original store had reached extensive proportions and a second store was opened, the two establishments furnishing employment to fifty-eight clerks. It was in 1917 that he opened his store on Main street, where his patronage increased so steadily that it became necessary to open a basement department, and in the same year he established the "bargain annex" on Trumbull street. He constantly studied the trade and the market and was frequently able to purchase shoes at reduced prices in carload lots and always gave the benefit of this saving to his patrons.

In 1913 Mr. Battey was united in marriage to Miss Marie Besse, a daughter of Joseph L. Besse, mentioned elsewhere in this work. They became the parents of two children, Jean and Louis Battey. Death came very suddenly to Mr. Battey and he was laid to rest in the old family cemetery in his native city. He belonged to Hartford Lodge, F. & A. M., to the Hartford lodge of Elks and to the Sequin Golf Club and his social, genial nature made him many friends both within and outside these organizations. He possessed a most generous nature which found expression in many deeds of kindness where often the recipient did not know the identity of the benefactor. When he passed on, one who had close business relations with him said: "I have lost my best friend, and so has each of the employes of his organization. Mr. Battey appreciated everything we did. If we made mistakes that meant a financial loss to him there was no criticism. He was liberal, friendly and always kind." This opinion was shared by all with whom he came in contact during the long years of his residence in Hartford, his pronounced characteristics being such as endeared him to his fellowmen and most of all to those who came within the close circle of his friendship and of his home. He was fifty-one years of age when death called him in 1923.

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#### JOSEPH LOUIS BESSE

There is perhaps no record in this work that indicates more clearly the possibilities that are to be found in America by young men of foreign birth than does that of Joseph Louis Besse, who for many years was a prominent and prosperous caterer of Hartford, building up a business of extensive and gratifying proportions. He was born in Piacenza, Italy, May 18, 1854, and was a son of James Besse, who, crossing the Atlantic, established his home in Boston, Massachusetts, where he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Louisa Molyer, was also a native of the sunny land of Italy and they became the parents of fourteen children, of whom three are yet living.

Joseph L. Besse pursued his education largely in Germany, where he went to





JOSEPH L. BESSE



make his home with an uncle when a little lad of seven years. He continued to reside in that country until 1872, when he responded to the call of the new world and for eleven years thereafter continued a resident of New York. Early in that period he acted as cook in hotels and he also learned the business of ice cream manufacturing under Maresi, who was regarded as the foremost exponent of that business in the United States. For a two-year period Mr. Besse filled the responsible position of foreman in Margadant's store in New York and the year 1883 witnessed his arrival in Hartford, where he established business on his own account by opening a confectionery store and ice cream parlor at 701 Main street, where he continued in business to the time of his demise. He studied closely the desires of the public and made his establishment so attractive in appearance and by reason of the excellent line of goods which he carried that within two months' time his patronage necessitated the constant use of two delivery wagons. For five years he carried on business in association with his brother Peter under the firm style of P. & J. Besse and in 1888 Peter Besse went to Boston, where he opened a similar establishment on Tremont street, the partnership continuing between the brothers until 1895. Three years before Joseph L. Besse had erected an addition to the store in Hartford in order to meet the demands of the growing business, which had developed into one of the largest of the kind in the state. He was engaged for many large dinners and state functions and his services were again and again sought as caterer for weddings, receptions and banquets. On one occasion, as caterer, he served twenty-seven hundred people in a single day and from 1894 until 1897 he conducted a restaurant. He died January 11, 1913.

In 1882 Mr. Besse married Miss Jeanne Dalleas, a native of France, who passed away in September, 1905. They were parents of five children, as follows: James Pierre, who died in 1926; Marie Elizabeth; Alice Elinore; Aurelia Gertrude, who died in 1916, and Louis Antoine, who died in 1914. Mr. Besse had a wide acquaintance in Hartford and was well known throughout the city. He belonged to the Gentlemen's Driving Club, the Hartford Yacht Club and the Colt Revolver Club, and his genial qualities made him a favorite in an extensive circle of friends. He deserved much credit for what he accomplished in a business way, as he started out in life empty-handed and by persistency of purpose worked his way upward, making wise use of his time, talents and opportunities until success in substantial measure was his.

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#### HARRY L. F. LOCKE, M. D.

While a member of the medical profession and well acquainted with the basic principles of medical science, it is in the field of pediatrics that Dr. Harry L. F. Locke has become widely known, having gained notable prominence by reason of his highly developed skill in this particular line. His training was thorough and he has constantly broadened his knowledge by wide reading and research, while through experience he has gained many valuable lessons.

A native son of Massachusetts, Dr. Locke was born in Hudson, October 30, 1886, his parents being Frank D. and Carrie L. (Woodward) Locke, now residents of Marlboro, Massachusetts. The family is directly descended from Hannah Dustin, of Haverhill, where a monument has been erected to her memory. After attending high school in his native city Dr. Locke prepared for his professional career as a student in Tufts College Medical School of Boston, there winning his M. D. degree in 1912. He gained valuable experience as interne in the Boston Floating Hospital for one year and he also spent six months in the Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, four months in the Boston City Hospital and the years 1913 and 1914 in the Hartford Hospital, thus acquiring that valuable knowledge and broad training that can be secured in no other way as rapidly as in hospital practice. He thus constantly augmented his skill, so that in 1914 he was chosen as superintendent and resident physician of the Hartford Isolation Hospital, remaining in that institution until 1921, when he resigned. In the meantime he had also engaged in private practice and in 1922, 1923 and 1924 he took postgraduate work at Trinity College. In limiting his practice to pediatrics he has highly developed his powers in this field and enjoys a well merited reputation as one of the leading pediatricians of the east. In addition to an extensive private practice he is serving as visiting pediatricist of St. Francis



Hospital and the City Hospital and is consulting pediatricist to the Children's Village of Hartford, the Manchester Memorial Hospital, the New Britain General Hospital, the Bristol Hospital and the Isolation Hospital of Hartford. He is likewise a director of the Hartford Tuberculosis and Public Health Society and is chairman of the nutrition committee thereof. His attitude is that of the broad-minded physician who relegates personal gain to the background while seeking to disseminate knowledge that will prevent disease and bring a higher health rate to the communities in which he labors.

On the 11th of November, 1914, Dr. Locke was married to Miss Katherine Entress, a daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Stokes) Entress, of Hartford. They now have two daughters and a son: Carolyn Elizabeth, born September 30, 1915; John Dustin, born March 15, 1917; and Janet, born June 29, 1924.

Dr. Locke is serving on the board of governors of the Wampanoag Golf Club and his interest in community welfare is shown in his membership in the Get-Together Club of Hartford. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner and his belief in the brotherhood of man, as exemplified in the teachings of the craft, finds expression in his daily life. He never allows outside interests to interfere with the faithful performance of his professional duties and he is an honored member of the City, County, State and American Medical Associations and also of the New England Pediatric Society. He is a man of high professional attainments, actuated by a sense of conscientious obligation, and his notable achievements have given him distinctive place in the field of his specialty.

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#### ERNEST M. BIRON

Ernest M. Biron, attorney at law, with offices at 983 Main street in Hartford, was born at Saint Narcisse, in the province of Quebec, Canada, May 4, 1895, and is a son of Adelard and Marie (Massicotte) Biron, who were natives of Canada and of French lineage. The father, who was a machinist, died December 22, 1924, and is survived by his widow, who now makes her home in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Ernest M. Biron attended St. Ann's parochial school in Waterbury, Connecticut, and the Crosby high school of that city before entering Georgetown University, in which he pursued his law course, winning the LL. B. degree in 1921. He was admitted to practice at the bar of the District of Columbia on the 4th of October, 1921, and to the Connecticut bar on the 10th of July, 1923. He practiced for a time in Washington, D. C., and then entered the employ of the government, being sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, thence to New York and in 1924 to Hartford, where he was made chief of the claims division and legal adviser of the Hartford regional office of the United States Veterans Bureau, thus continuing until May 1, 1926. At the latter date he removed to Torrington, Connecticut, where he opened an office for the private practice of law, there remaining until February 1, 1927, when he returned to Hartford, where he has since engaged in practice alone. His previous broad experience proved of worth in his analyzation of cases and his search for motives. He is ever loyal to the interests of his clients and his practice is steadily increasing.

On the 18th of February, 1918, Mr. Biron joined the Headquarters Army Artillery as army field clerk and went overseas on the 6th of April of that year, being located first at Bar-sur-Aube, France, and later at Souilly, whence he subsequently went to Chaumont and afterward to Paris, remaining in this service to the time when he received his honorable discharge September 4, 1919. His war experience came as an interruption to his school work and upon his return he completed his college course. He is now secretary of the Associated French-American Republican Clubs of Connecticut and is also secretary of the French-American Republican Club of Hartford. He belongs to St. Jean the Baptist church and to the Knights of Columbus. While on a furlough during his term of military service he took advantage of the opportunity to visit Belgium, Cologne (Germany), Holland, England and a number of the continental cities and made a close study of the country and the people.

On the 5th of May, 1924, Mr. Biron was united in marriage to Miss Eva Tessier, of Waterbury, Connecticut, who is of French descent. They are the parents of one child, George Raymond, born March 26, 1925. They reside at 138 Barker street. Mr. and Mrs. Biron are well known in Hartford, where they have gained many warm

friends and where he gives hearty cooperation to all movements for the general good. His interest, however, centers in his professional activities and he has become well known as a member of the Hartford County Bar Association.

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#### COLONEL GEORGE WASHINGTON ENGLAND

Colonel George W. England, U. S. A., who lives at 55 Arnoldale road, West Hartford, has been connected with the military affairs of this country since early manhood, having served in the National Guard of the District of Columbia as private, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain.

Colonel England was born in Washington, D. C., February 28, 1870, a son of Sanford P. and Susan B. (Whelan) England, the former a native of Manchester, England, while the latter was born in Connecticut, although her father, John Whelan, was a well known shiphandler in New York city. The grandfather of Colonel England in the paternal line was Sanford P. England, who served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in England. His son and namesake, Sanford P. England, Jr., became a citizen of the United States and participated in the Civil war as a member of Company E, seventy-third New York Volunteer Regiment, which he organized and commanded. He had been in the United States only two years prior to the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south and in the conflict he was seriously wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1873, he was serving as chief clerk of the adjutant general's office, war department, at Washington, under Major General Robert Williams, Adjutant General U. S. Army.

Colonel England was educated in the public schools of the national capital and in Twichell's College of that city. In his youth he was employed as a mechanical draftsman for two years, after which he took up architectural work and building under Thomas J. King, of Washington, there remaining until 1898. Having inherited a fighting spirit, as indicated in the military record of his grandfather and his father, he naturally turned to military affairs and had been a member of the National Guard for ten years. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was commissioned a captain of infantry by President McKinley in the First Regiment, District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry, on the 12th of May, 1898, and served throughout the conflict, participating in the battle of Santiago de Cuba, being present at the surrender of the city on the 17th of July, 1898. Following the close of hostilities with Spain he held a commission as first lieutenant in the Forty-seventh United States Volunteer Infantry and afterward organized Company M, Forty-seventh Infantry, which he commanded during the Philippine insurrection from 1899 to 1901. He was wounded at Sorsogon, Luzon, P. I., April 16, 1900, while with General Kobbe's expedition. On the 2d of February, 1901, Colonel England received an appointment as second lieutenant of infantry in the Regular Army and was assigned to the Sixth Infantry. The 23d of July, 1902, brought him promotion to the rank of first lieutenant and with the Sixth Infantry he participated in the Pulajane campaign on the Island of Samar, P. I., in 1905, and in the Moro campaigns in Mindanao and Jolo in 1906-7 and from 1910 until 1912. He received his captaincy in the Regular Army on April 13, 1911, and was assigned to duty with the Twentieth United States Infantry at Manila, P. I. Following his return to the United States in January, 1912, he was sent with his regiment to take station at Fort Douglas, Utah, and for some time thereafter was on duty in the west. In December, 1916, he was assigned to the Third Infantry, which he joined at Eagle Pass, Texas, participating in the Mexican Border troubles. On the 17th of August, 1917, he was commissioned major, temporary, and on the 8th of January, 1918, was made a lieutenant colonel. His permanent majority in the Regular Army was reached April 15, 1918, and he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel July 1, 1920.

When America became involved in the World war Colonel England was assigned to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps in command of the First Training Brigade at Kelly Field, Texas, where he continued until May 17, 1918, when he was detailed to the Inspector General's Department in Washington, D. C. When relieved from further duty there he served as division inspector with the Ninth Regular Division at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, and at Camp Benning, Georgia, until he was again



assigned to duty in the Philippine Islands, December 15, 1920. He has completed five tours of duty in the Philippines, this service bringing him up to January 9, 1924, when he returned to the United States to serve as lieutenant colonel of the Sixth United States Infantry, then stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, where he served from April 15, 1924, to July 1, 1926. Leaving there in July, 1926, he joined the Seventy-sixth Division, U. S. A., at Hartford, Connecticut, on the 10th of September. He was appointed adjutant general of the Division and after the retirement of Colonel Charles Gerhardt in March, 1927, assumed the duties of acting chief of staff of the Seventy-sixth Division, U. S. A. He was promoted to colonel of infantry, U. S. Army, with rank from August 11, 1928, by the president of the United States.

On the 19th of April, 1913, Colonel England was married to Miss Dorothea Young, of New York city, a daughter of Mason and Louise (Hurlbut) Young, both of whom were born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1836 and 1837, respectively. Her father was descended from English and French ancestry, and her grandfather, Henry Young, was a drummer boy in the War of 1812. Her mother came of English, Dutch and Irish lineage. Sir William Denison, who helped settle Connecticut, married for his second wife Lady Ann Borrodell from Cork, Ireland, and their daughter married into the Hurlbut family. It is from that marriage that George Hurlbut, grandfather of Dorothea (Young) England, is descended. Her early childhood was passed in New London, Connecticut, and in New York city and in young girlhood she went to St. Augustine, Florida. In young womanhood, however, she returned to New York, where she remained until her marriage. Since settling in Hartford, Connecticut, she has been actively interested in the Parent-Teacher Association and the Girl Scout movement and is captain of Troop 1 of West Hartford. By her marriage she has become the mother of three sons: George W., Jr., now a student at Manlius Military School, N. Y., Sanford P. and Frank Wesson England.

Colonel England is a member of the Society of Santiago de Cuba, of the Veteran Army of the Philippines, the Spanish War Veterans, Military Order of the Carabao, Philippine Island Society, and the Hartford Chapter of the Military Order of the World War. Practically his entire life has been given over to military activities and his efforts have proven an element in maintaining the high standard of service which in hours of emergency has proved the strength and effectiveness of the United States Army.

Colonel England holds commissions signed by every President since the first administration of Grover Cleveland.

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#### SOLOMON KOHN

Solomon Kohn, a prominent representative of the extensive tobacco growing and packing interests of New England, is secretary of The Hartman Tobacco Company of Hartford, with offices at 231 State street. A native of New York city, he was born September 17, 1890, and is a son of Ignatz and Theresa (Hartman) Kohn, who were natives of Austria but came to America about 1878, settling in New York city, where the mother still resides. The father, who engaged in the manufacture of cigars in New York, is now deceased.

Solomon Kohn was educated in the public schools of the metropolis and after putting aside his textbooks was employed by a battery company of New York, coming to Hartford in 1911. Here he entered the employ of his uncles, Adolph and Samuel Hartman, who were engaged in the tobacco business. While with them he picked up his knowledge of the business, continuing with his uncles for about three years. He next engaged in the tobacco business on his own account in 1914 and six months later he was joined by his brother, Jerome Kohn, who became a member of the firm. They were equal partners in the business, which was conducted under the style of Sol Kohn & Company until March, 1928, when the firm was taken in with the reorganization of The Hartman Tobacco Company, of which Mr. Kohn now is secretary. They grow broad leaf, Havana seed and shade grown tobacco, and have a warehouse in Hatfield, Connecticut, at New Milford, Connecticut, and three in Hartford. They have won a notable and well deserved success in connection with the tobacco trade and their business is now one of substantial and gratifying proportions. In 1928, Mr. Kohn and his brother Jerome purchased the controlling interest in M. Marsh & Son, Inc.,



of Wheeling, West Virginia, which was established in 1840. This concern conducts the oldest and largest stogie factory in the country and the interest of Solomon and Jerome Kohn therein is entirely separate from their connection with The Hartman Tobacco Company.

On the 23d of June, 1919, Mr. Kohn was united in marriage to Miss Delphine Lyon, of Hartford, a daughter of Bernhard and Celia Lyon. They are the parents of two sons, Bernhard Lyon and Jerry Charles. The family home is at No. 820 Prospect avenue. Mr. Kohn has membership in the I. O. B. A., of New York city. He is a director of the Tumble Brook Country Club and his social activities have won for him many friends. He is a member of the board of the Tobacco Trade Association and is truly a self-made man, deserving all the credit and praise which that term implies. Starting out in the business world with limited educational advantages and with no capital, he has developed a business of great importance, advancing step by step along the lines of orderly progression until his position, commercially and financially, is an enviable one.

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#### GEORGE E. BULKLEY

In Connecticut there have been developed some of the strongest and largest insurance corporations of the entire country and it is in this field of business that George E. Bulkley has won a position of leadership, being now vice president of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company of Hartford. He is a native of the Empire state. Born at North Granville, New York, November 4, 1873, he is a son of George L. and Mary (Salisbury) Bulkley. The father was originally from Connecticut. After some years spent in New York they took up their abode in Hartford in 1880. The son George was at that time less than eight years of age and therefore he may be practically called a lifelong resident of this city. After completing a public and high school course in Hartford he entered Yale and was graduated with the class of 1896, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. Throughout his entire business career he has never dissipated his energies but has concentrated his efforts along a single line and has mastered its problems with notable thoroughness and efficiency. His initial connection with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company began in a clerical capacity, but gradually he worked his way upward, gaining the confidence of his employers through his thoroughness and adaptability. In 1905 he was made actuary and so continued for a period of four years, when in 1909 he was elected secretary of the company, occupying that office until 1912, when he was made vice president. He has since given his attention to his executive duties and his labors have been a far-reaching and important element in the continued growth and development of the corporation.

On the 10th of October, 1900, Mr. Bulkley was married to Miss Juliette H. Lawrence, a daughter of Charles H. and Juliette (Fisher) Lawrence, of Hartford. They have become parents of a daughter and a son, Juliette H. and Lawrence. In the social circles of the city they occupy an enviable position and as a club man Mr. Bulkley is widely known, having membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf and Twentieth Century Clubs. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. Along the line of his chosen life work he has membership in the Actuarial Society of America and among his colleagues and contemporaries in the field of insurance he is now accorded leadership.

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#### JAMES LIPPINCOTT GOODWIN

James Lippincott Goodwin, a Hartford capitalist with professional interests as a consulting forestry engineer, was born October 10, 1881, in New York city, a son of James Junius and Josephine Sarah (Lippincott) Goodwin. The father, who departed this life June 23, 1915, is mentioned at length on another page of this work. In Cutler's school in the eastern metropolis James L. Goodwin began his education, which he continued in the Groton School at Groton, Massachusetts, and next entered Yale University, in which he won his Bachelor of Arts degree on his graduation with

the class of 1905. In 1910 he was graduated from the Yale Forestry School with the M. F. degree, after which he turned his attention to forestry engineering and surveying, practicing independently for a time, while later he was connected with Walter K. Wildes of New York from 1910 until 1911. In the following year he returned to Hartford and was field secretary for the city park commission, so serving until October 1, 1912, when he became connected with E. M. Brown and E. E. Pettie in organizing a company known as the James L. Goodwin Associates, their activities including landscape architecture, landscape gardening and forestry work. In 1917 the firm was dissolved.

During the World war Mr. Goodwin was a member of the Connecticut State Guard, serving as a private in 1917-18, and since that time he has followed his profession of consulting forestry engineer in Connecticut, surveying timber lands, estimating and laying plans for reforestation. He is the secretary of the Talcott Mountain Forest Park Protective Association, which is formed of landowners in the Talcott and Farmington valleys and which has a membership of seventy, owning sixteen thousand acres of land in those districts. They cooperate with the state in protecting the land from forest fires. While his invested interests do not make it necessary for Mr. Goodwin to engage actively in business, he is nevertheless much interested in the question of forest preservation and of reforestation and is now a director of the Connecticut Forestry Association.

Mr. Goodwin married Miss Dorothy Wendell Davis, a daughter of Frederick W. and Mary (Taintor) Davis, of this city. Mr. Goodwin's political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. He is a well known club man, having wide connection of this character in various sections of the country. He belongs to the Hartford Golf Club, the University Club of Hartford, the University Club of New York, the Yale Club of New York, the Yale Club of Hartford, the Country Club of Farmington, the Mid Pines Country Club at Pinehurst, North Carolina, and the Amston Game Club of Amston, Connecticut. He belongs to that class of men of wealth whose activities and interests are of a constructive character, who finds pleasure in progress and who hesitates not to endorse those interests which are far-reaching in their scope and their benefit to the commonwealth.

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#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF DEXTER

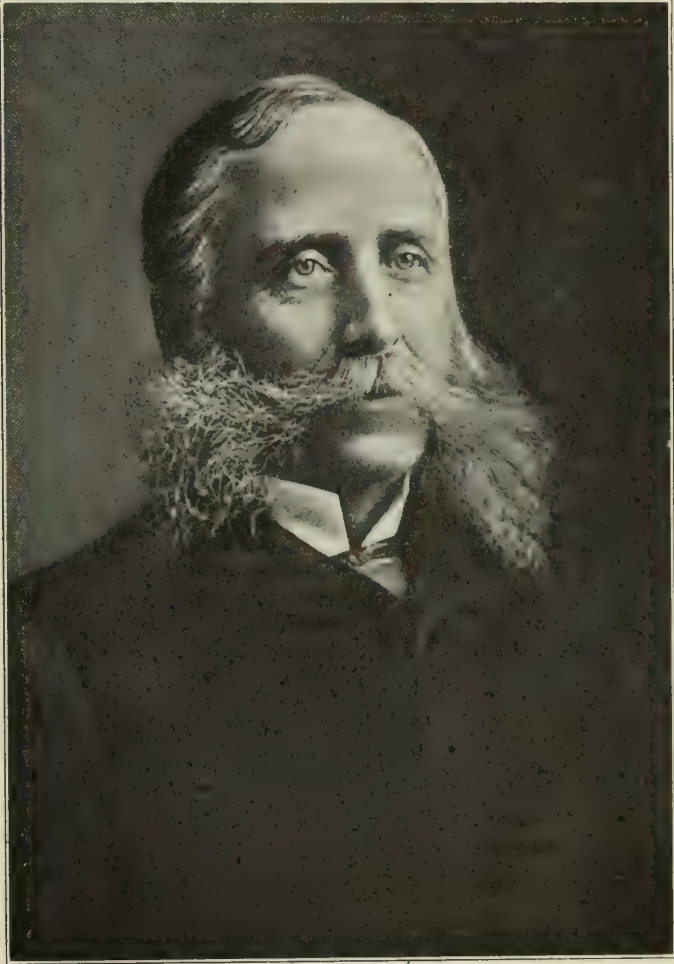
At Windsor Locks, Connecticut, in 1767, Seth Dexter having in view the timbered hills and growing community erected a sawmill. A sawmill is still in daily operation on the Dexter property, but it does not claim to be the original pioneer plank producer.

A second Seth Dexter succeeded the first, and expended the sawmill into a grist mill. The grist mill is still doing the daily grind, and Seth the second was followed by his son, Charles H. Dexter. Like his father he believed in expansion. Down in the basement of the grist mill Charles H. did some experimenting in the manufacture of paper. For pulp he used manila rope. It took a person with some pull to tear that paper! That was in 1835. The paper making was so successful that in 1840 a frame building was erected across the canal from the grist mill; and in this building the present business was begun. The firm was christened C. H. Dexter & Co. It was in 1867 when C. H. Dexter took into the business his son, Edwin D. Dexter, and his son-in-law, Herbert R. Coffin (I). The company then became C. H. Dexter & Sons. C. H. Dexter died in 1869 and under the same name Edwin D. Dexter & Herbert R. Coffin (I) continued the manufacture of paper that built a lasting reputation. The original mill was destroyed by fire, but a new mill was erected in 1875 which formed the nucleus of the present extensive plant.

Edwin D. Dexter passed away in 1886 and the business devolved upon Mr. Coffin who assumed full ownership of the property trade and trademarks. Mr. Coffin greatly increased the size and capacity of the mills, and began the manufacture of high grade tissues and various paper specialties.

Mr. Coffin's death occurred in 1901, and his sons, Arthur D. Coffin and Herbert R. Coffin continued the business maintaining the old firm name.

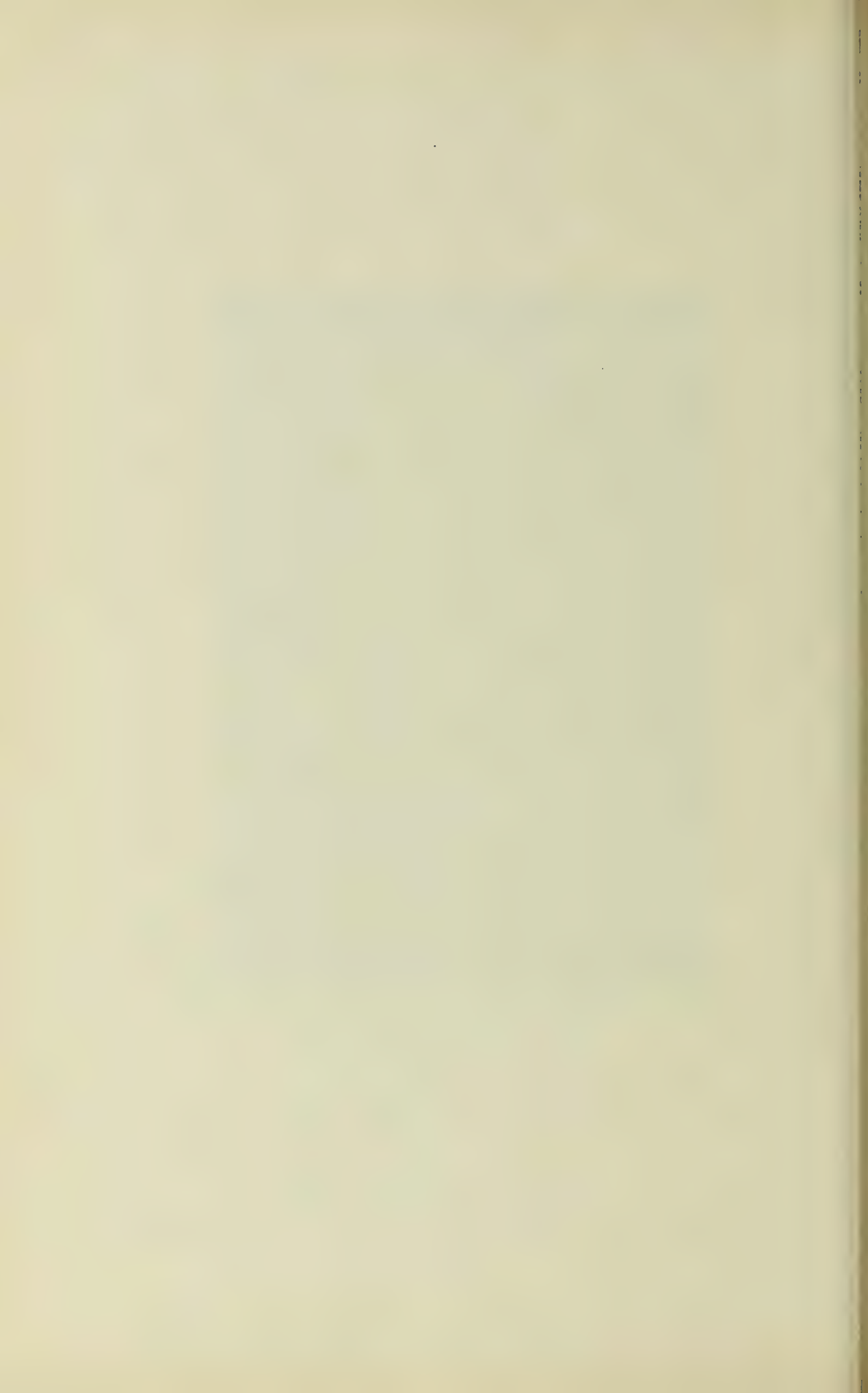
Expanding business found the Dexter Mills inadequate to take care of the many different lines, so a paper mill at Suffield was purchased and operated until a



(Photograph by John Haley)

HERBERT R. COFFIN, (I)





short time ago, when the development of a large water-power project made it necessary to flood the site of No. 2 mill. In the meantime the No. 1 mill was re-equipped with new and improved machines which greatly increased the capacity—in fact the last of the year 1928, the last piece of the old machinery will have been discarded and replaced by a modern machine.

C. H. Dexter & Sons became an incorporated organization in 1914 with Arthur D. Coffin, president, treasurer and general manager; Herbert R. Coffin, vice president; Charles H. Coyle, secretary. The present officers are: Arthur D. Coffin, president, treasurer and general manager; Herbert R. Coffin, vice president; Herbert A. Wingate, secretary; Hubert H. Griswold, assistant secretary; Dexter D. Coffin, assistant treasurer and assistant general manager.

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#### HERBERT RAYMOND COFFIN (I)

Among those of a previous generation who have contributed in notable measure to the material development and substantial growth of Windsor Locks is numbered Herbert Raymond Coffin, (I) paper manufacturer, whose entire life was passed in New England and who always adhered to the highest standards of business enterprise. A native of New Hampshire, he was born at Rindge, August 6, 1840, a son of George S. and Sarah (Scovill) Coffin. His father possessed a spirit of initiative, that was manifest in the fact that he was the first man to scour wool in America. He engaged in that line of business in Vermont, New Hampshire and ultimately at Windsor Locks, becoming the founder of the family in this place. He was descended from distinguished ancestry, the progenitor of the family in the new world having been Tristan Coffin. To this family belonged Isaac Coffin, of the British navy, who in 1826 visited the island of Nantucket, which was the site of the first settlement of the Coffins in the new world, and there established a school in memory of the family at a cost of ten thousand dollars.

During his youthful days Herbert R. Coffin, Sr., pursued his studies in the public schools of Ludlow, Vermont, and in the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, Connecticut, while subsequently he returned to the Green Mountain state and matriculated in the Conference Academy at West Poughkeepsie, Vermont. He was a youth of fifteen years when his grandfather Coffin failed in business, and at that time the family home was established in Boston, where for seven years Herbert R. Coffin was on India Wharf. When twenty-two years of age he came to Windsor Locks and entered business in association with his father, George S. Coffin, under the firm style of Herbert R. Coffin & Company. Later he made different connections, the wool scouring business being sold to E. N. Kellogg and Austin Dunham. It was in 1867 that he was admitted to a partnership in the paper manufacturing business that had been established by his father-in-law, C. H. Dexter, at which time the firm of C. H. Dexter & Sons was organized. Two years later the founder of the business passed away, the enterprise continuing in the possession of his son, Edwin D. Dexter, and Herbert R. Coffin. By the death of Edwin D. Dexter in 1886, Mr. Coffin became sole proprietor and so continued until his death July 8, 1907. Herbert R. Coffin was a strong and resourceful business man and contributed in notable measure to the growth and expansion of the enterprise that had come under his immediate control. His cooperation was also sought in other fields and constituted a valuable asset in the successful conduct of every enterprise with which he became associated. He was a director of the Connecticut River Banking Company of Hartford, also of the Medlicott Company, knit goods manufacturers, the Connecticut River Water Company and the Windsor Locks & Warehouse Point Bridge Company, of which he was also vice president. His opinions always carried weight in commercial councils and his judgment was notably sound.

In 1866 Mr. Coffin was married to Mrs. Julia Sargent Haskell, nee Dexter, the widow of Thomas Haskell and a daughter of C. H. Dexter. They became the parents of three sons and a daughter: Arthur Dexter; Clarence, who died in infancy; Herbert R. (II); and Grace Pierson, who married Charles R. Cooley, Jr., and is now deceased. It was through his marriage that Mr. Coffin became one of the "sons" of C. H. Dexter & Sons and such was his respect for the founder of the business that he made no change in the firm name, nor have his sons, save the

addition of the word "incorporated." Always a resident of New England, he adhered loyally to the civic standards of this section of the country and cooperated in all measures that he deemed beneficial to the community at large. He voted with the republican party and for many years he was a deacon in the Congregational church, contributing liberally to its support and doing all in his power to further its work. He was honored throughout the long period of his residence in Windsor Locks, where he passed away July 8, 1901.

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#### ARTHUR DEXTER COFFIN

Arthur D. Coffin, president, treasurer and general manager of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., of Windsor Locks, has throughout his business career been identified with paper manufacturing. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in enlarging, developing and directing this enterprise many a man of less resolute spirit and of more limited ability would have failed. He has met present-day business conditions with a resolute spirit, manifesting at all times a keen insight that has recognized the opportunities and possibilities before him. Thus under his guidance steady progress has been made along lines that have made the paper manufacturing business of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., one of the most important manufacturing concerns of this section of the state and one of the foremost paper manufacturing industries of Connecticut.

He was born in Windsor Locks, April 25, 1868, his parents being Herbert R. and Julia Sargent (Dexter) Coffin, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. In the maternal line he is a representative of the Dexter family that was established in Windsor, Hartford county, in 1767, Arthur D. Coffin being a representative of the sixth generation of the family in Connecticut.

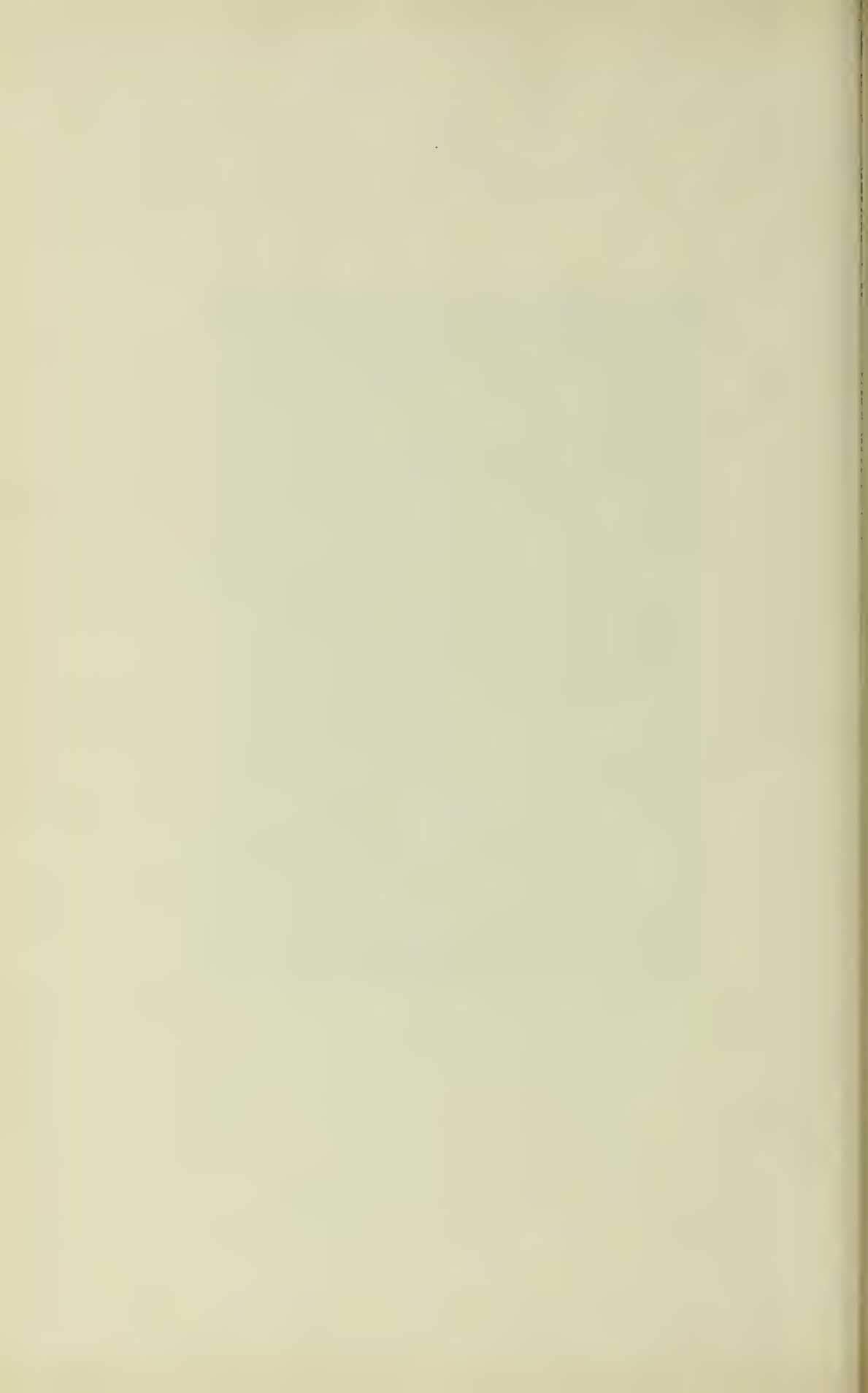
In the acquirement of his education Arthur D. Coffin attended private schools in Windsor Locks, the Hartford Public High School and Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and when his school days were ended he entered the employ of C. H. Dexter & Sons, his father at that time being sole owner of the business. The "House of Dexter," like the family, has long been representative of the business activity of this section. Seth Dexter many years ago began operations at Windsor Locks by erecting a sawmill on the banks of the Connecticut river and later, under Seth Dexter (II), the sawmill was expanded into a grist mill, which has been continuously operated to the present time. Charles H. Dexter, the maternal grandfather of Arthur D. Coffin and the third of the pioneer line, being a man of progressive ideas, began experiments in paper making in the basement of the grist mill, using manila rope for pulp. This was in 1835. His early efforts were so successful that in 1847 he erected a frame building across the canal from the grist mill and this constituted the nucleus of the present plant, which in the early days was operated under the style of C. H. Dexter & Company. In 1867 a reorganization was effected when C. H. Dexter admitted his son, Edwin D., and his son-in-law, Herbert R. Coffin, to a partnership, this relation being maintained until the death of C. H. Dexter in 1869. The two surviving partners operated the paper mills and built up a splendid reputation for high-grade products. That all days were not equally bright and that the career of the house was not without obstacles and difficulties is indicated in the fact that in 1875 their mills were destroyed by fire. With characteristic energy, however, they began the construction of a new plant, which was soon in operation, and the trade continued to grow and develop. The death of Edwin D. Dexter occurred in 1886, at which time Herbert R. Coffin became sole owner and manager, although continuing the conduct of the business under the old firm name of C. H. Dexter & Sons. Additions were built to the mill to meet the growing demand of the trade, and never throughout the period of its existence has the house lowered its standards of excellence in output and reliability in business transactions. Herbert R. Coffin remained at the head of the company until his death in 1901, when his sons, Arthur D. and Herbert R., assumed active management and have since continued in the manufacture of paper. After the death of Herbert R. Coffin, Sr., the business was carried on under a partnership relation between himself and his brother Herbert until 1914, when they incorporated and the present style of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., was assumed. Arthur D. Coffin has continuously





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ARTHUR D. COFFIN



served as president, with Herbert R. Coffin as vice president. The Dexter plant is also frequently spoken of as the "Star Mills," owing to the fact that the company has the exclusive right to use the star trademark on paper. Identified with the business as an employe since early manhood, Arthur D. Coffin is familiar with every phase of the trade from the initial point of securing supplies to the sale of the completed product. Moreover, Mr. Coffin has shown the modern spirit in his care of employes and thought as to their welfare. The offices are sanitary and attractive in every particular, are supplied with the latest conveniences and the machinery of the plant is thoroughly modern in every particular. There are five shower baths in the factory for the use of employes, who are carrying on their tasks under excellent working conditions. Associated in the conduct of the business with Arthur D. Coffin, who is the president, treasurer and general manager, are his brother, Herbert R. Coffin, who is vice president and who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Herbert A. Wingate, secretary; Dexter D. Coffin, assistant treasurer and assistant general manager, of further mention; H. H. Griswold, assistant secretary; and L. P. Broadhurst, E. A. Baker and John Leishman, superintendent, these three being also on the board of directors. Aside from his activity in directing the interests of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., Mr. Coffin is a director of the Medlicott Company of Windsor Locks, the Windsor Locks Trust & Safe Deposit Company and a director of the Open Shop Conference of Connecticut, Inc.

On the 25th of April, 1894, at Suffield, Connecticut, Mr. Coffin was united in marriage to Miss Cora Loomis Drake, a daughter of William B. and Jennie D. (Loomis) Drake. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin became parents of two sons, but the elder died in infancy. The younger, Dexter Drake, is associated with his father in business. Mrs. Coffin is a member of the Congregational church and takes an active part in its work. Mr. Coffin gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally he is a York and Scottish Rite Mason. He has membership with the Sons of the American Revolution, which indicates the long connection of his ancestry with American history, and his social nature finds expression in his identification with the Nayasset Club of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Hartford Yacht Club, the Keeney Park Riding Club and the Hartford Club. He belongs to the Manufacturers Association of Hartford county and after serving as vice president was elected in 1928 to the presidency of the organization and is so serving. To know Arthur D. Coffin is to esteem and respect him. His life story is as an open book to his fellow townsmen, among whom he has always lived, and the sterling worth of his character is manifest in the honored name as well as in the success which he has won and in the unqualified regard that is uniformly accorded him.

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#### HERBERT R. COFFIN (II)

While widely known in business circles as the vice president and purchasing agent for C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., of Windsor Locks, Herbert R. Coffin (II)\* is equally prominent in the public life of his community through his earnest and effective support of progressive civic measures and especially his active work in behalf of public education. His career exemplifies much that is expressed in the term "an ideal citizen," and while he works toward the highest standards, his methods are at once practical and strongly resultant. His life story therefore is of interest to all who know him. He was born in Windsor Locks, Hartford county, January 15, 1871, and is a son of Herbert R. and Julia S. (Dexter) Coffin, who are mentioned at length on another page of this work. At the usual age he entered the public schools of his native city and when his educational training was completed he became actively identified with his father's paper mill. Throughout the intervening period to the present paper manufacturing has been his chief business and with the thoroughness characteristic of him he early set to work to master every phase of the paper manufacturing industry and the comprehensive knowledge that he has acquired well qualified him for executive management. Upon the death of his father in 1901 he and his elder brother, Arthur D. Coffin, came into the ownership of the business and with the spirit of enterprise and progressiveness characteristic of young manhood they bent every energy toward its further development



and growth. Additions have been made to the plant, which is thoroughly modern in its equipment and, moreover, is a model in its sanitary features and in its outlook for the welfare of employees. After conducting the business for about thirteen years under a partnership relation the brothers incorporated in 1914 under the style of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., at which time Herbert R. Coffin assumed the duties of the vice presidency and also those of purchasing agent. The wisdom and discernment that he has manifested in acquiring supplies which constitute the basis of the manufactured product have added greatly to the success of the corporation. C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., manufacture the highest grade of thin paper that is produced in the country—a product known for its excellence throughout trade circles.

While his business has always made heavy demands upon his time, Mr. Coffin has always found opportunity to take an active interest and leading part in the support of all projects for the good of the community at large along civic, political and social lines and is splendidly qualified for the position of leadership which is accorded him. While he holds to high ideals, he has utilized the most practical and effective methods in their attainment. Throughout his entire life he has been deeply interested in the cause of education and it was therefore but natural that he became the outstanding figure in the establishment of the free high school of Windsor Locks. In 1900 he became a member of the school board and has served continuously thereon for twenty-eight years, doing most earnest and resultant work in that connection. Since 1914 he has acted as chairman of the board and was re-elected to that position in 1928, while previously for nine years he served as financial secretary. He has displayed notable prescience in recognizing the needs, the possibilities and the opportunities of the school system here. When he was first elected to the board the subject of establishing a high school in connection with the grammar school at Windsor Locks had been considered to some extent, but public opinion on the question wavered and no definite action was taken. Mr. Coffin at once put his shoulder to the wheel. His progressive views concerning the subject led to a crystallization of public opinion, resulting in the appointment of a committee of two, Mr. Coffin being one of these, empowered to obtain material to start the project of establishing a high school. As a result of his faithful and untiring efforts the town has a splendid high school and grammar school, with an enrollment of six hundred and seventeen pupils in 1928. The demands of the school board have led to the adoption of an excellent curriculum and most thorough training of the high school pupils, some of whom occupy positions of marked trust and large responsibility as bankers, professors, teachers, insurance men, physicians and as representatives of other important lines of activity. Thus the school is proving of untold benefit to the community inasmuch as many of the children of the poorer families of Windsor Locks would otherwise have been deprived of the advantages of higher educational training. Mr. Coffin has always believed that education should be a preparation for life and that due attention should be paid to physical and moral as well as to the mental development of the young. At all times he has closely studied the educational needs of the community and the possibilities of meeting the requirements in this regard and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant. As a means of advancing the mental, physical and moral welfare of the youth of the community he is advocating and sponsoring a proposition to raise one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to build an addition to the school for the further accommodation of a larger number of pupils, a gymnasium, swimming pool and other accessories which promote the health of children. A department for medical and dental inspection has been established and is most systematically carried on, thorough examinations being given to children to determine if the eye, ear and other organs are normal, if there is indication of pulmonary or cardiac diseases, of epilepsy or skin diseases, or if there is evidence of malnutrition. In a word, this inspection provides a safeguard not only to the individual but to other pupils, and it is for the purpose of furnishing needed nursing care. Such a course cannot be overestimated in its worth.

In 1907 there came to Mr. Coffin a recognition of his splendid accomplishments in behalf of the school system through his efforts on the board of education in that his fellow townsmen, recognizing his marked public spirit and devotion to the general good, urged him to accept the nomination to represent his town in the state legislature. This he consented to do and was not only chosen for the office in that year but was reelected in 1909, thus receiving public endorsement of his first term's service, in which he had introduced a bill that the state should purchase and take over the maintenance of four bridges over the Connecticut river, making them free



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HERBERT R. COFFIN, (II)





bridges. He largely concentrated his efforts upon the support of the bill promoting this measure and his untiring efforts ultimately led to its passage and the accomplishment of his purpose. He did not hesitate to give time and effort to the project, for he fully recognized the value of such a course. A man of indomitable spirit, of earnestness of purpose and of marked diplomacy, he accomplishes what many others would fail to achieve. He is always approachable, readily makes friends and thereby has developed a marked influence among his fellowmen. In order to make known the value of the plan which he was fathering he entertained small groups of members of the legislature, taking them to see the bridges under discussion and demonstrating the necessity of making them free bridges that they might be of advantage to the entire state. His arguments were based upon such logic and wisdom that it was not difficult to convince his auditors. It was in appreciation of his effective work in making free these bridges for public use that he was unanimously nominated and elected for a second term regardless of party lines, and on the day when the Windsor Locks bridge became a free bridge it was made a gala occasion and Mr. Coffin was presented with a beautiful loving cup by the people of the town in appreciation of what he had accomplished. The entertainment was held on the lawn of his residence, where Mr. Coffin banqueted over eight hundred people, including the governor and the general assembly. His activities in freeing this bridge is doubly interesting on account of his being at the time a director and stockholder in the Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point Bridge and Ferry Company, his action proving him to be one of the few men who put public benefit above personal gain. During his first term in the legislature, he served on the committees on education and woman's suffrage and during the second term was a member of the committee on corporations and assignment of seats. It was due to Mr. Coffin's efforts in the 1909 session of the legislature that the amendment to the original charter of the Connecticut River Company was passed, allowing the company to proceed with the dam across the Connecticut river above the railroad bridge for the purpose of developing electric power for the use of Windsor Locks and vicinity. During his entire connection with the general assembly he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all vital problems which came up for settlement and earnestly supported those measures which he deemed of real worth as factors in the substantial development and upbuilding of the commonwealth.

On June 26, 1895, Herbert R. Coffin married Miss Jean T. Warburton, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they have become parents of three children, of whom two are living: Douglas Pierson Coffin, who is associated with his father in the firm of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc.; and Herbert Raymond Coffin (III), who is connected with the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company of Hartford. He is married and has two children, H. Raymond Coffin (IV) and Barbara Coffin.

Mrs. Herbert R. Coffin, like her husband has always been interested in projects for the general good and was one of those ladies who were active in establishing a public park for the town a number of years ago. In this enterprise she was associated with Miss Mary Burnap and Mrs. J. J. Burke and on the 20th of September, 1910, a lease was signed whereby the railroad property near the F. S. Bidwell Company's lumber yard was secured at a nominal rental of one dollar per year for park purposes that the children of the town might have a playground. For some time these ladies earned the money necessary for the project in giving entertainments, holding food sales and in other ways. Soon after the inauguration of the project Mrs. Julia S. Coffin, mother of Herbert R. Coffin, became a supporter of the park and made donation of a band stand and largely financed the project of holding excellent band concerts, which were greatly enjoyed by the general public for a number of years. In time the townspeople at large awoke to the value of the project and in 1914 voted three hundred dollars to maintain the park, but as this sum was insufficient, the ladies interested found it necessary to add to the amount. Later the town voted four hundred dollars annually and in July, 1920, the property was purchased by the town from the New York & New Haven Railroad. Land adjoining the park was owned by Mrs. Julia S. Coffin, who during all these years had leased it to the park commissioners, and thereon had been established a baseball ground and lawn tennis court. Following the death of Mrs. Julia S. Coffin this piece of property was purchased by the town and was greatly improved for park purposes. Early in 1928 the ball team endeavored to interest the park commissioners in the building of a grand stand, but after thoroughly considering the matter the committee thought the expense would be too great. Herbert R. Coffin then came forward with an offer to have a grand stand and a substantial back-stop fence, twenty-four feet high, built at a cost of several thousand dollars. This offer was accepted and on the 1st of June, 1928,

the grand stand and fence were dedicated with an imposing celebration, at which time Mrs. Coffin presented to the town this splendid gift and giving the base ball club an excellent park and equipment for its games. There is an engraved tablet built in the fence with the words

Presented to the Windsor Locks Park by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coffin  
1928.

From the inception of the town park, Mrs. Herbert R. Coffin has been most active in furthering the movement. The park is beautifully located, a portion of it being wooded and left in its natural state. There is a swimming pool at the lower end, which is to be cemented, and the public has greatly benefited by the splendid spirit which was back of the inception and development of this project.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffin are also deeply interested in the public library and have contributed both time and money to the enterprise. When funds were needed for the purchase of more books they opened their beautiful residence for a party, which was attended by about three hundred people of the town. This banquet and entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Coffin contributed greatly to the delight of the evening, which netted for the library over four hundred dollars.

In Masonic and club circles Mr. Coffin is widely known. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and an active member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine, with which he has been identified since 1910. He has also been connected with the Sphinx Temple Patrol since 1914, has ever been greatly interested in the work, has served as secretary for a number of years and during the past three years has been on the executive committee. He likewise belongs to Syria Grotto of Hartford and he has membership in the Elks Lodge No. 1359 of Rockville Center. He belongs to the Exchange Club of Hartford, in which he is very active; the City Club of Hartford and the Masonic Club of Windsor Locks, and he was formerly chairman of the banquet committee of the Business Men's Association of Windsor Locks, which during its existence entertained many out-of-town speakers, frequently holding banquets, which gave the townspeople opportunity to meet distinguished guests from other sections who addressed them on questions of vital interest.

A plan for the benefit of aviators for painting the name "Hartford" on several roofs of buildings in the city was recently instigated by the members of the Exchange Club of Hartford, in which plan Mr. Coffin is deeply interested and active in its accomplishment. At this writing, two such signs have already been completed and several more contemplated. The club has communicated with all Exchange Clubs of the state requesting them to take action and follow their example. Through the efforts of the members of the Exchange Club of Hartford, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad officials have become interested, and in the near future it is probable the name of each city and town will be painted on the roofs of stations along the route of the railroad.

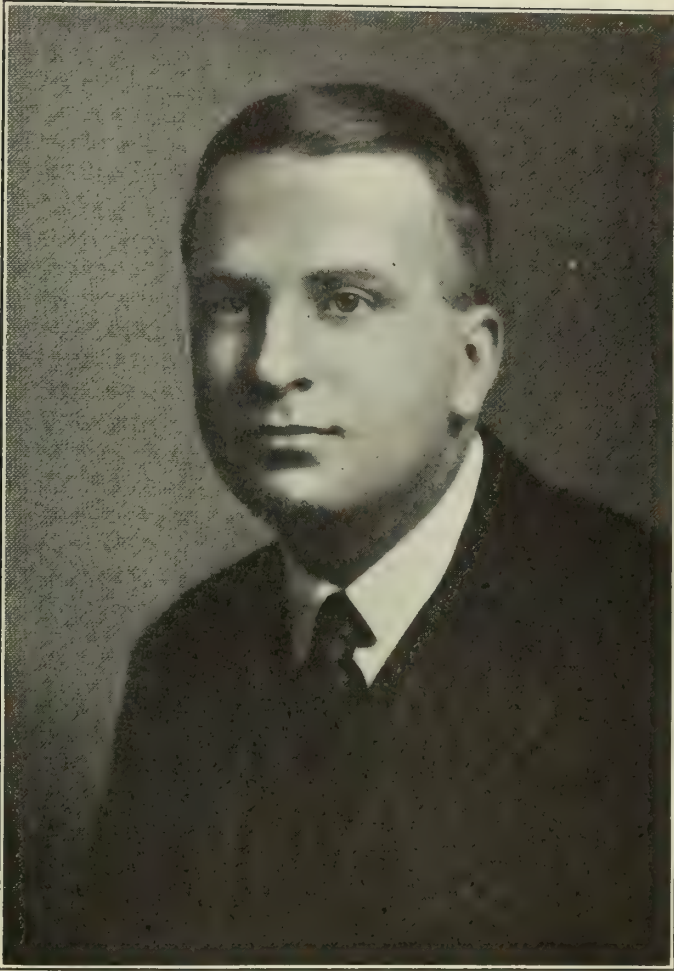
As an individual and characteristic of the man, Mr. Coffin has established a precedent by having the name of his home town, "Windsor Locks," painted in large letters on his private garage.

Mr. Coffin is richly endowed with that quality which for want of a better term has been called personal magnetism. He is a courteous, genial gentleman, radiating that spirit of human kindness which sheds around him much of the sunshine of life. He has a legion of warm friends and his value as a citizen can scarcely be over-estimated, so effective has been his work in behalf of the welfare and progress of Windsor Locks. There is scarcely a feature of the town's development and upbuilding that does not bear the impress of his individuality and his progressive spirit. He finds his keenest joy in promoting the happiness of others, and while he is a strong, resourceful and forceful business man, he is at the same time a helpful neighbor, a generous associate and a loyal friend to all mankind.

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#### DEXTER DRAKE COFFIN.

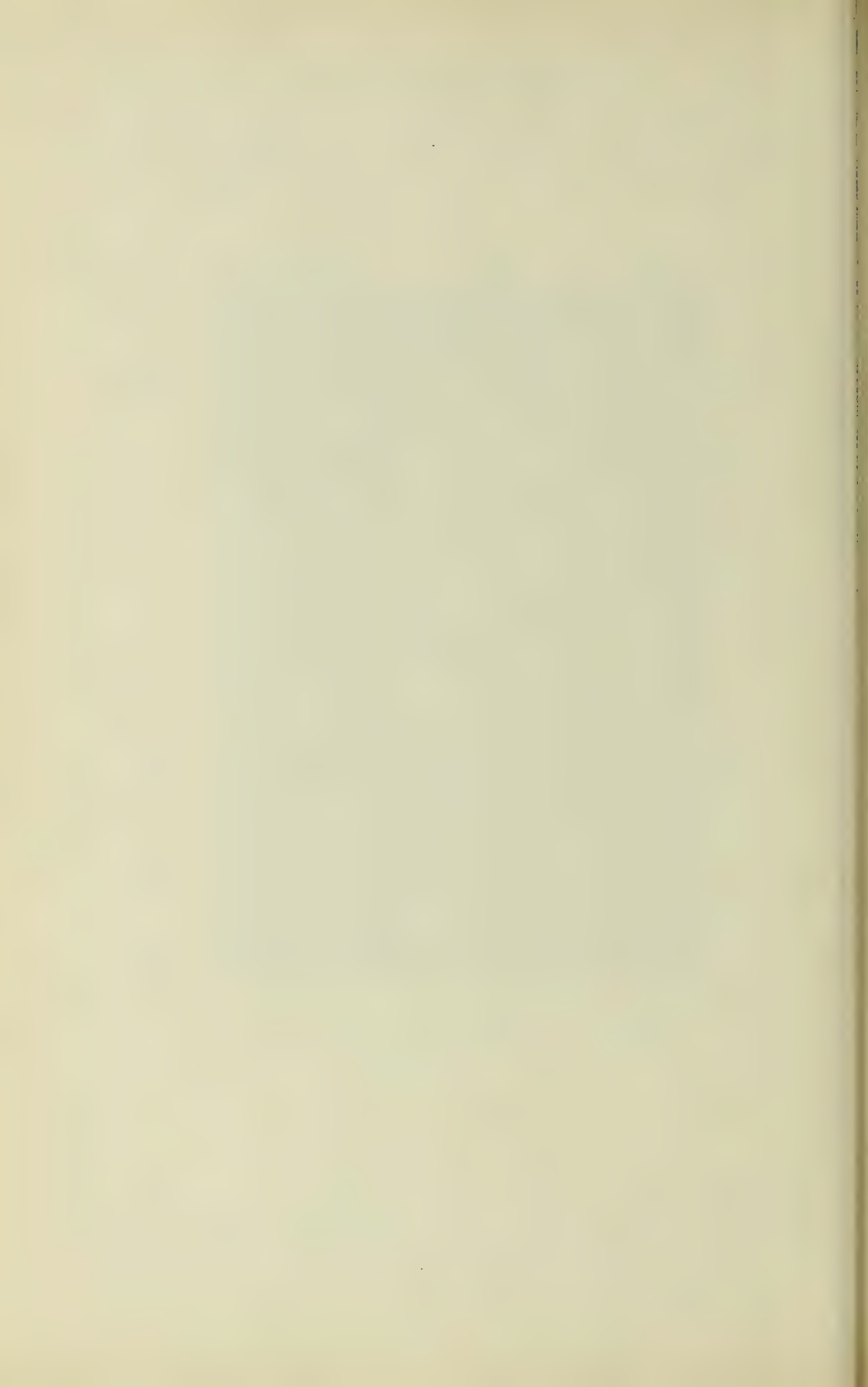
While Dexter Drake Coffin entered upon a business already long established upon a substantial basis, he has nevertheless shown a marked capability as a business man and by personal merit has worked his way upward until he is now assistant general manager and director of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., which is operating an extensive paper manufacturing plant at Windsor Locks. He was born here April 8, 1898, the



(Photograph by John Haley)

DEXTER D. COFFIN





only son of Arthur D. and Cora Loomis (Drake) Coffin. A sketch of his father, who is the president of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., may be found on another page of this work.

In the acquirement of an education Dexter D. Coffin attended the public schools through the primary and intermediate grades, the Noah Webster public school of Hartford and later the Suffield school, the Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and Yale University, completing his course in the Sheffield Scientific School with the class of 1920. Ere his course was finished, however, he had enlisted in 1918 as a machinist in the navy reserve, with which he remained until honorably discharged following the close of the war. In 1920 he joined his father at the C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., paper manufacturing plant, taking up the business as a workman in the laboratory until he had acquainted himself with various phases of production there. He afterward turned his attention to the sales department and after a time he was made assistant treasurer and assistant general manager and was also elected to the directorate, so that he secured a seat in the councils which formulate the policy of the corporation and direct the development of the business. That "power grows through the exercise of effort" is manifest in the life of Mr. Coffin, whose labors in the various departments of the business have brought him wide knowledge and efficiency, so that his work is now a valuable contributing element to the general success of the undertaking.

On June 30, 1921, Mr. Coffin was married to Miss Elizabeth Dorr, of Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Roy L. and Mary (Eaton) Dorr. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin have two sons: Dexter Drake, Jr., who was born in Brooklyn, April 28, 1922; and David Linwood, born in Windsor Locks, December 15, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin are prominent socially and they are also active members in the Windsor Locks Congregational church. He is a trustee of the Suffield School, of Suffield, Connecticut. He is identified with Gensie-Viola Camp No. 36 of the American Legion and he has membership in Euclid Lodge, No. 109, A. F. & A. M. He became a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa at Yale and belongs to the Phi Sigma Kappa Club of New York city. He is also a member of the Suffield Country Club, of Suffield, Connecticut, the Shelter Harbor Country Club, of Westerly, Rhode Island, the Hartford Club, and the Lake Sunapee Yacht Club of Sunapee, New Hampshire, and he has an extensive acquaintance throughout this part of the state, where his important business and social interests have brought him into prominence, while the sterling traits of his character have gained him the warm regard of many associates.

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#### MORTON CARTER SWIFT

The life record of Morton Carter Swift covered a period of almost eighty-one years and his course at all times commanded the highest confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. He was born in Warren, Connecticut, on the 1st of August, 1843, to Edmund and Mary (Wadsworth) Swift and after acquiring his preliminary education in the local schools he entered the Poughkeepsie Business College and through his training there qualified for the duties and responsibilities of business life. It was then that he entered the New Britain Malleable Iron Works, of which his father was president. He applied himself closely to mastering the business in principle and detail and he was active in promoting the expansion of what became one of the important productive industries of this section of the state. The company had a well equipped plant and its business methods were ever such as required no disguise but would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. As his experience increased Morton C. Swift contributed to the continued success of the enterprise and at the time of his demise was serving as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. He was also well known in financial circles as a director of the New Britain Trust Company and was regarded as a man of particularly sound judgment and of clear vision in business management and control.

On Christmas day of 1873, at Kensington, Connecticut, Mr. Swift married Miss Kate Upson and to them were born four children: Bertha Harrison, Edward P., Mildred and Helen. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on

the 6th of June, 1924, Mr. Swift was called to his final rest, when in the eighty-first year of his age. His had been a long, active and useful life in which he had accomplished his purposes in business, while in matters of citizenship he had ever stood for that which was of most worth to the community. His name was an honored one wherever he was known and most of all where he was best known. He enjoyed the warm friendship and high regard of all with whom he was brought in contact and his passing was a matter of deep regret to many friends but most of all to the members of his own household, for he had long exemplified the sterling traits which made him a devoted husband and father, finding his greatest happiness in ministering to the welfare of his family.

#### JOSEPH RALPH ENSIGN

Throughout his entire business career Joseph Ralph Ensign has been identified with the Ensign, Bickford Company of Simsbury and was called to the presidency thereof in 1917, so that for a period of eleven years he has been the directing head of this enterprise, which figures as one of the chief business interests of Hartford county.

Mr. Ensign was born on the 24th of November, 1868, in the village where his labors center, being the only son of Ralph H. and Susan (Toy) Ensign. He is a direct descendant of James Ensign, a native of England, who after residing for a time in Cambridge, Massachusetts, removed to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1634. The family name is of Saxon origin and was known in England as far back as 1563. James Ensign came to Hartford with the Rev. Thomas Hooker and assisted in organizing the Second church. He died in November, 1670. His only son, David Ensign, was born in 1645 and married Mehitable Gunn, daughter of Thomas Gunn, of Windsor. Later he married Sarah Wilcox, who died February 3, 1717. David Ensign removed to West Hartford, where he organized the Congregational church, and there died December 12, 1727.

Thomas Ensign, the youngest son of David Ensign, married Hannah Shepherd, daughter of John and Rebecca (Greenhill) Shepherd, and their children included Moses Ensign, who was born in South Windsor, where in 1731 he married Love Andrews.

Their son, Isaac Ensign, was the great-grandfather of Joseph R. Ensign of this review. Isaac Ensign was born in West Hartford, where he was reared, and about 1771 he established a blacksmith shop in Simsbury. Here he married Luranah Pettibone and they had a family of ten children. Their eighth son was Moses Ensign, who was born in Simsbury and engaged in manufacturing tinware. He married Martha Tuller Whiting. He was a democrat in politics and a prominent member and officer of the Congregational church. He died at the age of seventy and his wife when fifty-six years of age.

Among their children was Ralph H. Ensign, who was born November 3, 1834, in Simsbury, and after attending the local schools studied in the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield and subsequently in the Wilbraham Academy. In vacation periods he assisted in his father's blacksmith shop and in the work of the farm. When twenty-one years of age he went to Suffield, where he was assistant foreman in the employ of Samuel Austin, a cigar manufacturer, and for a brief period he lived in Georgia with his elder brothers, who were engaged in business in that state. On his return to Connecticut he became a clerk in Tariffville and later established mercantile business on his own account. In August, 1863, he became an employe of Toy, Bickford & Company, fuse manufacturers of Simsbury, and in 1870 was admitted to a partnership. On the 1st of April, 1887, when the business was reorganized under the style of Ensign, Bickford & Company, he became manager of the oldest and largest blasting fuse manufacturing plant in the country, a branch being also conducted at Brooklyn, California. Politically Ralph H. Ensign was a democrat and a member of the state legislature in 1876. Fraternally he was a Mason and in religious faith a Methodist. He was married July 21, 1863, to Susan Toy, a native of Cornwall, England, and a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Osler) Toy, who came with their family to the United States, so that she was reared in Simsbury.



Joseph R. Ensign, son of Ralph H. and Susan (Toy) Ensign, was born at Simsbury, November 24, 1868, and after attending the public schools there entered the Hartford high school, from which he was graduated in 1885. He then entered upon an academic course at Yale and is numbered among its alumni of 1889. Later he took postgraduate work at Yale and the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him as a member of the class of 1891.

Mr. Ensign had returned to Simsbury in 1890 to enter the Ensign, Bickford Company, of which his father was then president. His original position was of a clerical nature, but he was steadily advanced until called to executive office and in 1917, upon his father's death, was elected to the presidency of this extensive fuse manufacturing concern, which now sends its products out into every section of the country, its trade connections being most comprehensive. Nor does Mr. Ensign confine his efforts alone to this field. He has become a director of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of the Hartford Steam Boiler Company, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company.

On the 5th of April, 1894, in Simsbury, Mr. Ensign married Miss Mary J. Phelps and they have become the parents of a daughter, Mary Phelps Ensign.

Mr. Ensign is a republican in his political views and represented his district in the state legislature in 1911. His interest in the public welfare is furthermore manifest in his effective service as a director of the Connecticut Children's Aid Society and as a member of the board of trustees of the Hartford Seminary Foundation.

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#### HON. ALICE PATTISON MERRITT

To Alice Pattison Merritt has come an honor that can never be accorded any other individual—that of being the first woman to serve in the state senate of Connecticut. Moreover, her efficiency and acceptability to the voting public is indicated in the fact that she has been reelected and is therefore serving for the second term. She was born in Simsbury, Hartford county, May 13, 1876. Her father, Joseph Pattison, was a native of the north of Ireland and on coming to the new world in early life settled in Simsbury, where he conducted business as a tobacco farmer. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Delia Sceery, was also born in Ireland.

In pursuing her education Mrs. Merritt completed the work of the grades and then entered the Hartford high school, from which she was graduated as a member of the class of 1895. She then turned to the business world and for eight and one-half years was in the employ of an insurance company. She also became widely known in musical circles as the contralto soloist in several Hartford church choirs and not only was she winning favor through the exercise of her talents in that direction but also gaining friends through social qualities and building up an acquaintance that stood her in good stead in later years.

On the 7th of October, 1903, Alice Pattison became the wife of Joseph Merritt, now president of the Hartford Machinery Company, who was born in Port Chester, New York, and came to this city about 1890. Their family numbers three children: Virginia, who was born September 19, 1907, and is now a student in Wellesley College; Robert, who was born June 30, 1911; and Philip Joseph, born April 5, 1917.

Mrs. Merritt has always been interested in the problems that affect the public welfare and has become well informed on the leading issues and questions of the day. Because of her advanced and practical views she was elected to the state senate in November, 1924, from the second senatorial district in Hartford, and endorsement of her first term's service came to her in the substantial majority accorded her at the time of her reelection in 1926. She was appointed a member of the committees on education, capitol house and grounds and federal relations during the first session, and when she was returned to the senate by popular suffrage she was made chairman of the committee on humane institutions and a member of the capitol house and grounds committee. She belongs to the National Woman's Republican Club and has had much influence among the women of her district. She is an honorary member, representing Connecticut, on the board of the American Woman's Association.

During the last eighteen months of the World war, Mrs. Merritt served as lieutenant of Hartford Chapter of the Red Cross Motor Corps, receiving her commission from Woodrow Wilson. She is particularly interested in the welfare of young girls and by reason thereof has become commissioner of the Hartford Girl Scouts, Inc. In eight years, under her administration, the membership has grown from three hundred to eighteen hundred, this being one of the largest Girl Scout organizations in the country. She is ever ready for friendly advice and encouragement to assist them and aid in solving their problems and her influence is indeed far-reaching and beneficial. Mrs. Merritt is likewise a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and of the Community Club of Simsbury. She is widely known as a public speaker on welfare and educational topics, as well as the leading political issues of the day, and she has been active as a campaign speaker during the last two presidential campaigns and also at the time of municipal elections. Holding to high ideals, she works along practical lines and her activities are the result of careful study and thorough comprehension of conditions, needs and the possibilities for successful achievement. She is today one of the outstanding women of Connecticut.

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#### HON. PHILO TOUSEY PLATT

There is real cause for Hon. Philo Tousey Platt to be mentioned among the representative men of Connecticut, where at the time of his death, on the 13th of May, 1928, he was most acceptably filling the office of commissioner of agriculture, having been the first appointee in that position, the work of which he organized and promoted. Aside from his official service, too, there were other qualities which gained him the high respect and lasting regard of those with whom he was associated. He was born in Newtown, Connecticut, May 20, 1880, and was a son of Theron Eugene and Mary C. (Russell) Platt, the former a native of Newtown and the latter of Southbury, Connecticut. The ancestral line of the Platt family traces back to England, Richard Platt being the first of the name in the new world, where he arrived in 1638, settling in New Haven, Connecticut, while subsequently he removed to Milford, this state. The line comes down through Isaac Platt, of Huntington, Long Island, who married Elizabeth Wood and died July 31, 1691. Their son, Jonas Platt, was born August 10, 1667, and married Sarah Scudder. They were parents of Obadiah Platt, who was born about 1706 and on the 10th of August, 1722, married Mary Smith. Obadiah Platt (II) was born August 8, 1729, and died November 25, 1784. His wife, Thankful Scudder, died December 19, 1816. Their son, Jarvis Platt, was born September 6, 1759, married Ann Nichols and died in 1841. David Platt, son of Jarvis and Ann (Nichols) Platt, was born February 6, 1782, was married May 18, 1803, to Lucretia Tousey, of Newtown, and devoted his life to farming, passing away April 19, 1814. His son, Philo Tousey Platt, was born September 3, 1811, and was married November 24, 1841, to Jeanette E. Tuttle, of Southbury, Connecticut. He engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead farm until his death, March 10, 1880. He had two sons, Johnson T. and Theron E. The former, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, became a prominent attorney and also a notable figure in connection with public life in Connecticut. The younger son, Theron E. Platt, took up the occupation of farming and also became prominent in local affairs, holding a number of offices. He was likewise vice president of the Newtown Savings Bank and he was widely known as a collector of rare books, possessing a very fine private library. He died July 26, 1927, three days before his wife, who passed away July 29, 1927. Of their two children one died in childhood.

The other son, Philo T. Platt, acquired his preliminary education in a private school of Newtown and afterward attended the Union Business College at Bridgeport, Connecticut. When his textbooks were put aside he became associated with his father in the machinery business and upon the father's retirement took over the business, which he wisely and profitably conducted until 1920, when he sold out. Under the guidance of his father, who was regarded throughout the state as an authority on agricultural matters, Philo T. Platt assumed the operation of the home farm, which he developed according to scientific principles, utilizing the most advanced knowledge concerning agricultural methods in the cultivation of the fields and the care of the crops.



Aside from the important work which he accomplished in this direction he was widely known because of his activity in political circles. He always gave his allegiance to the republican party and worked along constructive lines in the field of politics, the results accomplished being far-reaching and beneficial. In 1921 he was persuaded to accept his party nomination for representative from Newtown, which is generally regarded as a democratic stronghold, but he had little difficulty in carrying the election. During his term's service in that office he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement and his record led to his election to the state senate in 1922, while in 1924 he was reelected by a very flattering majority. During the first session he was chairman of the incorporations committee and he was instrumental in securing the passage of a number of bills. During the second session he was chairman of the committee on appropriations and in 1925 he was appointed by Governor Trumbull as the first commissioner of agriculture, which office he filled to the time of his death. He was likewise a director of the State Chamber of Commerce, was a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural College, a director of the Connecticut Milk Producers Association and a member of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture. His connection with all these organizations contributed to the experience which made him a valuable official in the office of state commissioner of agriculture.

On the 15th of October, 1902, Mr. Platt married Miss Elsie May Sanford of Redding, Connecticut, daughter of Charles and Hannah L. (Sherwood) Sanford. They became the parents of a son, Raymond Johnson, who was born May 30, 1906, and is a sophomore in the Connecticut State College. The family residence is in Newtown on the same tract of land which has been occupied by several generations of Mr. Platt's ancestors. At the time of his death Mr. Platt was president of the New England Association of Commissioners, governor of the Connecticut society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America and was vice president of the Israel Putnam Memorial Park Association. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Hiram Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., and he likewise had membership in the Newtown Country Club. From an early period the Platt family has contributed to the substantial upbuilding and progress of this section of the state and the record of Philo T. Platt was in harmony with that of an honored ancestry. His life span covered but forty-seven years yet in that period he accomplished much and the beneficial effect of his labors will continue for years to come. Governor Trumbull said in this connection: "I deeply regret to hear of the death of Philo T. Platt and I extend my sincere sympathy to his family. Commissioner Platt has served the state of Connecticut well and faithfully. Under his leadership the department of agriculture has made splendid progress. He took keen interest in his work and in his death the farmers of Connecticut have lost a real friend." All who knew him have felt sorrow at his passing—not because of his successful achievement in business nor even by reason of what he accomplished in public life but because his personal qualities endeared him most warmly to his associates. His was an honorable manhood and left to his family the priceless heritage of a good name.

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#### CALDWELL COLT ROBINSON, D. S. C.; N. C.

Caldwell Colt Robinson, born April 17, 1897, was the eldest son of Colonel Charles L. F. and Elizabeth Hart Jarvis (Beach) Robinson, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. His record has become an integral part of the history of Connecticut, inasmuch as he made the supreme sacrifice for the country in the World war. His mother is a member of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., at Hartford, and through the maternal line his ancestry is traced back to Major General William Hart and Colonel William de Groot. He attended Taft school and later the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. He became a member of the Delta Phi fraternity and he also held membership in the Masonic order, in the Society of Cincinnati and in the Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors. His initial military experience came to him through training in the New York Military Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1916, and



he attended two camps at Plattsburg in the same year, becoming first sergeant in both and rising to the rank of first lieutenant and battalion adjutant. He displayed great interest and enthusiasm in military affairs and volunteered with Troop B for service on the Mexican border in 1916. Later he was enrolled at the Brooklyn Navy Yard as a second lieutenant (provisional) in the Marine Corps Reserve. From the 28th of July, 1917, to October 24, 1917, he was at Quantico, Virginia, with the Marine Corps Camp and Officers Training School. He was transferred to the Eighty-second Company of the Sixth Regiment of the Third Battalion and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant of the Marine Corps on the 18th of September, with the rank from August 27th. He embarked at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the United States steamship Von Steuben, October 24, 1917, and arrived in France on the 17th of November, proceeding to lines of communication early in March. He was with the troops on the Verdun sector and with his command proceeded to Belleau Wood in May. He was on detached duty with the United States army from November 18, 1917, until June 6, 1918. He was cited and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (posthumous) July 5, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and service in the face of the enemy June 6, 1918, for it was on that day that he was killed in action in the Bois de Belleau in Aisne, France. The following is his record as furnished by the United States Marine Corps:

- 1917 July 5. Enrolled as second lieutenant (provisional) in class 4, Marine Corps Reserve.
- July 21. Appointed a second lieutenant (provisional) in class 4, Marine Corps Reserve.
- July 28. Reported for active duty at Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.
- Sept. 13. Disenrolled from the Marine Corps Reserve and accepted appointment as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps with rank from August 27, 1917.
- Oct. 24. Detached to foreign shore expeditionary service in France; embarked on the U. S. S. Von Steuben Oct. 24th, 1917, and sailed from Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 25th, 1917, attached to the 82nd Company, 6th Regt. of Marines. Arrived in France, Nov. 18th, 1917, and disembarked Nov. 19th, 1917, and on detached duty with the U. S. Army in France from that date.
- 1918 June 6. Killed in action in the Bois de Belleau Woods, France, while attached to Company "I", 6th Regiment, U. S. Marines.
- July 5. Awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously, for conspicuous gallantry and service in the face of the enemy June 6th, 1918.
- "Second Lieutenant Caldwell Colt Robinson, Co. 'I', was distinguished for his bravery in charging machine gun nest positions on June 6th, 1918, in the Bois de Belleau, and was killed while performing his duty."

(Signed) F. C. CUSHING,  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant and Inspector.

Mrs. Robinson has in her possession a letter of which the following is a copy:

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS.  
COMMANDANTS OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., August 8th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Robinson:—

I am pleased to inform you that I am in receipt of an official communique from the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces, which mentions, among other things, the fact that your son, the late Lieutenant Caldwell Colt Robinson, Marine Corps, was awarded the distinguished service cross, posthumously, for gallantry in action. The following testimonial to the courage of Lieutenant Robinson,

appended to the remarks of General Pershing in awarding this high honor, gives evidence of the extreme value of your son's fine devotion to duty until the end.

"Killed in action at Chateau Thierry June 6th, 1918, he gave the supreme proof of that extraordinary heroism which will serve as an example to hitherto untried troops."

Very sincerely,

(Signed) GEORGE BARNETT,  
Major General Commandant.

Mrs. C. L. F. Robinson,  
1161 Prospect Avenue,  
Hartford, Conn.

Lieutenant Robinson was cited and awarded Navy Cross posthumously November 11, 1920. Victory medal bears star and two clasps: Aisne: Defensive Sector.

Lieutenant Robinson was the first member of the Society of the Cincinnati killed in the World war and his remains were laid to rest in Grave 12, Row 10, Block A, of the Aisne-Marne American cemetery at Belleau, Aisne, France. The Caldwell Colt Robinson, D. S. C.; N. C. Post, No. 254, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, installed November 5, 1919, at Hartford, is named in his honor.

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#### COLONEL CHARLES LEONARD FROST ROBINSON

A gentleman of the broadest and highest culture, a business man of marked capacity and power, a sportsman with the keenest sense of honor and fair play, the life record of Colonel Charles Leonard Frost Robinson contributed to the establishment of standards of American manhood and citizenship that place him in the foremost ranks among those whom New England has delighted to honor as her native sons. His career illustrated a perfect balance between business enterprise, appreciation of sports and love of all of those arts which have promoted the cultural development of the race, and his social qualities endeared him to those who came within the more intimate circle of his acquaintance as brother to brother. He was born July 9, 1874, in the town of Sayville, Long Island, and died on board his yacht at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, July 5, 1916. The intervening period of forty-two years seemed a brief life span, but such was his native talent and his acquired ability that he accomplished what many never attain in a lifetime of twice that period. His parents were Frank Tracy and Ida May (Frost) Robinson. His ancestry in the paternal line goes back to Rev. John Robinson, leader of the Pilgrims in Leyden, Holland, and the associate of Elder William Brewster, who was the leader of the Pilgrim band in the new world. Rev. John Robinson was born in England in 1575 and was ordained to the ministry of the established church but later became a pastor of the Separatist church. Some years later he went to Amsterdam, Holland, and in 1609 to Leyden, where he was chosen pastor of the church. His son, Isaac Robinson, became the founder of the family in the new world and the line of descent comes down through his son, Peter Robinson, who established the family in Connecticut. The direct ancestor of Colonel Robinson in the fourth generation was Peter Robinson (II) and his ancestors in successive generations were Jacob, Vine, Francis and Frank Tracy Robinson, the last named the father of Colonel Robinson.

Frank Tracy Robinson was born August 11, 1847, attended the Newport Naval Academy and was engaged in blockade duty with the Union Navy in the Civil war, holding the rank of lieutenant. He afterward became associated with his father in business and later succeeded him in the firm of Robinson & Hayden and as a director of the Maryland Coal Company. He was a noted yachtsman and owned several water craft well known in the waters around New York. He was married February 20, 1873, to Ida May Frost, daughter of Charles Leonard and Caroline Augusta (Bailey) Frost, and he died October 31, 1898.

His son, Colonel Charles L. F. Robinson, pursued his preparatory course in the Halsey School of New York city and then entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, completing his course as a member of the class of 1895 with a degree of Ph. B. He at once started out in the business world in the employ of the firm of Robinson & Hayden, of which his father was senior partner, and was actively



engaged in that business until the time of his father's death in 1898. Colonel Robinson then retired and for several years thereafter traveled extensively in America and in Europe, finding great delight in visiting the leading art centers of the old world and familiarizing himself with the traditions and history of its medieval strongholds. Several years of his life at this point were devoted to acquiring a knowledge of the arts which make for liberal education and culture and his interest in these fields never for a moment wavered in later years. He gained thereby that richness of life which lifts the individual above the sordidness of a purely business career and he was widely recognized as an art connoisseur.

With his return to his native land Colonel Robinson resumed his residence in Newport, Rhode Island, and again actively entered the business world. He also became a prominent figure in the political and public life of Newport, serving frequently as a delegate to conventions and also as a member of the board of park commissioners of that city. Moreover, he won his military title by service in the Newport Artillery Company. He was greatly interested in the Naval Training Station there and in 1914 presented to the station a silver cup for use in the drill competition. As a business man, too, he made his presence felt, for he possessed splendid powers as an organizer and executive. He became associated with the Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company of Hartford and in 1909 was elected to the vice presidency of that corporation, succeeding to the presidency a year later and continuing thsu to serve until his demise six years afterward. He well deserved to be numbered among America's captains of industry and his opinions on questions of finance were of the greatest value, being based upon careful analysis, keen discrimination and broad business vision. He served on the directorate of the Travelers Insurance Company, the Newport Trust Company, the Fidelity Trust Company, the Phoenix National Bank, the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Company, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Shore Line Electric Railroad Company, the American Hardware Corporation of New Britain and the Standard Wrench Company of Providence, Utah Copper Company and Butte and Superior Company, and many other companies.

Colonel Robinson was widely known as a sportsman and enjoyed an international reputation as a yachtsman, cruising in all navigable waters throughout the entire world and giving to the public an interesting narrative of his experiences under the title "Thirty Thousand Miles in the Wanderer." He held membership in the New York Yacht Club, the Royal Thames Yacht Club of England, the Imperial Yacht Club of Germany and the Royal Yacht Club of Belgium. From 1900 until 1903 he served on America's cup committee and he watched with keen interest the development of the Yale University crews, many of whom he entertained on his yachts. A few months prior to his demise he gave the Yale crew new headquarters and at different times presented other gifts to the crew, including a racing shell. He found great enjoyment in fishing off the coasts of Florida and Cuba and spent several months each year in Atlantic cruises.

Colonel Robinson was also widely known in Masonic circles in New York and Connecticut, holding membership in Washington Commandery, K. T., of Hartford, in the Connecticut Consistory, thirty-second degree, and in Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine and Holland Lodge of New York city. He held membership in the Church of the Good Shepherd of Hartford for many years and served as one of its vestrymen. In club circles he was a prominent and well known figure, having membership in the Farmington Country Club, the Dauntless Club of Essex, the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Army and Navy Club, the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., and the Knickerbocker, Racquet, Union and Brook clubs of New York city.

On the 30th of June, 1896, Colonel Robinson was married to Miss Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Beach, a daughter of Cyprian Nichols Beach, of Hartford. She survives her husband, still making her home in Connecticut's capital city, where she is a prominent figure, as she is also in Newport, Rhode Island. Colonel and Mrs. Robinson became parents of four children: Caldwell Colt, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Elizabeth Alden, who was born November 30, 1900; Hettie Hart, who was a twin of Elizabeth and died December 1, 1900; and Francis, born May 19, 1903.

A contemporary biographer has said: "Colonel Robinson was a man of vigorous intellectual endowment, and his interests in life were many and varied, his literary tastes sincere, and highly developed, as is evidenced by the unusually fine library which he collected from all quarters of the globe. He had a deep interest in Ameri-



can history and traditions, and a portion of his library was devoted exclusively to collection of manuscripts and rare data of this type. F. B. Gay, of the Watkinson Library of Hartford, an eminent authority on books, said of him: "Many of the people who knew the late Colonel C. L. F. Robinson as a famous yachtsman, or as actively connected with numerous business enterprises and companies, or as an entertaining and lavish host, will be surprised to learn that there was another and very different side to his likings and activities. In his beautiful house on Prospect avenue he had gathered probably the finest private library in Connecticut. Beginning with the books that every gentleman of taste must have, in later years he had left the field of French illustrated works, editions de luxe, etc., and gone very extensively into that much rarer field for the true collector—early Americana. And what a pleasure he took, apparently, showing the treasures partially hidden behind those library doors. Sitting in a large easy chair, surrounded with early American pictures and prints, with that vast and wonderful view from his library windows, stretching away to Mount Tom on the north and the Bolton hills on the eastern limit, with the nearer Talcott range on the west, the Colonel would show a volume, or a hundred volumes, that would make the true book lover gasp in astonishment. Manuscripts of the highest rarity relating to American history; books in magnificent bindings, on the same subject; specimens of the great painters and historic periods of the art preservative—and then what the man knew about them! The sweet, fine, appreciative way he handled them, gloated over their immaculate condition and bibliopegic splendors; their points of historic, literary or pictorial interest. Oh! he was an amateur on that side well worth knowing."

Another writer characterized Colonel Robinson as follows: "A man's man, of magnetic personality, the broad human understanding and sympathy which endears itself to men in every walk of life, and a sense of honor which recalled the days of chivalry, he had formed friendships and attachments among men of all types and in all conditions of life. He had aided scores of men in the struggle upward toward success, and possessed the faculty of putting himself on a footing of equality with the lowly and with those high in the walks of life."

One of the best characterizations of Colonel Robinson was from the pen of Dr. Samuel Hart, dean of the Berkeley Divinity School and president of the Connecticut Historical Society, who wrote: "The vigor of his nature, and of his plans for life and the earnestness with which he was carrying them out, added to the strength of body which had endured the test of a serious accident, seemed to fore-show a continuance of the success to which he had, while still comparatively a young man, attained. As president of a great manufacturing company, he had carried it even beyond the prosperity of its early years, and had proved its adaptability to new opportunities; as a citizen, he was taking an important place in the responsibilities of the community in which he lived; and he was making his beautiful new home a treasure house of carefully chosen works of literature and art, bearing on the departments of history and on the progress of the handiwork in which he found special delight. His business relations, as well as his happy marriage to one who carried on the memories of his beneficent personality, destined him to an important place in the life of Hartford; and that place he was filling to the benefit of the city, and, we cannot but believe, to the furtherance of his own best desires." The life work of Colonel Robinson continues, inasmuch as his activities were a stimulus to the commercial and financial development of New England and to the intellectual, moral and cultural progress of the land. His years of life were comparatively few, but because he lived the world is better and richer in those things which endure.

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#### FRANK ELLSWORTH LAMSON

The man who achieves success through his own unaided efforts is deserving of the highest commendation, and of this type was Frank Ellsworth Lamson, whose ability and energy enabled him to rise from a lowly position to the vice presidency of the Sessions Foundry Company, one of the large corporations of Bristol. Conscientious and thorough, he faithfully performed life's duties and obligations and his

example may well be emulated by all desirous of cultivating strength of character and stability of purpose.

Mr. Lamson was born May 27, 1861, at Southington, Connecticut, and was a son of Samuel and Lydia Lamson. His early life was spent in Burlington, Connecticut, and later he went to Cleveland, Ohio, but subsequently returned to Connecticut. On April 1, 1882, when a young man of twenty-one, he became a clerk in the shipping department of the Sessions Foundry Company and was thus employed for several years, gaining a comprehensive knowledge of that branch of the business. In 1919 he was promoted to the responsible position of traffic manager and in 1920 was elected to the office of vice president, acting in that capacity until his death on September 7, 1927. For forty-five years he had remained with the same corporation, to which he gave his best energies, and his labors became an integral part of the business. As an executive he was far-sighted and efficient and in his treatment of subordinates he was always courteous, just and considerate.

On September 10, 1882, Mr. Lamson was married in Bristol to Miss Mae E. Bradley, who survives him, and he also left a son, Ellsworth F. Mr. Lamson enjoyed home life and was an ideal husband and father. In all matters of citizenship he was loyal and patriotic but never aspired to public office, being deeply engrossed in business affairs. By nature he was genial, unselfish and sympathetic and these qualities endeared him to all who were privileged to know him. Mr. Lamson was a man of exceptional worth and his sudden death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

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#### EDWARD FARNSWORTH DUSTIN

Among the more recently established banking institutions of Hartford, organized to meet the financial needs of this growing city, is the Capitol National Bank & Trust Company, of which Edward Farnsworth Dustin became the vice president on the 1st of December, 1926. Back of his association with this institution was a broad experience in business and financial affairs, which combines with a laudable ambition to wisely, safely and profitably direct the interests now under his control. A lifelong resident of Hartford, save for a brief period of two years, he was here born September 21, 1882, and is a direct descendant of Hannah Dustin of Haverhill, Massachusetts, one of the outstanding heroines of American history, who suffered capture by the Indians and in whose memory a monument has been erected in Haverhill. His parents were Charles E. and Loraine (King) Dustin, the former an electrical manufacturer of New York, who died in 1924, having for a brief period survived his wife, who passed away the previous year.

The public schools of Hartford accorded Edward F. Dustin his early educational advantages and later he entered the Hotchkiss Preparatory School of Lakeville, Connecticut, while subsequently he became a student in Yale University and there won his Bachelor of Arts degree at the completion of his course in 1906. The same year he entered business circles by securing a position in an electrical manufacturing establishment of New York, with which he remained until 1908, when he returned to Hartford and here conducted the agency for the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, devoting several years to his duties in that position. He was next made advertising manager for G. F. Heublein & Brother of Hartford and later he sold securities for seven years as representative of the local office of Lee, Higginson & Company. Thus his varied experiences added to his knowledge of business methods and procedure and especially in his last position did he gain a comprehensive understanding of financial affairs that well qualified him to take up the responsible position of vice president and director of the newly organized Capitol National Bank & Trust Company. He was elected to the office December 1, 1926, and is proving a capable executive. He is also president and director of the Capitol National Company, which is the local correspondent for Kidder, Peabody & Company, investment bankers of New York.

On the 15th of September, 1910, Mr. Dustin was married to Miss Harriet Marsh, a daughter of Andrew K. and Margaret E. (Baldwin) Marsh, of Brooklyn, New York.

Politically Mr. Dustin is a republican, his interest in politics being that of a good citizen, but he has no desire for official preferment. He holds membership in



the University Club, which he is now serving as treasurer. In his entire business career progressiveness and conservatism have been well balanced factors and constitute features of great worth in the successful conduct of the banking business with which he is now identified.

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#### LOUIS G. ALLEN

Louis G. Allen, the efficient town clerk of Suffield, was here born February 2, 1870, a son of Alonzo C. and Abbie H. (Austin) Allen. The father was at one time engaged in the jewelry business but subsequently was chosen for the office of town clerk of Suffield and, like his son, proved a capable incumbent in that position.

Louis G. Allen pursued his education in the Suffield schools and when his textbooks were put aside started out in the business world as an employe in a local grocery store. A few years later he became connected with the Suffield post office and since that time he has been continuously in positions of public trust. In 1915 he was elected to the office of town clerk and by successive reelections has been retained in this position, which he has now filled for thirteen years in a most capable and acceptable manner, being always earnest, prompt and faithful in the discharge of his official duties. His identification with public office in Suffield now covers a period of thirty years, a fact which stands in incontrovertible evidence of his loyalty to duty.

In 1910 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Firtion, of Broad Brook, Connecticut, and they are widely and favorably known here. They hold membership in the Congregational church and Mr. Allen gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He formerly served as chief of the voluntary fire department, an honorary position, and in every possible way he has given evidence of his progressiveness in citizenship.

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#### DUDLEY CARLETON

Dudley Carleton, treasurer of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company and regarded as a substantial factor in financial circles in Hartford, was born in Delvin, County Westmeath, Ireland, on the 22d of October, 1886, and is a son of William and Charlotte Matilda (Payne) Carleton, who were also natives of the Emerald isle. The father was a surgeon in the British navy for ten years and made three trips around the world. He qualified for professional service by a study in Trinity College at Dublin, from which he was graduated, and he became one of the best known surgeons of the British isles. He passed away in Ireland, after which his widow became a resident of Montreal, Canada, where she now makes her home.

Dudley Carleton pursued his education in Ellesmere College at Shrewsbury, England, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. Later he was employed in the Royal Bank of Ireland at Dublin for a time and then crossed the Atlantic to become a resident of Montreal, where he secured a situation in the Sovereign Bank of Canada. At different periods he also worked in the Eastern Townships Bank and in the Canadian Bank of Commerce and in 1923 he arrived in Hartford, where in January, 1924, he assumed the duties of treasurer of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company. Since leaving college he has devoted his entire time and attention to the banking business and is familiar with every phase of it, so that his long experience, combined with his sound judgment, has made him a valued factor in the conduct of the institution with which he is now associated.

In June, 1913, Mr. Carleton married Miss Bessie Gibson, of Montreal, Canada, and they are the parents of two children, Russell Wainwright and Beverly Bayne. They make their home at No. 41 Tower road in East Hartford. Mr. Carleton is well known in musical circles, being a member of Christ Church Cathedral Choir and Oratorical Society. Fraternally he is connected with Prevost Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Dunham, in the province of Quebec, Canada, and was master thereof in 1923. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and he has membership in the City Club and the Reciprocity Club of Hartford and in the Hartford Fish and Game Club.



His social qualities have made him many friends in these different organizations and he is a valued representative of musical interests here, but he never allows outside interests to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties as treasurer of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company.

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#### HOWARD C. CONE

Howard C. Cone, well known in the mercantile circles of Suffield, was born in Enfield, Connecticut, in 1873, his parents being Orlow T. and Huldah B. (Pease) Cone. The father was for many years in railroad employ. The family numbered three sons and three daughters.

At the usual age Howard C. Cone became a pupil in the public schools of Enfield and when he had completed his course of study he began providing for his own support by entering the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company in the capacity of clerk, remaining in that connection from 1893 until 1899. In the latter year he obtained the position of bookkeeper with W. W. Cooper, who in 1900 sold the business to the firm of Spencer Brothers. Mr. Cone continued with the house, working his way steadily upward, and in 1913 he was made secretary and assistant treasurer of the company. Five years later he was elected treasurer of the company and has remained in that official position to the present time. Since 1913 he has been overseer of the business and was very active in its management and control until 1926. He thus became widely known as a merchant of Hartford county, building up a business of substantial proportions, and with every phase of the business he is thoroughly familiar, knowing quality and prices and giving to the patrons of the house most efficient service. As the result of his labors the business has steadily grown and Mr. Cone has gained an enviable position as a representative of the commercial interests of Suffield.

In 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Cora H. Krauss, of Windsor Locks, and they now have a daughter, Florence, born at Windsor Locks, July 12, 1898. The parents are members of the Congregational church and of the Country Club and are interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of the community. In his political views Mr. Cone is a republican and his party called upon him to represent his town in the state legislature from 1925 until 1927. He there gave thoughtful consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement and his influence was ever on the side of improvement, so that he labored diligently to promote legislation of genuine worth to the commonwealth. He finds his recreation largely in fishing and hunting and is now president of the Game and Fish Club of Suffield.

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#### GEORGE LUMBY DAMON

George Lumby Damon, who occupied a high position in the business circles of New Britain, where for forty-five years he conducted one of the best known shoe stores in New England, was born in Conway, Massachusetts, October 16, 1855, a son of Cyrus and Maria L. (Simons) Damon. The public school system of Northampton, Massachusetts, accorded him his educational opportunities and he spent the greater part of his life to the age of sixteen years in Northampton, after which he became a resident of New Britain, where he remained until his death. Here he entered the employ of F. Whittlesey & Company, with which concern he continued as bookkeeper for several years, when he resigned his position to engage in the shoe business on his own account in the year 1877. He remained active in that field for forty-five years and as a shoe merchant became widely known throughout New England. His first store was in the Strickland block at the corner of Main and East Main streets. His business rapidly increased, necessitating his removal to larger quarters, which he found in the Commercial building at the corner of Main and Commercial streets. A later removal saw him installed in still more commodious quarters in the Booth block in the center of the business section of the city and there he conducted one of the best equipped and best furnished shoe stores in New England. His position

as a New Britain business man was a very enviable one, for his integrity and fair dealing, as well as his ability, were generally recognized. Aside from his mercantile interests he became a director of the New Britain Trust Company and of the Burritt Mutual Savings Bank.

At Middletown, Connecticut, on the 25th of March, 1884, Mr. Damon married Miss Anna Mary Bailey, who was born in Arlington, Vermont, February 25, 1863. They became the parents of a daughter, Ruth, now the wife of Lawrence Cole Humason and a resident of New Britain. They have three children: John Damon, Florence Mary and Hala Cole Humason.

Mr. Damon was a member of the First Congregational church and his political faith was that of the republican party. He was ever interested in community and civic affairs and he rendered efficient service as a director of the Charity Association, later the Welfare Association of New Britain. Fraternally he was a Mason, holding membership in Centennial Lodge, and that he was appreciative of the social amenities of life was manifest in his connection with the New Britain Club and the Shuttle Meadow Club. He enjoyed all phases of outdoor life, but fishing and golf constituted his principal forms of recreation. He passed away April 30, 1923, and in a review of his career it is noted that his mental make-up was of a constructive character, that he was thoughtful and public-spirited and that he represented the highest type of citizen and business man. Death claimed him in the evening of a life filled with sound enterprises, loyal friends and wholesome happiness.

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#### DWIGHT H. STOUGHTON, M. D.

Dr. Dwight H. Stoughton, a member of the medical profession in Hartford, limiting his practice to dermatology, was born in this city October 2, 1892, a son of Dwight G. and Mary A. (White) Stoughton. The father was for many years a druggist here and died in 1909, while the mother survived until 1916. The son obtained a public and high school education and then became a student in the Highland Military Academy at Worcester, Massachusetts, while later he devoted two years to the study of pharmacy at Notre Dame University. His preparation for a professional career was made in McGill University at Montreal, where he won his M. D. degree at graduation with the class of 1918. He put his theoretical training to practical test in his service as interne in the Montreal General Hospital through a period of one year and later he became assistant dermatologist in the Cornell University Medical Clinic of New York city, acting in that capacity from 1919 until 1921. In the latter year he opened his office in Hartford, where he has since remained, and his course has been in keeping with the tendency of the times, which in all the professions is toward specialization.

On the 27th of November, 1918, Dr. Stoughton was married to Miss Aileen Dickson-Otty, a daughter of G. O. and Emily (Murphy) Dickson-Otty, of Hampton, New Brunswick, Canada. Their children are: George Dwight, born November 27, 1919; Peter Van Cortlandt, born April 15, 1921; and Judith Aileen, born June 19, 1923.

Fraternally Dr. Stoughton is a Mason. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never had time nor inclination to seek public office. He belongs to the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and thus keeps abreast with the trend of the times in matters of medical practice.

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#### JOHN FRANCIS BARRY, D. M. D.

Dr. John Francis Barry has always made his professional duties his first consideration, being most thorough and conscientious in the performance of his work, and is regarded as one of South Manchester's leading dentists. He was born in Moodus, Connecticut, in 1891 and is a son of Michael J. and Mary (O'Brien) Barry, natives of Middlesex county, this state. His father, who was a member of the Moodus Fife and Drum Corps of Moodus, removed to Manchester in 1904. He has been identified



with the firm of Cheney Brothers for a period of twenty years and his life is devoted to the printing business.

Dr. John F. Barry, his only child, was thirteen years of age when the family left Moodus and his high school education was obtained in Manchester. He completed his course in 1910 and for six years was in the employ of J. H. Quinn. Going to Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Barry matriculated in the Tufts Dental College, which he left in 1918 to enter the service of his country, and was sent to Fort Warren. In 1919 he was honorably discharged and now holds the rank of first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps. After his release from military duty Dr. Barry returned to college and finished his dental course in 1919. For a year thereafter he followed his profession in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, and in 1920 located in South Manchester, opening an office in the Orford building. His scientific knowledge is supplemented by the mechanical skill and ingenuity so essential to the successful dentist, and his practice has assumed large proportions.

On the 15th of June, 1927, Dr. Barry was united in marriage to May E. D'Arcy, of Hazardville, Connecticut, daughter of Thomas F. and Helen (Lehan) D'Arcy. Dr. and Mrs. Barry are prominent in social affairs of South Manchester, are faithful communicants of St. James' Catholic church and the Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He taken an interest in public affairs and is one of the energetic members of the Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the local Kiwanis Club, the Hartford Equity Club, the Knights of Columbus, Dilworth Cornell Post, No. 102, of the American Legion, Phi Omega, a college fraternity, and the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Dental Associations. Dr. Barry is a young man of marked strength of character and fills an important place in the life of his community.

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#### EDWIN HENRY BINGHAM

Edwin Henry Bingham, vice president of the Jewell Belting Company of Hartford, is a representative of one of the oldest New England families, as indicated in his present connection with the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, of which he is now governor. In the direct paternal line his ancestry is traced back to Deacon Thomas Bingham, who was baptized at Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, June 1, 1642, and was about eighteen years of age when with his widowed mother, Anne Bingham, he crossed the Atlantic. He became a resident of Saybrook, Connecticut, about 1659 and for a time resided in New London but later settled in Norwich, Connecticut, with his mother and her second husband, Mr. Backus. Thomas Bingham became one of the original proprietors of that town in 1660 and on the 12th of December, 1666, he married Mary Rudd. In 1693 he established his home in Windham, Connecticut, where he became very prominent in the civic and church activities of the place, serving as selectman, as sergeant of the military company and as deacon in the church. He died January 16, 1729-30, at the age of eighty-eight years.

His son, Thomas Bingham (II), was born in Norwich, December 11, 1667, and succeeded his father as proprietor of the town. On the 17th of February, 1691-92, he married Hannah Backus, daughter of Lieutenant William Backus, and he died April 1, 1710.

His son, Nathaniel Bingham, was born in Norwich, Connecticut, June 30, 1704, and about 1724 married Margaret Safford who was born in November, 1700, a daughter of John and Deborah Safford. Nathaniel Bingham sold his house and fifty acres of land September 22, 1752, and purchased two hundred and fifty acres in three tracts at Mansfield, Connecticut, where he settled, passing away in 1756.

John Bingham, son of Nathaniel, was born at Norwich, Connecticut, April 1, 1727, and was married December 13, 1750, to Susanna Burnham, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Kinsman) Burnham. She was born in Norwich, June 20, 1731, and died April 15, 1795, while John Bingham survived until December 20, 1804.

Their son, Captain John Bingham (II), was born at Norwich, February 2, 1756, and on the 19th of April, 1775, when a youth of nineteen, responded to the Lexington Alarm and became a soldier of the Revolution. His father deeded to him the home-



stead at Lisbon, Connecticut, January 2, 1794. He was married December 10, 1778, to Talitha Waldo, who was born in Windham, August 5, 1760, and died April 5, 1852, having for many years survived her husband, who passed away March 6, 1835.

Ezra Bingham, son of Captain John Bingham and the grandfather of Edwin H. Bingham of this review, was born in Lisbon, Connecticut, October 13, 1797, and in early life went to Ohio but soon returned to the old homestead, which was given him by his father February 13, 1832. He was married in Mansfield, September 29, 1830, to Eliza Adams, who was there born April 23, 1805, a daughter of Dr. Jabez and Lucy Adams and a descendant in the seventh generation of John and Elinor (Newton) Adams. She died December 12, 1879, at Orange, New Jersey. On the 1st of April, 1864, Ezra Bingham sold the homestead and moved to Hanover, where he passed away May 25, 1879. His wife was a granddaughter of Lydia Fitch, whose great-grandfather was Major William Bradford, son of Governor William Bradford, who landed from the Mayflower at Plymouth, and in the maternal line Eliza (Adams) Bingham was a descendant of Richard Warren, also of Mayflower fame, the line coming down through his son, Nathaniel Warren, Thomas and Alice (Warren) Gibbs, Abigail (Gibbs) Swift and Rowland Swift to Lucy Swift, the granddaughter of Rowland.

Edwin H. Bingham also traces his ancestry back to Rev. James Fitch, Robert Allyn, William Backus, Sr., William Backus, Jr., Thomas Bingham, John Gager, Thomas Leffingwell, Josiah Reed, Nehemiah Smith, Richard Bushnell, John Downs, Thomas Gates, Robert Roath, Josiah Rockwell, Josiah Standish, Richard Adams and Benjamin Burnham, who were among the founders of Norwich.

Henry Adams Bingham, son of Ezra Bingham, was born at Lisbon, July 13, 1833, and remained on the homestead with his father until August 11, 1862, when he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company C, Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was taken prisoner at Winchester, Virginia, in June, 1863, and in the course of time was exchanged and returned to his regiment, serving in the campaigns in Virginia and Maryland. On the 14th of March, 1864, he was commissioned lieutenant of the Thirtieth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Colored Troops and on January 27, 1865, as lieutenant of the Thirty-first United States Colored Troops. He was on duty with his command in Kentucky and at Petersburg, Virginia, and at the close of the war was sent with his regiment to the Mexican border, where he served until May, 1865, being mustered out on the 7th of November of that year. In March, 1866, he returned to Lisbon and leased the homestead of Andrew Burnham. He was married November 7, 1860, to Nancy L. Standish, born May 12, 1842, a daughter of Thomas Fitch Standish and granddaughter of Amos Standish, the ancestral line being traced back through Amasa, Israel, Samuel and Captain Josiah to Captain Miles Standish, who came in the Mayflower. The wife of Amos Standish was Clarissa (Fitch) Standish, a descendant of Elder William Brewster, also one of the Mayflower passengers, the daughter of Elder Brewster becoming the wife of Samuel Fitch, who was born at Saybrook in April, 1665, and whose father was the famous minister, Rev. James Fitch. Henry Adams Bingham died August 30, 1866.

His son, Edwin Henry Bingham, was born on the old family homestead at Lisbon, Connecticut, May 30, 1862. He went to live with his grandparents in Hanover and there attended the public schools until 1876, when with his mother he removed to Hartford and continued his education in the Hartford high school, from which he was graduated in 1880. Almost immediately afterward he started out in the business world, securing the position of office boy with the Jewell Belting Company on March 14, 1881. For forty-six years he was continuously associated with this concern and his diligence and fidelity won him various promotions. For a number of years he was in charge of the tannery and in 1911 he was elected vice president of the company, which for many years conducted a most extensive and profitable business but is now being liquidated.

On the 26th of October, 1899, Mr. Bingham was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Goodwin, daughter of Charles S. and Mary Elizabeth (Lincoln) Goodwin, her father having for many years been prominently identified with the business interests of Hartford as a merchant. He died March 23, 1898. Mrs. Bingham passed away in 1924 and two years later, on the 26th of June, 1926, Mr. Bingham married Bertha Elizabeth Swan, of Elmira, New York, daughter of Charles and Lucretia A. (Randall) Swan. The father died in 1902 and the mother in 1924.

In his political views Mr. Bingham has ever been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has membership in the Republican Club of Hartford. His religious faith is indicated by the fact that he has long been a member in the South Congregational church, of which he has served as deacon, and to which Mrs. Bingham also belongs. He has membership in the Congregational Club of Hartford, likewise belongs to the Hartford Golf Club and his membership connection includes the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, which has honored him with election to the position of governor. He is also a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, having joined October 20, 1891. Mrs. Bingham is a member of the American Association of University Women, the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Connecticut chapter of the national society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, and a member of the Hartford Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. She is a graduate of Elmira College with the degree of A. B., and before her marriage was a teacher of Latin in the National Cathedral School for Girls, of Washington, D. C. Fraternally Mr. Bingham is a Mason, belonging to Lafayette Lodge of Hartford. His life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles and worthy motives.

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#### CROWELL CLARINTON HALL, M. D.

With comprehensive collegiate training and with considerable previous experience, Dr. Crowell Clarinton Hall entered upon the practice of medicine in Hartford and through the intervening period has specialized in diseases of children, displaying marked skill in this field. An innate understanding of the child, combined with keen insight and deep sympathy, has constituted one of the strong basic elements of his success. Dr. Hall has always made his home in New England. He was born in Monson, Maine, November 22, 1884, his parents being Crowell Clarinton and Elizabeth (Dexter) Hall. The father was also a physician who practiced successfully in Monson for many years but in 1888 removed to Dover, Maine, where he was prominently known as a physician and surgeon until his death in 1914. He is yet survived by his widow, who still makes her home in Dover.

Dr. Crowell C. Hall was only in his fourth year when the family home was established in Dover, so that his early educational training was received in the public schools there, while later he attended Foxcroft Academy of that city. He next entered Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Maine, and was graduated in 1906 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. Attracted to the medical profession and with a desire to receive the most thorough training therefor, he matriculated in the medical department of Johns Hopkins University and was graduated in 1910. He had four months' special work at Hopkins and he served as interne in the Rhode Island Hospital at Providence, gaining that broad and valuable experience which can be acquired as rapidly in no other way as in hospital practice. With his return to Dover he became associated with his father and so continued until the latter's death, after which he practiced alone at that place until 1919, when he entered Harvard Medical College for postgraduate work in children's diseases. Following the completion of that course in 1920 he opened an office in Hartford, where he has since remained, limiting his practice to the treatment of children's diseases, in which field he has shown notable skill and attained outstanding success. His personality quickly wins the confidence of child patients and he has rendered valuable service in this branch of professional activity. He is physician in charge of the Newington Home for Crippled Children, and is visiting pediatrician to the Municipal Hospital, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Children's Village, and the Hartford Dispensary.

On the 27th of September, 1910, Dr. Hall married Miss Marjory Waite, who was born February 9, 1885, a daughter of Judge Byron S. and Ismene (Cramer) Waite, of Yonkers, New York. Their children, two in number, are: Elizabeth Cramer, born October 6, 1911; and Crowell Clarinton, Jr., born August 23, 1914.

Dr. Hall is a member of the University Club and the Rotary Club and fraternally is connected with the Masons. He has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party, but while he has never rendered political service to his country, he has given valuable military aid as an enlisted soldier of the World war, having been com-



missioned June 17, 1918, as a first lieutenant of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He was first stationed at Camp Greenleaf, in Georgia, and on September 6, 1918, went overseas in command of a replacement unit, remaining in France and Germany until April 24, 1919, receiving his honorable discharge as first lieutenant on the 12th of May following. He belongs to the Hartford Medical Society, the Hartford County Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus keeps in touch with the advanced thought and purposes of the profession, while his ability is growing year by year as the result of his experience and his wide reading. He is most careful in diagnosis, and actuated by the highest purpose, he is rendering a service of untold value to the children who come under his professional care.

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#### COLONEL JAMES LELAND HOWARD

Colonel James Leland Howard, vice president and a member of the board of The Travelers Insurance Company at Hartford, holds his place in public regard not only by reason of what he has accomplished in the field of business and finance but also by reason of the service which he rendered to his country in the World war and which brought to him the Croix de Guerre with Palm as well as the Distinguished Service Cross—the award of his own country. He was born in Hartford, March 21, 1878, and is a son of Frank L. and Julia (Cutler) Howard, of this city. He was educated in the grade and high schools and continued his studies in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, which conferred upon him the Ph. B. degree at his graduation with the class of 1898. He became connected with the actuarial department of the Travelers Insurance Company and gradually advanced, becoming assistant secretary of the life department on the 9th of April, 1906, while on the 11th of January, 1911, he was made assistant secretary of the company. His election to the secretaryship followed on the 24th of January, 1912, and he was chosen vice president January 25, 1922. He continues in that executive position and in April, 1927, was elected a director of the three Travelers companies to succeed the late Judge Edward B. Bennett. His association with the corporation now covers three decades and his record of continuous advancement is the visible evidence of his ability.

A most interesting chapter in the life history of Colonel Howard has to do with his military record. While a senior at Yale—then a youth of but twenty years—he enlisted in the First Connecticut Field Artillery for service during the Spanish-American war and never since has his interest in military affairs abated, so that he has long been prominent in the Connecticut National Guard. When affairs seemed to be reaching a crisis in Mexico, Colonel Howard, then holding the rank of major, went to the border with the American troops, being on active duty at Nogales, Arizona, and at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. When the United States entered the World war, Colonel Howard was called into the federal service July 25, 1917, at Hartford, as major of the first separate squadron of the Connecticut cavalry, which squadron was reorganized in August, 1917, as the One Hundred and First Machine Gun Battalion, becoming a unit of the Twenty-sixth, known as the Yankee Division. With his troops he sailed for France on the 10th of October following and first went into action on the 15th of February, 1918. He participated in various important engagements in which the famous Yankee Division took part, including Seicheprey on the 20th of April, Foret d'Apremont in May, the second battle of the Marne in July, the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient, September 12 and 13, 1918, and in the engagement at Marcheville, September 26, 1918. He was wounded in the second battle of the Marne but as soon as possible returned to active duty, and it was after his exploit at "the affair at Marcheville," which had to do with the launching of the great American offensive at Verdun, in which Colonel Howard and his men were under terrific shell fire and in great personal danger that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by his own country and the Croix de Guerre with Palm by the commander in chief of the French armies on the western front. The president of the French republic, by official decree, also appointed Colonel Howard Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. It was in August, 1918, that he was assigned to duty as lieutenant colonel, division machine gun officer, of the Twenty-sixth Division, and on the 6th of



November, 1918, was assigned to General Staff, A. E. F. He received his discharge from the service January 4, 1919, and is an honored member of the American Legion. He also belongs to the American Society of French Legion of Honor, is a member of the Spanish War Veterans and of the Military Order of Foreign Wars.

On the 13th of April, 1913, Colonel Howard married Mabel H. Hume, a daughter of Frank and Emma (Norris) Hume, of Washington, D. C. The only child of this marriage is James L., Jr., born January 24, 1918, when the father was defending America's interests in the World war. Colonel Howard has membership in the Hartford, Hartford Golf and University clubs, the Farmington Country Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven, St. Anthony Club of New York, the Yale Club of New York and the Y. D. Club of Boston.

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#### CHARLES GUILFORD WOODWARD

A well known figure among the insurance men of Hartford is Charles Guilford Woodward, now vice chairman of the finance committee of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He was born December 15, 1876, in Hartford, the only son of P. Henry and Mary (Smith) Woodward. After attending the schools of Hartford he continued his education in Trinity College, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1898, and then became a student in Columbia University. His association with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company dates from 1900, when he was made statistician, so continuing until May, 1911, when he was chosen financial secretary, filling the position until 1924, when he was elected to the vice presidency of the corporation and also was made vice chairman of the finance committee. He is also a trustee of the Bankers Trust Company, a director of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, a director of the Hartford Morris Plan Bank and trustee of the State Savings Bank. He likewise serves on the directorate of the Aetna Insurance Company, the World Fire & Marine Insurance Company, the Century Indemnity Company and the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Woodward has always been a republican and in 1922 was a member of the New England Governors Railroad Advisory Commission, which was established to untangle the financial condition of the railroads in New England. Mr. Woodward did important service in this connection as the financial adviser through appointment of Governor Lake of Connecticut. His interest in his alma mater is indicated in his service as one of the trustees of Trinity College and he is a well known figure in the leading clubs of Hartford, in which city he has spent practically his entire life, his circle of friends here being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### LEVI BENNETT COCHRAN, M. D.

Dr. Levi Bennett Cochran was born in Durhamville, Oneida county, New York, December 8, 1867. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Hugh Cochran, his great-grandfather, married Nancy Beatty, and lived at Woodgrange, near the city of Down Patrick, in the eastern part of County Down, Ireland.

His grandfather, Alexander Cochran, was born at Woodgrange, married Nancy Martin, and lived for several years at Dromara, then called Milltown Dromara, in County Down. With his wife and three children, Alexander Cochran emigrated from there to America in 1802, and settled at Ripley, Chautauqua county, New York, where Dr. Cochran's father, Andrew Cochran, was born.

Rev. Andrew Cochran was educated at Washington and Jefferson College and at Princeton Theological Seminary. He became pastor of a mission church at Durhamville, New York, and later was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Oneida Castle, New York, for thirty years. In remembrance of him, this church is called the "Cochran Memorial Church." Rev. Andrew Cochran married Catharine More, daughter of Robert L. More, who was a son of John T. More, and grandson of John More, of Moresville, now Grand Gorge, Delaware county, New York. They had six children, three of whom are now living: John M., of Oneida Castle, New York; Levi B.; and Katherine M., of Hartford, Connecticut.

Dr. Levi Bennett Cochran received a high school education at Oneida, New York. He worked as a drug clerk for three years at Oneida and in Philadelphia and graduated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Later he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1893. He became house physician in the Cooper Hospital, Camden, New Jersey, resigning from there to accept a position as assistant physician at Lattimer Mines, Pennsylvania, and finally located in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1896. He has been physician to the Hartford Orphan Asylum, Wildwood Sanitarium and assistant visiting physician to the Hartford Hospital, and is now one of the visiting physicians on the staff of the Hartford Hospital, consulting physician to Mt. Sinai Hospital, a member of the City, County and State Medical societies and of the American Medical Association. He is a member of several clubs and of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church. In December, 1898, Dr. Cochran married Mary Louise Bronson, of Lowville, Lewis county, New York.

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#### FRANK J. FLYNN

Frank J. Flynn, auditor of the Travelers Insurance, Travelers Indemnity and Travelers Fire Insurance Companies at Hartford, has been connected with the parent company of the Travelers group for twenty-three years. He was born in Hartford, November 29, 1885, and is a son of James F. and Hannah (Finnigan) Flynn, the father a native of New Britain, while the mother was born in Hartford. His grandfather, Thomas Flynn, located in Hartford county about 1830 and here spent his remaining days, carrying on business as a mason contractor. The father, James F. Flynn, continued in the same line of business in Hartford, where he passed away in 1923. The mother is still living in Hartford.

Frank J. Flynn was educated in St. Peters parochial school and in the Hartford high school, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904. He immediately entered the Hartford Life Insurance Company, where he spent a year, and in 1905 he resigned to accept a position in the ticket department of the Travelers Insurance Company. There he remained until September, 1912, when he was transferred to the auditing department, in which he held various positions until he was elected assistant auditor in 1923. March, 1927, brought him promotion to the office of auditor of the Travelers Companies.

On the 16th of October, 1912, Mr. Flynn was married to Miss Kathryn F. Ward of Hartford and they have one child, Frances Ward, thus bearing the family name of her mother, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ward of Hartford.

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#### GEORGE T. KIMBALL

George T. Kimball became associated with the American Hardware Corporation of New Britain a decade and a half ago and is today president of the company, while with other important business enterprises he is identified as a director. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 25, 1874, his parents being Penn Townsend and Helen Margaret (Gooch) Kimball. At the usual age he entered the public schools of his native city and in due course of time was graduated from the Evanston high school. After seven years' employment with Linn & Dwight in the grain elevator business he entered the law department of Lake Forest University, where he completed his course and was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar in 1899. Immediately afterward he opened an office in Chicago, where he continued to practice law for fourteen years, but in 1913 he turned his attention into the channels of commerce by becoming assistant auditor of the American Hardware Corporation at New Britain on the 8th of October of that year. Later in 1913 he was advanced to auditor and in 1915 was made assistant secretary of the company, occupying that position for five years. In 1920 he was chosen secretary and also in that year was elected the first vice president, continuing to serve in that official connection until 1924, when he became president of this corporation, which controls one of the chief



business enterprises of Hartford county. Moreover, he is a director of the Corbin Motor Vehicle Corporation, the New Britain National Bank and the Connecticut Light and Power Company.

On the 30th of June, 1902, Mr. Kimball was married in Chicago to Miss Janette Thorson. His social standing is high, as indicated by his membership in the leading clubs of this section, including the Farmington Country Club, Shuttle Meadow Club, New Britain Club and Hartford Club. He is also a Mason of high rank, holding membership in Lake View Lodge, No. 774, F. & A. M.; in Lawn Chapter, R. A. M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. While in the west he was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade from 1896 until 1913. During his residence in Connecticut he has been active in local political circles and has at all times given stalwart allegiance to the republican party. He has served on the New Britain zoning board, on the New Britain park board and the Connecticut state water commission.

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#### HUGH M. ALCORN

Hugh Mead Alcorn, a resident of Suffield, Connecticut, has been actively engaged in law practice in Hartford since 1897, and has served as state's attorney for Hartford county during the past two decades. He was born in Suffield, October 24, 1872, a son of Hugh Glen and Susan (Ford) Alcorn. His early education was supplemented by study in the Connecticut Literary Institution, from which he was graduated in 1894. He was admitted to the bar at Hartford in 1897 and has since practiced in the state and federal courts. Since 1908, as above indicated, he has been state's attorney for Hartford county. In 1920 he acted as special assistant to the attorney general in the case of the United States versus Rumely et al., and he was also special assistant to the attorney general in the case of the United States versus McAuliffe. Among his leading cases have been the following: Connecticut versus Griffith (Tolman loan shark cases), 218 U. S. 563; State versus Gilligan (poison cases); Underwood tax cases, 254 U. S. 113; United States versus Rumely et al. (involving purchase of the New York Evening Mail by the German government, United States Court, Southern District, New York). Mr. Alcorn specializes in trial work Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

On the 28th of June, 1900, in Suffield, Connecticut, Mr. Alcorn was married to Cora Terry Wells and they are the parents of three sons: Howard Wells, Hugh Mead, Jr., and Robert Hayden.

Aside from his professional activity Mr. Alcorn has figured prominently in public life, being a member of the Connecticut house of representatives during the sessions of 1903 and 1905, a member of the state civil service commission from 1915 until 1918 and a delegate to the national republican conventions of 1912 and 1920. He is a trustee of the Suffield School of Suffield, Connecticut, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, while in fraternal circles he is known as a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Sons of Veterans, the Connecticut Historical Society and the Hartford Club, and his favorite forms of diversion are riding, tennis, shooting and fishing.

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#### P. HENRY WOODWARD

P. Henry Woodward was born March 19, 1833, in Franklin, Connecticut, a son of Ashbel and Emeline (Bicknell) Woodward, and was descended in the eighth generation from Richard Woodward, who, as a passenger on the ship Elizabeth, left Ipswich, England, April 10, 1634, and sailed for the new world, establishing his home in Watertown, Massachusetts. Liberal educational opportunities were accorded P. Henry Woodward, who after leaving Yale University as an alumnus of 1855 attended the Harvard Law School and in 1860 began the practice of his profession in Savannah, Georgia, in company with William Robert Gignilliat, Jr., but a few months after the



outbreak of the Civil war he returned north. In September, 1862, he became a member of the editorial staff of the Hartford Courant and so continued until September, 1865, when he was appointed special agent of the post office department for Georgia and reconstructed that service in so capable a manner that he was chosen to organize the system for distributing mails in railway post offices. His duties were constantly increased until his field of service extended from the Ohio river to the Gulf of Mexico and eastward to South Carolina and Georgia, and the choice of routes and clerks was left entirely to him, in which connection he totally disregarded political partisanship and considered only the fitness of employes. Merit was his only test and during his superintendency no one was displaced for any cause. With the change in presidential administration he was assigned to Augusta, Georgia, with general duties and in February, 1873, was appointed to investigate affairs in the New York city post office, resulting in doing away with many dishonorable methods there practiced. In 1874, when Marshall Jewell became postmaster-general, Mr. Woodward was made chief of the corps of special agents, continuing to efficiently serve in that capacity until political conditions led to his retirement. When President Garfield took up the duties of his office and appointed Thomas L. James postmaster-general, the latter telegraphed Mr. Woodward to meet him in New York and asked him to become his confidential agent in Washington and especially to investigate alleged star route frauds. His work in this connection is a matter of history and proved of the greatest value to the country. He remained in office until President Cleveland became chief executive of the nation.

In 1888 he was chosen secretary of the Hartford Board of Trade and his work in this position was of far-reaching importance, leading to the financial and industrial development of the city, which drew to it many residents from other sections, the population increasing fifty per cent in ten years. Gradually Mr. Woodward extended his efforts into other fields. He became president of the Dime Savings Bank, vice president of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company and a director of several other corporations as well as secretary of the board of trustees of Trinity College. He was the author of "Guarding the Mails," published in 1876, while a later edition was brought out under the title of "Secret Service of the Post Office Department." His subsequent publications included "Hartford, its Institutions and Industries," 1889; "Centennial History of the Hartford Bank," 1892; "Insurance in Connecticut," 1897; "Manufactures in Hartford," 1897; also historical addresses, sketches, etc. Mr. Woodward's "Manufactures in Hartford" was included in "The New England States" (D. H. Hurd & Company, 1897); so also was his "Insurance in Connecticut," which later was published separately in book form, and is now a standard, placing into permanent printed record important historical facts that but for his research would probably never have been preserved in authentic detail. He delivered the address at the unveiling of the statue of Colonel Thomas Knowlton on the state capitol grounds, in November, 1895. The honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Mr. Woodward in 1900 by Trinity College.

On the 11th of September, 1867, P. Henry Woodward married Mary Smith, daughter of Charles Smith, of South Windham, Connecticut. He passed away September 4, 1917, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, and there passed away life one whose entire record had been that of signal service and usefulness to his country and to his fellowmen.

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#### PAUL NURCZYK

The European countries have furnished to the nited States many desirable citizens of the type of Paul Nurczyk, who is one of New Britain's substantial business men and successful bankers and has also figured prominently in public affairs. A native of Poland, he was born in 1892 and is the only child of Andrew and Eleonre Nurczyk, who came to America in 1905, settling in New Britain, Connecticut. His father was a factory worker for many years and is now enjoying a well earned rest. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the democratic party and is a Catholic in religious faith, being a devout communicant of Sacred Heart church.

Paul Nurczyk received his early instruction in a parochial school in Poland, which he left at the age of thirteen, and continued his studies in New Britain. He attended

the Waltham Horological School in Massachusetts and also took a course in the Vissel School at Effingham, Illinois. From 1918 until 1923 he was connected with the Stanley Works of New Britain, filling the position of assistant in the employment bureau, and was then elected treasurer of the Peoples Savings Bank at No. 221 Broad street. The bank was established in 1907 by George Corbin and others and a reorganization was effected in 1917, when the business was removed to the north-western part of the city. The charter was sold to the present owners and it is now known as the Mutual Savings Bank. There is a surplus fund of fifty-seven thousand dollars and total assets of about six hundred thousand dollars. The policy followed in its conduct is one which protects the interests of depositors and stockholders and also promotes the growth of the bank, which has become a helpful ally of the business concerns of this locality. Since 1924 Mr. Nurczyk has been treasurer of this institution, doing all in his power to safeguard its funds and contributing materially toward the prestige of the bank.

In 1915 Mr. Nurczyk married Miss Casimira Senvek, of New Britain, and they have become the parents of six children: Elinor, Genevieve, Clara, Irene, Raymond and Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Nurczyk are zealous members of the Sacred Heart church and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. His efforts in behalf of those of his nationality have gained for him widespread prominence and led to his selection for the office of state vice president of the Polish Welfare Council of America. He still acts in that capacity and is a member of the Polish Beneficial Association and the Polish Union of America. During the World war he had charge of the local Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives and was also connected with the draft board. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and from 1918 until 1921 he was alderman of the fifth ward. His public spirit has also been expressed as a member of the city finance commission and he is always ready to serve his community when needed. Mr. Nurczyk has been the recipient of many important trusts, all of which have been faithfully discharged, and his keen sense of duty and honor, coupled with his civic loyalty and patriotism, have won for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### ROCCO MICHAEL SAGARINO

Rocco Michael Sagarino is conducting an undertaking business in Hartford, in which city he was born December 16, 1898. His parents, Dominick and Catharine (Mondano) Sagarino, were born in Corleto Perticara, Italy, and emigrated to America about 1865, at which time they took up their abode in Hartford, Connecticut, being among the first Italian settlers of this city. The father became a foreman on a railroad and he was also the first Italian interpreter in the police court of Hartford. He passed away in 1905 and for several years was survived by his wife, who died in 1911. They were the parents of four children: Nellie, who is now the wife of Peter D'Engenis, of Bloomfield, Connecticut; Daniel, who is conducting a soda fountain and luncheonette in Hartford; Felix P., an undertaker; and Rocco M.

The last two are partners in the undertaking business at 190 Front street. Both were educated in the public schools of Hartford and Rocco M. Sagarino is a graduate of the Central grammar school of New Britain, Connecticut, and also of the Brown school of Hartford and St. Peter's parochial school of Hartford. In preparation for life's practical and responsible duties he also attended Huntsinger's Business College and the Hartford Public High School. Previous to engaging in the undertaking business he did clerical work at the factory of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, but ambitious to engage in business independently that he might directly reap the rewards of his own labors, he and his brother established their present business in 1920 and in its conduct have met with substantial success. They have an excellent equipment and the care and capability which they manifest in conducting funeral services have brought to them substantial success.

Rocco M. Sagarino was married November 21, 1923, to Maria M. Mainello, of Hartford, and they have one child, Katheryn Angela. The family resides at No. 16 Monroe street. Mr. Sagarino is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Red Men, the Italian Club, the Young Italian-American Association and Loggia Fratellanza, No. 333, Ordine Figli D'Italia.



Felix P. Sagarino was born in Hartford, Connecticut, pursued his early education in St. Peter's grammar school and then took a course through the International Correspondence Schools. He also studied in the Renouard Training School for Embalmers in New York city and thus qualified for the work in which he is now engaged. For a time he was engaged in the saloon business but with the passage of the prohibition law he turned his attention to the undertaking business, in which he became associated with his father-in-law, Nicolo Laraia, in New Britain, Connecticut, where he remained for eight years. In 1922 he joined his brother Rocco as a partner and they are now continuing successfully in the undertaking business.

Felix P. Sagarino is a member of the Italian-American Club, the Young Italian-American Association and Loggia Fratellanza, No. 333, Ordine Figli D'Italia. He likewise belongs to New Britain Lodge, No. 183, Loyal Order of Moose; New Britain Lodge, No. 957, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Charter Oak Aerie, No. 406, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Hartford; and Societa Sanrocco of Hartford. He married Miss Bregetta Laraia, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicolo Laraia, of New Britain, and they reside at 54 Kenneth street in Hartford.

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#### MAX HARTSTALL

Max Hartstall, deceased, was for fifteen years special representative of the New York Life Insurance Company, with offices at 904 Main street in Hartford, and former president of the Connecticut Life Underwriters' Association. He was sixty years of age when he passed away October 6, 1928, having been born in Hartford on the 28th of March, 1868. His parents, Aaron and Elizabeth (Stern) Hartstall, were natives of Germany, whence they came to America in early life, being among the first Jewish settlers in Hartford. There were four brothers of the name who established their homes here, and with two of his brothers Aaron Hartstall engaged in the retail grocery business on Ferry street, being a pioneer merchant in that locality. He was a Mason and for a number of years prior to his death he served as sexton of the church of the Congregation of Beth Israel. He died in Hartford in September, 1877, while his wife survived until 1893. They are survived by two daughters and a son, all residing in Hartford, namely: Mrs. C. M. Judd, Isabella and Moses A.

Max Hartstall was educated in the Brown school and at the age of twelve years put aside his textbooks and became an employe in the Bee Hive, the dry goods store owned by William H. Bulkeley. For eighteen years he was associated with that business, steadily working his way upward and gaining valuable knowledge and experience. In 1890 he entered the employ of Horsfall & Rothschild, dealers in men's furnishings on Asylum street, and again his efficiency, loyalty and capability were demonstrated by the fact that he remained with that house for fourteen years or until 1904, save for a period of two years which he spent in Chicago, where he engaged in the wholesale jewelry business, but twice death intervened in thwarting his future plans while he was in Chicago. On leaving the employ of Horsfall & Rothschild in the fall of 1904 he again went to Chicago, where he once more engaged in the jewelry business until 1914. In that year he was employed by the New York Life Insurance Company and located in Hartford, where he represented the corporation as special agent to the time of his death. He took good care of this branch of the business and had the proud distinction of being a leader among the agents of the eastern department in the volume of business gained. While in entering the insurance field he turned his attention to a business in which he had had no previous experience, his ready adaptability soon enabled him to master its intricacies and he became thoroughly familiar with insurance and gained a most creditable place in business circles. He was a member of the \$200,000 Club, an honorary organization of the New York Life Insurance Company, and also a member of the \$400,000 Club of the New York Life, which has to be delivered and paid for insurance in one year. He was likewise honored with the presidency of the Hartford Life Underwriters' Association.

Mr. Hartstall gave much of his time to Jewish welfare work and was a former director of the United Jewish Charities as well as a director of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations. Moreover, he was a former trustee of



Congregation Beth Israel and president of its Men's Club. He manifested a keen interest in all those activities which have their source in a spirit of broad humanitarianism. Fraternally he was identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belonging to the lodge at Glens Falls, New York, and his appreciation for the social amenities of life was indicated in his membership connection with the City Club, the Automobile Club of Hartford and the Tumble Brook Country Club. Alert and energetic, he accomplished what he undertook, whether in the field of business or in public service, and his activities were far-reaching and beneficial. In his passing Hartford sustained the loss of one of her representative and valued citizens and worthy native sons.

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#### WINCHELL SMITH

The name of Winchell Smith, playwright and theatrical producer, has become known throughout the length and breadth of the land, as he has written and produced some of the most successful plays known to the theatre-going public of the present generation. Residing in a palatial home, Mill Streams, at Farmington, Connecticut, he there spends much of his time in writing for the stage but has also proved his capability along business as well as professional lines.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, April 5, 1871, Mr. Smith is a son of William B. and Virginia T. (Thrall) Smith, who were natives of Bloomfield, Hartford county, Connecticut. The grandmother in the paternal line was Mary Brown, an own cousin of John Brown, who was also born in Bloomfield, where the family was established in pioneer times. The father, William B. Smith, was a farmer and breeder of trotting horses, at one time the owner of "Thomas Jefferson," a stallion which was known all over the country. His business interests were successfully conducted and he remained a substantial citizen of this state until 1896, when he passed away at Hartford, his widow surviving him until 1900. They were the parents of six children. Mrs. Virginia T. (Thrall) Smith was a city missionary and became one of the greatest charity organizers in the United States. Dr. Oliver C. Smith of this family was one of the foremost surgeons of New England.

Winchell Smith, the only surviving member of his father's family, was reared in Hartford and pursued his education in the Quaker Lawn school of West Hartford, the West Middle school of Hartford and the high school. He then turned his attention to the grain business and was associated with his father in this undertaking for two years. On attaining his majority, however, he left home to go upon the stage and since that time has been closely associated with histrionic interests. As an actor his first appearance was in the "Prodigal Daughter," which opened the American theatre of New York city in 1893 and proved a great success. He spent twelve years as an actor, seven of them under the management of the late Charles Frohman, usually playing character parts. He appeared in "The District Attorney," "New Clown," "Two Schools," "Marriage Game," "The Girl from Kays," "Secret Service" and "Too Much Johnson." He played in London and other European cities, appearing with great success, but in 1905 left the stage to become a producer. He put on several of George Bernard Shaw's plays which were very successful, including "Candida," "You Never Can Tell," "John Bull's Other Island," "Arms and the Man" and "Mrs. Warren's Profession." He was engaged to make a big scenic production of a dramatization of the book "Brewster's Millions." The playwright who had been engaged to dramatize this, after working on it for some time, gave it up and the manager, who was a newcomer in the theatre, suggested that Mr. Smith be engaged for that purpose. This was the first thought that he had ever had of trying to write a play. He made an arrangement with Byron Ongley to collaborate on the dramatization and later produced their joint effort, and to the surprise of every one it proved a huge success, showing to crowded houses for extended runs in many cities.

Then it was that Mr. Smith decided to become a dramatist in earnest and produced his first original play, called "The Fortune Hunter," which was also a great success. From that time to the present he has confined his efforts to writing and producing plays. "The Fortune Hunter" was followed by "Via Wireless," with Paul Armstrong in the cast, "Bobby Burnit," a dramatization of the book of that name, "Love Among the Lions," another dramatization, "The Only Son," an original

play, "Officer 666," with August Augustin McCue, "The Boomerang," with Victor Mapes, "Turn to the Right," with John E. Hazzard, "Lightnin'," with Frank Bacon, and "The Wheel." Aside from these he has produced a large number of plays by other authors. It is almost superfluous in this connection to say that Mr. Smith has long ranked with the leading playwrights and producers of the country, for all who are in any way familiar with the theatre have seen many of his productions, which have been numbered among the most successful plays of the present generation.

On the 18th of December, 1898, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Grace Spencer, a journalist of New York. Mr. Smith has one of the most beautiful homes in Hartford county, standing in the midst of a tract of twenty-five acres of land splendidly landscaped. When he purchased this property it was a bare sand plot on the Farmington river and proved to be an old Indian burying ground, sixteen Indian skeletons being unearthed as the work of development was carried on there. Mr. Smith is also the owner of a two-hundred-acre farm highly cultivated and he also conducts a grain business, with a large plant between Farmington and Unionville, devoted to the sale of hay, grain and flour. In the successful management of his commercial and agricultural enterprises he has proven himself a man of business ability as well as of highly developed power in his professional field. In 1924 Trinity College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Letters and he has membership in the Authors League and in the Lambs Club and the Players Club of New York. He also belongs to the Town Hall Club, the Coffee House Club, the University Club and the Union League Club, all of New York. He likewise has membership in the Lotus Club, in the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Wampanoag Golf Club, the Farmington Country Club, the Avon Country Club, the Shuttle Meadow Club of New Britain, the Sequin Club, the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the American Club in London, the Green Room Club in London and the Monte Carlo Club in Monte Carlo. His life work has brought him a wide acquaintance not only in his native country but in foreign lands, where many of his plays have been successfully produced. His labors have indeed been resultant from the financial standpoint and particularly so from the pleasure that he has afforded to the lovers of drama.

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#### HERBERT ALFRED WINGATE

Herbert Alfred Wingate, secretary and a member of the board of directors of the well known firm of C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc., at Windsor Locks, was born in Collinsville, Connecticut, in 1885, and is a son of Alfred S. and Minnie L. (Misner) Wingate, who are still residents of Collinsville, where the father has devoted his entire life to the saddlery business. He is a republican, actively interested in local politics, and in his religious faith is a Congregationalist. To him and his wife were born two sons: Herbert A., of this review; and Arthur M. Wingate, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Herbert A. Wingate pursued his education in Collinsville, mastering the work of consecutive grades, and attended the high school. He afterward further qualified for an active and useful career by pursuing a course in the Morse Business College at Hartford, after which he started out in life on his own account as an accountant. He worked for the New Haven Railroad until about 1910 as a telegrapher and at that time entered the employ of the firm of C. H. Dexter & Sons as an accountant. He has since been identified with this business and in 1919 was advanced to the position of assistant secretary, in which capacity he continued until 1927, when he was made secretary. He is a director and one of the stockholders of the company and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he worked his way upward through the various departments of the business to his present official connection. He is not only acting in a secretarial capacity but is also sales manager and as such is contributing in substantial measure to the growth and success of the business.

On October 20, 1917, Mr. Wingate was united in marriage to Miss Florence Cooke, who was born in New York city in 1886, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate have two children: Barbara E., born July 27, 1918; and Jane L., born October 17, 1923. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Wingate is that of the Congregational church, in which the former is a deacon and treasurer, and they are interested in the moral progress and in all that pertains to the welfare



and advancement of the community. Mr. Wingate is a Mason, holding membership in Euclid Lodge, No. 109, A. F. & A. M., at Windsor Locks, of which he was secretary for several years. He is also a member of the Suffield Country Club and his political endorsement is given to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. There have been no unusual or spectacular phases in his life record, but his course has been marked by those qualities which make for advancement in business and for progress in community life. His sterling traits are recognized by all who know him and have gained for him the warm friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### CHARLES WELLES GROSS.

Charles Welles Gross, a Hartford man whose scholastic training has constituted the basis on which he has builded notable success, is now senior partner in the law firm of Gross, Hyde & Williams, occupying an enviable position among those who are recognized as leaders at the Hartford bar. Many important business interests also profit by his sound judgment and particularly in the field of insurance is his name one to conjure with. He is a native son of Hartford, born October 13, 1876, his parents being Charles E. and Ellen Clarissa (Spencer) Gross, long residents of this city, where his father, a most prominent lawyer, passed away December 31, 1924. Further mention of him is made elsewhere in this work.

At the usual age Charles W. Gross became a public school pupil and following his graduation from the Hartford high school he entered Yale, winning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1898. In preparation for the bar he attended the Harvard Law School and was graduated cum laude in 1901, the LL.B. degree being at that time conferred upon him. Admitted to the bar, he became associated in practice with his father, then senior partner in the firm of Gross, Hyde & Shipman, since which time changes in the partnership relation have led to the present firm style of Gross, Hyde & Williams in 1925. The firm of Waldo, Hubbard & Hyde existed from 1867 until 1881, when Charles Edward Gross, father of Charles Welles Gross, joined the firm under the name of Hubbard, Hyde & Gross. This became Hyde, Gross & Hyde, in 1884, and so continued until 1894, when partnership changes led to the adoption of the firm style of Gross, Hyde & Shipman, no further change occurring until 1919, when it became Gross, Gross & Hyde and so remained until 1925, when it became Gross, Hyde & Williams.

Charles Welles Gross became a member of the firm in 1906. For more than a quarter of a century he has practiced in Hartford, where he is recognized as a most able lawyer, skillful in the presentation of his cause and seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of legal principle. His knowledge of the law, as well as his business ability, has constituted an important element in the successful management of various business and corporate interests. He is now a director of the Aetna Insurance Company, the World Fire & Marine Insurance Company, the Century Indemnity Company, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Rossia Insurance Company of America, the First Re-Insurance Company of Hartford, the Hartford National Bank & Trust Company, the Society for Savings, and the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company. He is the president of the board of trustees of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, a trustee of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association and a member of the library committee of the Hartford Bar Library. He is likewise a trustee of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, and of the Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall Corporation.

On the 2d of November, 1905, Mr. Gross was married to Miss Hilda Frances Welch, a daughter of Pierce N. and Emma Cornelia (Galpin) Welch, of New Haven. Their children are: Spencer, born December 22, 1906, who graduated from Yale in 1928 and is now a student at the Yale Law School; Mason Welch, born June 3, 1911; and Cornelia, born May 28, 1913.

In his political views Mr. Gross is a democrat, nor has he hesitated to take time from his professional and business interests to serve the public in official positions. From 1907 until 1909 he was a member of the board of street commissioners and from 1913 until 1923 served on the board of park commissioners, and from 1912 to 1928 as a member of the district committee of the West Middle School District of Hartford. At all times his cooperation can be counted upon to further measures and



movements for the public good and a guiding spirit of his life is shown in the fact that he has membership and is serving as a deacon in the Asylum Hill Congregational church. That Mr. Gross has the right to claim descent from many of the earliest of New England's citizens is indicated in the fact that he has membership in the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati, the Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution. He belongs, moreover, to the Elihu Club of Yale, to the Graduates Club of New Haven and the Yale Club of New York, while in the city of his residence he has membership in the Hartford Club and the University Club. Along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations, and such has been his course that he commands the highest regard of his professional colleagues and contemporaries, public opinion having firmly established him as one of the eminent lawyers of the capital city.

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#### JOSEPH N. CAMMARANO

Joseph N. Cammarano, a public accountant of Hartford and well known among the Italian residents of this city as president of the Italian Club, Inc., was born in Hartford, March 24, 1902, his parents being Cono and Marianna (Russo) Cammarano, who are natives of Sassano, Italy.

Joseph N. Cammarano pursued his early education in the Washington street school, in which he completed the course in 1916, and then entered the Hartford high school, of which he is a graduate of 1920. Desirous of obtaining as liberal an educational training as he could possibly secure, he next entered the New York University and won the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in 1923. Since that time he has been a public accountant with A. F. Hall and his work is highly satisfactory to his patrons because of his thoroughness, efficiency, promptness and reliability. His activity aside from those lines is directed mainly in connection with the interests of the Italian Club, Inc., of which he was elected president in December, 1927. He is well known in Hartford, where his entire life has been passed, and especially among the people of Italian birth or descent, having much influence among them. He observes the best traditions of his race and is thoroughly popular among those who know him.

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#### JOHN MARSHALL HOLCOMBE, JR.

The activities and experiences in the life of John Marshall Holcombe, Jr., have been varied in character. He is a veteran of the world war, with later connection with the American Relief Administration in Austria, and he is now manager of the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau at Hartford, his native city. Born May 4, 1889, he is a son of John Marshall Holcombe, who was the president of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Holcombe obtained a grammar and high school education in Hartford and pursued his academic course at the Hotchkiss School and in Yale University, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911. He then entered the Harvard Law School, gaining his LL.B. degree in 1914, and the same year was admitted to practice. Immediately afterward he became associated with the legal department of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and there remained until 1916, when he saw service on the Mexican border as a private in Troop B of the Connecticut National Guard. He remained in Arizona with his troop from June, 1916, until the following October; and from November, 1916, until May, 1917, he was again with the Phoenix Mutual as counsel. At the latter date, however, he went to the first officers' training camp at Plattsburg. He resigned his reserve commission of second lieutenant of cavalry in order to enter field artillery, in which he was recommended for a first lieutenancy. This he declined, however, in order to accept a captaincy in the air service. Following the signing of the armistice, he was in the Army Educational Corps in France as an instructor in life insurance and was later attached to the American Relief Administration at Vienna, Austria. He returned home in September, 1919, when he was discharged, with the rank of captain.

With his return to Hartford in September, 1919, he entered the agency department of the Phoenix Mutual Life as head of the sales research division and so continued until January, 1922, when he became business manager of the newly organized Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau. He was located in Pittsburgh from that time until 1923, when he removed to New York, becoming at that time the Bureau's manager. In June, 1924, the office moved to Hartford and he continued as manager. The Bureau is an association, whose members are life insurance companies in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Japan, one hundred and twenty-four companies being members thereof.

On the 10th of May, 1920, he was married to Mrs. Herbert Allan Boas, a daughter of Waldo K. and Ada F. (Wood) Chase, of Farmington. Their children are: Marguerite Emily, born March 19, 1921; John Marshall (III), born May 16, 1923; and Ada Chase, born June 9, 1924.

Mr. Holcombe is identified with a number of clubs and social organizations, his memberships including the University Club of Hartford, the Farmington Country Club, the Yale Club of New York, and the Tourilli Fish and Game Club of Quebec. He is also a member of the Society of Industrial Engineers. He has always been a republican and in 1920 served as a member of the board of aldermen. He is a director of the Sesamee Company and the American College of Life Underwriters.

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#### ANDREW NELSON SHEPARD

In the record of those men who have been active in molding the development and shaping the history of Connecticut appears the name of Colonel Andrew Nelson Shepard, of Portland, whose activities have been of wide scope and beneficially resultant. He ranks with the foremost tobacco growers of the state and in other fields as well he has made valuable contribution to the interests of the commonwealth, proving a capable and loyal official and a supporter of all those interests which stabilize society and make for permanent improvement. The Shepard family, one of the oldest in New England, was founded in America by Edward Shepard, who came from England and established his home at Cambridge, Massachusetts. His first wife, Violet Shepard, died January 9, 1649, after which he married Mrs. Mary Pond. His son, John Shepard, born in England in 1627, removed to Hartford, Connecticut, after 1666. He was married October 1, 1649, to Rebecca Greenhill, who died December 22, 1689. Their second son, Edward Shepard, who was born July 31, 1662, and made his home at Middletown, was a member of the general court in 1710-11. On the 14th of April, 1687, he married Abigail Savage and their eldest child was John Shepard (II), who was born February 19, 1688, and on the 17th of February, 1720, married Sarah Clarke. The direct ancestor of Andrew N. Shepard in the fifth generation was Daniel Shepard, who was born September 16, 1723, and died August 22, 1798, while his wife, Sarah Cornwall, died January 10, 1773. They were the parents of Daniel Shepard (II), who was born in what is now Portland, Connecticut, March 2, 1754, and there passed away October 24, 1850. His son, Erastus Shepard, born in Portland in 1791, married Honor Goodrich and died September 15, 1843. They were the parents of Nelson Shepard, who was born December 25, 1820, in Portland, and inherited from his father a farm of sixty acres there. He was among the first in Connecticut to engage in raising tobacco and was also interested in other business enterprises, becoming a stockholder in the Middlesex Quarry Company, a trustee of the Freestone Savings Bank and a director and vice president of the National Bank of Portland. He was a public-spirited citizen who occupied a high place in public regard. He served for three years as a member of the board of selectmen, was for three years county commissioner and also represented Portland in the general assembly, giving zealous support to the republican party. His religious faith was that of the Protestant Episcopal church. In November, 1844, he married Elizabeth Tryon, daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Tryon. Their family numbered four daughters and a son.

Colonel Andrew Nelson Shepard, the only son, was born in Portland, May 5, 1862, and spent his boyhood and youth on the old homestead, attending the public schools and supplementing his early education by study in the Glastonbury Academy and the Cheshire Military Academy. He early became familiar with the farm work, acquainting himself with the best methods of tilling the soil and producing crops. As his



father was a tobacco grower, he early became interested in that department of agricultural activity and since 1888 has concentrated his efforts and attention upon tobacco production, being recognized as one of the prominent growers of this part of the state. He still makes his home in the village of Portland, where he has established a large plant for housing and packing tobacco. His work is carried on along progressive and scientific lines and the intelligent direction of his labors is manifest in the notable success which has rewarded his efforts. Naturally his cooperation has been sought in other fields and he has rendered effective service as a director of the First National Bank and as president and trustee of the Freestone Savings Bank, which institutions were consolidated under the name of the Portland Trust Company, with Colonel Shepard as president.

Colonel Andrew N. Shepard married, May 1, 1889, Harriet Stockwell, born August 14, 1868, in Windsor Locks, daughter of A. B. Stockwell, of that town. Colonel and Mrs. Shepard are the parents of two children: 1. Dorothea, born May 13, 1891; graduated in 1910, with the degree of A. B. from the Bennett School, Halcyon Hall, Millbrook, New York; she married, October 12, 1915, Gordon Stewart, of Portland, now residing in Hartford, Connecticut, who is mentioned at length on another page of this work. 2. Nelson A., born November 1, 1897, graduated at Kent School, and was freshman at Trinity College, that year; he enlisted in 1918 in the United States Marine Corps, and served with the United States Marines at Paris Island, South Carolina, and later in the School for Non-Commissioned Officers; he is now associated with his father in the tobacco business.

In the midst of intense business activity Colonel Shepard has never neglected the duties and obligations of citizenship and has rendered valuable service to the public in various capacities. For a decade, beginning in 1883, he was auditor of the town of Portland and from 1899 until 1909 served on the board of relief. In 1901 he was chosen to represent his town in the general assembly and was made a member of the important committee on appropriations. In 1907 he became a member of the state senate, was chairman of the committee on state institutions and rendered valuable service in bringing about a correct settlement for various vital state problems. He was again elected to the legislature in 1921 and during his term served on five committees of the house of representatives, the most important of these being the committee on appropriations. He has always given unfaltering allegiance to the republican party and has been active in upholding the high standards which it has largely represented. He was a member of the staff of Governor George A. Lilley and Governor F. B. Weeks continued him on the staff with the rank of colonel. Well known in Masonic circles, he has membership in Warren Lodge, No. 52, F. A. & A. M., of Portland; Washington Chapter, R. A. M., of Middletown; Washington Commandery, K. T., of Hartford; and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a member of Freestone Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Portland, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has long held membership in the Hartford Club and the motive spirit of his life is found in his connection with the Trinity Episcopal church of Portland, of which he has been a vestryman for many years and is now warden. He has ever enjoyed hunting, fishing and out-of-door sports and annually has made a trip into the Maine wilds. His activities have been broad and varied, touching the general interests of society and having to do with the welfare and progress of city and state along many lines.

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#### JAMES HENRY NAYLOR, M. D.

Dr. James Henry Naylor, a Hartford physician and surgeon with offices at No. 1 Main street, has always fully realized his duties and responsibilities in this connection and has measured up to the high ethical standards of the profession. He came to Connecticut from New York, having been born in Schuylerville, that state, August 3, 1869. His father, Jerome B. Naylor, was a native of Vermont and became a nailmaker when all nails were made by hand. In order to learn the trade he had to sign a contract and work for three years at a salary of a dollar and a half per week and board. Subsequently he did contract work for the Lake Champlain canal and his life was one of activity and usefulness. He died in 1894, while his widow, who was born in the Empire state, survived until 1900.



Dr. Naylor supplemented his public school training by a course of study in the University of Vermont, whereby he was qualified for professional duties, being graduated in 1895 from the medical school, at which time his degree was conferred upon him. The same year he came to Hartford and put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test by serving as interne in the Hartford Hospital for eighteen months. He then located for independent practice at 153 Main street in 1897, there remaining until 1908, when he came to his present location, having here a well equipped office. He is careful in the diagnosis of cases and his deductions are sound, so that he is able to render valuable service to those in need of assistance in his chosen field. For two years he served as clerk of the Hartford board of health and he was a member of No. 3 Draft Board during the war. He is also a member of the Hartford County Medical Society and through the interchange of thought and ideas in its meetings is adding to his knowledge.

On the 5th of June, 1905, Dr. Naylor was married to Miss Grace Preston Hodgkins, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, a daughter of Dr. H. D. Hodgkins. Mrs. Naylor is a noted concert singer and a teacher of vocal music and she has been honored with the presidency of the Hartford Woman's Club, in which office she is now serving. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Marie Bissell, who is a graduate of the Knox private school; Grace Preston, a graduate of the Gardner private school of New York city, in which she was one of the honor students; and James H., who is now attending Roxbury school at Cheshire, Connecticut.

Dr. Naylor has always been deeply interested in the cause of education and served as a member of the high school board of Hartford for eight years, acting as chairman of the board during two years of that period. For eighteen years he was a member of the South school committee and was chairman thereof for eight years. He was likewise a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the Broad street school and a member of the committee that built the Weaver school and the Bulkeley high school, the Richard J. Kinsella school, the Alfred E. Burr school and the J. H. Naylor school, the last mentioned being named in his honor. His efforts in behalf of public education have been of a most practical and valuable character and Hartford had just reason to honor him by naming one of her public educational institutions the J. H. Naylor school. He is likewise president of the University of Vermont Alumni Association of Hartford. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and his entire life has been actuated by high and honorable principles, manifest in all of his relations with his fellowmen, whether in medical and surgical practice, in social life or in the field of public service which has to do with civic development and achievement.

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#### LAWRENCE HUBBARD FROST, M. D.

Dr. Lawrence Hubbard Frost, who for more than a decade has been numbered among the able and successful physicians of Plainville, is a native of Willimantic, Connecticut, and a son of Marshall and Jane (Hubbard) Frost. After attending the public schools near his boyhood home he entered the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1913, following the completion of a medical course in that institution. He gained his first practical experience as an interne in the Lying-In Hospital of New York, where he remained for six months, and he afterward had the benefit of one year's broad experience in Bellevue Hospital of New York city. He thus constantly added to his knowledge through his association with some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of the country and was well equipped for his chosen life work when he established an office in Plainville and entered upon the private practice of his profession here. Throughout the intervening period his patronage has steadily grown and he is regarded as one of the leading physicians of the city. In addition to his private practice he is on the consulting staff of the Bristol Hospital. Moreover, he has the distinction of being the second physician in Connecticut to volunteer his services during the World war and acted as camp physician and instructor in Georgia. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and discharged with that rank after the cessation of hostilities.

In 1916 Dr. Frost married Miss Edith Ellis, of Plainville, and they have one daughter, Jane. The parents are members of the Congregational church and the Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party, in the principles of

which he firmly believes, but has had neither time nor inclination to seek public office. He is connected with several fraternal organizations, belonging to the blue lodge and Royal Arch chapter of Masons, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Foresters and the American Legion. Along the strict path of his profession his membership is with the Bristol Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

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#### CHARLES B. SIMMONS

Never fearing that laborious effort which must precede ascendancy in every line of endeavor, Charles B. Simmons has steadily advanced toward the goal of success and is accorded a place of prominence in manufacturing circles of Bristol. He was born April 21, 1879, in Cleveland, Ohio, and when a child of eight came to Connecticut with his parents, John H. and Josephine Simmons, who settled in Bristol. In the public schools of this city he secured an education and his first money was earned by working for the American Silver Company of Bristol. Later he was in the employ of the Corbin Company of New Britain, gradually assuming heavier responsibilities, and in 1909 returned to Bristol as assistant superintendent of the Ingraham Clock Company. Five years were spent with that well known firm and since 1914 he has been associated with the New Departure Company, of which he is now production manager. He is devoted to the interests of the firm and results have amply justified the wisdom of his selection for this important office.

At Southington, Connecticut, Mr. Simmons was married December 15, 1903, to Miss Mabel Bailey and to this union has been born a son, Kenneth.

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#### CLINTON DEMAS DEMING, M. D.

Dr. Clinton Demas Deming, a Hartford surgeon of widely recognized ability, with offices at 179 Allyn street, was born in this city August 21, 1884, a son of Edward and Ella Frances (Griswold) Deming, who are natives of Berlin and of Wethersfield, Connecticut, respectively, while both are of English lineage. The ancestry is traced back to John Deming, who settled at Wethersfield, Connecticut, about 1636, and the Griswold family was established there about the same time. Edward Deming, the Doctor's father, is now secretary of the L. T. Frisbie Company of New Haven, Connecticut.

Dr. Clinton D. Deming was educated in the public schools of Hartford and in Yale College, being numbered among its alumni of 1907, in which year the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. His interest in the practice of medicine and surgery led him then to enter Johns Hopkins Medical College, which conferred upon him his professional degree in 1910. The same year he was appointed instructor of pathology at his alma mater, thus continuing for a year, and through the succeeding two years he put his theoretical knowledge to practical service as an interne in the Hartford Hospital. Since 1914 he has continuously been assistant visiting surgeon of the Hartford Hospital and he has concentrated his efforts and attention largely upon surgical practice, becoming recognized as a distinguished representative of this branch of the profession.

In July, 1918, Dr. Deming enlisted for service in the World war, becoming a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps, stationed at the New York Surgical School, and later he was instructor in neuro-surgery at Camp Oglethorpe. He was next assigned to duty at General Hospital No. 2 in Baltimore, Maryland, as assistant surgeon and received his honorable discharge in May, 1919. His military experience, like his private practice, had brought him intimate and accurate knowledge of surgery and with his return to Hartford he concentrated his activities upon this branch of professional work. His colleagues and contemporaries attest his high standing and efficiency and he keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and practice through his membership in the Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut State and American Medical Associations and the American College of Surgeons. In January, 1928, he was elected secretary of the Hartford Medical Society.



On the 14th of September, 1916, Dr. Deming was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Scales Robinson, of Gainesville, Georgia, and they are the parents of two children: Martha Elizabeth, born March 24, 1921; and Ella Frances, born in May, 1927. Mrs. Deming was chosen the first president of the Housewives League. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Hartford Golf Club. She takes keen interest in public affairs and in all those civic activities which touch the general welfare, and she is also widely and prominently known in social circles. The Doctor finds recreation through his connection with the Hartford Golf Club and the University Club. He is also identified with Masonry. During his high school days he joined the Alpha Delta Sigma fraternity, became a member of the Phi Kappa Epsilon (Book and Bond) of Yale and the Pi Mu fraternity of Johns Hopkins University, and while both at Yale and at Hopkins was actively interested in college athletic events. He is in the prime of life—alert, energetic and possessing a most laudable ambition in the field of his profession. His progress has been continuous, arising from thorough study and broad experience, and he is rendering valuable service to his fellowmen.

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#### JOHN P. KENNEDY

With every phase of paper manufacturing John P. Kennedy is thoroughly familiar owing to his long connection and active experience with every branch of the trade. Since 1924 he has occupied the responsible position of mill manager for the American Writing Paper Company at Windsor Locks and has wisely directed the operation of this plant. He is a native of Holyoke, Massachusetts, born in 1896, and there he pursued a public school education, completing his course by study in the high school. When he reached the point of entering the broad field of business he sought a position with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, with which he remained in a clerical capacity for a year. He was afterward with the Liberty Construction Company of Holyoke as accountant and clerk for two and one-half years and later he spent a year and a half with the American Tissue Paper Company in sales work and in connection with the purchasing department. His identification with the American Writing Paper Company dates from 1918 and since that time he has worked in all departments of the mills and for one year was secretary to the president of the company, George A. Galliver, of Holyoke. Later he was transferred to the manufacturing department and worked in various responsible positions in the mills and in connection with handling the output. Gradually his skill and efficiency were increased and each change marked a forward step in his career, showing that he had mastered certain phases of the business and was capable of taking on new responsibilities and larger duties. In 1923 he came to Windsor Locks as assistant to the superintendent of this branch but later returned to Holyoke as assistant to the production manager. In 1924 he again came to Windsor Locks, having been appointed mill manager, in which capacity he has now served for four years. For an extended period he has been active in mill work, so that he is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business, and he is now measuring up to the highest standards of service in this connection. This mill was built in 1854 and has continuously been used for paper manufacturing. It passed through three stages of development in the hands of the Seymour Paper Company, later became the property of the Windsor Paper Company and afterward was taken over as a branch of the American Writing Paper Company in Connecticut with two other plants. The company was organized in 1899 at Springfield, Massachusetts, and a removal was made to Holyoke about 1915. The establishment at Windsor Locks is equipped with Fourdrinier paper machines and a cylinder machine has been installed for the production of heavy paper and boards. The plant is thoroughly modern in all of its equipment and manufactures jute and rope specialties. They also manufacture board specialties, including match board, bottle caps, etc., and theirs is the only plant manufacturing this particular line of paper. The Holyoke sales department sells through jobbers and direct to consumers, and the Windsor Locks plant utilizes approximately fifteen thousand tons of raw material per year and employs on an average of about one hundred and fifty people. Mr. Kennedy has entire charge of the plant, placing the orders, directing the operation and shipping the product, and his position is one of large responsibility and importance.



Mr. Kennedy belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church and to the Knights of Columbus, while fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Holyoke, Massachusetts. He is justly accounted one of the progressive and enterprising business men of this section of the state, having made steady progress since he started out empty-handed. That he has constantly advanced in efficiency is shown in the fact that he is today at the head of one of the important productive industries of Hartford county.

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#### JOSEPH HENRY POTTS, M. D.

Dr. Joseph Henry Potts, who is in charge of ophthalmic and aural service in the New Britain General Hospital, has been an active and successful representative of the medical profession in New Britain for the past twenty-two years. He was born at Barnet, Vermont, February 24, 1880, his parents being William and Euphemia (Wallace) Potts, natives of Barnet, Vermont, and of Alba, Scotland, respectively. The grandmother of Dr. Potts in the paternal line had two grandfathers who served in the Revolutionary war, one enlisting from Acton, Massachusetts, and the other from Haverhill, that state. William Potts, father of Dr. J. H. Potts, devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He passed away in 1889 and is still survived by his wife. Their family numbered a son and two daughters, namely: Joseph Henry, of this review; Euphemia, the wife of Alec Cordner, of Barre, Vermont; and Lottie, the wife of Professor Ora M. Leland, who is dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture of the University of Minnesota.

Joseph H. Potts acquired a common school education at Billerica, Massachusetts, and received his professional training in Dartmouth Medical College of Hanover, New Hampshire, where he specialized in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Subsequently he pursued postgraduate work in the Boston City Hospital and in the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital of London, England. Following his return to the United States, in 1906, he took up the work of his chosen profession in New Britain, Connecticut, where he has practiced continuously since and where he has won an enviable reputation for his skill in the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology. As above stated, he is doing splendid work as physician in charge of ophthalmic and aural service in the New Britain General Hospital.

In 1904 Dr. Potts was united in marriage to Ethel Swanton, a native of Millbridge, Maine, and a daughter of Bartlett and Carrie (Fickett) Swanton, who are residents of New Britain. Dr. and Mrs. Potts are the parents of eight children, as follows: Ethel, the wife of Theodore Prescott, of New Britain; Marjorie; Joseph; Dorothy; Eleanor; Katherine; Helen and Elizabeth.

At the polls Dr. Potts exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the South Congregational Society of New Britain, while fraternally he is affiliated with Harmony Lodge of Masons. He also belongs to the Lions Club and to the New England Grange and he has long been numbered among the representative and respected citizens as well as prominent physicians of Hartford county.

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#### WALLACE RAYMOND CRUMB

Liberal education, Wallace Raymond Crumb has amply justified the promise of his student days and although young in years he is an influential figure in business circles of Bristol. A native of Forestville, Connecticut, he was born June 5, 1896, and is a son of Wallace Bruce and Edith A. Crumb. In the public schools of Bristol he pursued his studies and in 1915 completed a course in the Phillips-Exeter Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. He afterwards took a course at Annapolis, Maryland, becoming a lieutenant of the junior grade, and during the World war was with the submarine patrol of the Atlantic fleet, serving on a United States submarine. In 1919 he received his honorable discharge from the navy and was graduated in the same year from Dartmouth College. Returning home, he became associated with

the firm of W. B. Crumb, Inc., of which he is now vice president and treasurer, and through earnest, systematic effort has contributed his share toward the development of the business, which is one of extent and importance.

On June 4, 1921, Mr. Crumb was married in Bristol to Miss Frances Funk, by whom he has two daughters: Marilyn P., who was born March 8, 1923; and Frances Edith, born March 20, 1925. Mr. Crumb is an adherent of the republican party and a member of the city council of Bristol, championing every measure which in his judgment will prove of benefit to the municipality. Along fraternal lines he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Franklyn Lodge of Masons. Stable in purpose and keen in perception, Mr. Crumb is well equipped for the strenuous conditions of modern commercial life and his personal qualities are such as inspire esteem and friendship.

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#### D. C. Y. MOORE, M. D.

For three decades Dr. D. C. Y. Moore has actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at South Manchester, his course being marked by that steady progress which results from wide reading and study as well as practical experience. A native of Massachusetts, he was born at New Boston, July 24, 1869, and spent his boyhood and youth largely in Robertsville, Connecticut, having been but two years of age when his parents removed to that place. At the usual age he became a public school pupil there and later attended high school at Winsted and Torrington, while subsequently he matriculated in the University of New York and there completed his more specifically literary course. He mentally reviewed the business situation, and attracted to the practice of medicine, he began studying when eighteen years of age in the office and under the direction of Dr. Walter Holmes, then a practicing physician of Riverton, Connecticut, who directed his reading for three years. During two years of that period Dr. Moore also provided for his own support by serving as principal of an academy at New Greenwoods. Dr. Holmes was a practitioner of the allopathic school, but Dr. Moore through his reading and investigation became interested in the teachings of Hahnemann, of whom he has since been a follower. Therefore when he matriculated for further medical study he entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College, in which he completed his four years' course by graduation with the class of 1895. For eighteen months thereafter he acted as assistant in the Flower and Brown streets hospitals of New York, gaining valuable experience such as hospital practice always affords. In May, 1897, he returned to Connecticut and in September of the same year opened an office in South Manchester, where he has since remained. The passing years have chronicled his further growth and progress, and success in large measure has crowned his labors. His professional brethren also attest his broad knowledge and scholarly attainments as a member of the medical fraternity and at all times he has kept abreast of modern thought and progress, utilizing the advanced methods which modern science has brought to light.

On the 30th of May, 1895, Dr. Moore married Miss Ida M. Quilter, of Hartford. They attend the Congregational church and the Doctor also has membership in Phoenix Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of New Hartford, and King David Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Manchester. His interests are broad, covering the scope of all those activities which have to do with the general progress and upbuilding of the community, yet the major part of his attention is given to his professional cares, which are onerous, making heavy demand upon his time and energies. He is a member of the State Homeopathic Medical Society and thus is conversant with modern professional thought, while his growipg practice indicates the confidence reposed in him by the public.

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#### EDWARD EGGERT

Edward Eggert, a tobacco scientist, with offices at 208 State street in Hartford, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 20, 1861, his parents being William and Louise (Orthmann) Eggert, who were natives of Westphalia, Germany. Both the father and mother crossed the Atlantic in early life, coming to America in 1851, and in 1853 they



were united in marriage. Mr. Eggert was a cigar maker by trade, having obtained his certificate of proficiency through Christian Winningham in 1851, thus winning an honor that was bestowed upon very few. Following his arrival in the new world he established a cigar factory in Cincinnati in 1853 and there continued in business until 1865. During the Civil war period he was at the head of the firm of Eggert & Brentano, the latter being the well known music publisher, and the firm employed more than four hundred cigar makers, conducting an extensive business. The restrictions on the revenue of tobacco during the war period, however, caused Mr. Eggert to abandon cigar making and in 1867 he removed to New York city, where he engaged in the wholesale cigar leaf tobacco business. This brought him to Connecticut to get his supplies of leaf tobacco and he continued his trade in the metropolis under the firm style of William Eggert & Company until his death in 1920, his son Edward being associated with him as the silent partner in the firm.

With the removal of the family from Cincinnati to the east, Edward Eggert became a pupil in the schools of New Jersey. He attended the old Suffield school in 1872 and 1873 and finished his course in the Freehold Institute at Freehold, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1876. It was in that year that he became actively associated with his father in the conduct of the business in New York and the connection was continued until the death of the senior partner, or for a period of forty-four years. Edward Eggert was but a youth of fifteen when he took up the work and since that time he has continuously been a representative of the tobacco trade of the east. In 1900 he came to Hartford to supervise the growing of tobacco, having purchased an extensive plantation in Hartford county in 1892. He and his father were the pioneers among tobacco raisers on the so-called plain lands and he has continued to grow tobacco in this district continuously since, or for a period of thirty-six years. He has made so thorough and comprehensive a study of tobacco production that he is today widely known as a tobacco scientist and supervises the fertilization of the tobacco fields. Few men have gained such an intimate knowledge of tobacco growing and the habits and needs of the plants in the matter of soil content. His labors have been a most vital and important element in advancing the interests of good tobacco growing and his opinions upon the subject are widely accepted among those who are devoting their attention to the production end of the business. He has written largely upon tobacco raising and his articles are most interesting and beneficial to the trade.

In early manhood Mr. Eggert was united in marriage to Miss Ray Cincimier, a native of Syracuse, whose parents were born in Holland. They reside in Hartford and Mr. Eggert has found little time for fraternal societies or clubs but is fond of hunting and fishing and when leisure permits finds his recreation when with dog, gun and rod he makes his way into the wilds.

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#### FRANK BUTLER GAY

Frank Butler Gay, whose interests and activities have touched life at many points and whose career has been one of steady progress and achievement, was born at Granby, now East Granby, Connecticut, November 15, 1856, a son of Alfred and Jane (Thrall) Gay. He traces his ancestry back through various lines of the early settlers of New England and of the "Three Towns" on the Connecticut river. This has brought him into relationship with the Starr, Gore, Vassall, Adams, Ellis, Pettibone, Disborough, Booth, Mitchelson, Thrall, Bliss, Chapin, Houghton, Skinner, King, Taylor, Burt, Spencer, Graves, Bidwell, Phelps, Granger, Eno, Eggleston, Pease, Gifford, Calkins and Owen families and among his ancestors were several soldiers of the "first American war"—that fought against the Pequots in 1637.

In his youthful days Frank B. Gay attended the town schools, including a select school in which he was a Latin student for about three years, and after coming to Hartford in 1873 he received private tutoring in history, philosophy and German. His liberal scholastic training was supplemented by the practical knowledge which he gained in a newspaper office, where he set type and wrote copy, including everything from deaths and advertisements to editorials. Throughout his life he has continued to write more or less frequently for newspapers and periodicals and in 1885 and also at a subsequent date he acted as night proof reader on the *Hartford Courant*.



His name has long figured prominently in connection with the library interests of Connecticut. From 1877 until 1883 he was employed by the Hartford Library Association, which controlled what has since become the Public Library. In the latter year he was made editor's assistant on the New Britain *Herald* and in October, 1883 he was offered a position in the Watkinson Library of Hartford as assistant to the late J. Hammond Trumbull, LL. D. There he practically did all of the librarian's work until 1890, when he was appointed librarian and has since filled this position, his marked proficiency being widely acknowledged. From 1884 until 1893 he served as secretary and librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society and for several years thereafter continued in the office of secretary. He was the general curator and executive head of the Wadsworth Athenaeum and Morgan Memorial, a position which he held until 1927, when he resigned and was made director emeritus for the Athenaeum, of which he is also a trustee. During his service as director the general arrangement of the J. Pierpont Morgan art collection and other similar exhibitions came under his immediate supervision. Mr. Gay has been continuously a member of the American Library Association since 1889 and has served on some of its committees. He was the founder and has been called the father of the Connecticut Library Association and for two years served as its president. Always an omnivorous reader, he has been particularly interested in bibliography. All those subjects which are factors in cultural progress are of interest to him and he has ever been a lover of music and of works of art, particularly pictures.

In 1893 Mr. Gay was married to Miss Jennie Marsh, a daughter of Major Seth E. Marsh, a well known civil engineer and citizen of Hartford. They are now parents of two children: Constance Marsh, a Vassar graduate who won the Bachelor of Science degree at Columbia University; and Eleanor Marsh, now the wife of William Henry Wiley, of Hartford.

It is natural that one of Mr. Gay's broad interests should become identified with the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which he is a charter member and was the first to prove up his claims to membership. He was also proposed as the first secretary of the organization but the demand of outside interests forced him to decline. However, he has held various offices in the organization, serving as registrar for several terms and for many years as historian. He is likewise historian of the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth branch of the Sons of the American Revolution and he has been a member of various local historical societies throughout the country, also of the American Historical Association, the American Folk-lore Society, the Drama League, the American Bibliographical Society, the American Association of Museums and others. He has membership in the Society of Colonial Wars in Connecticut, of which he was secretary and has also been registrar and genealogist for many years. He is a member of the Acorn Club of Connecticut, was secretary and has otherwise been officially associated with the Hosmer Hall Choral Union and holds membership in the Guild of Boston Artists. For many years he has been a member of the Twentieth Century Club of Hartford and he likewise belongs to the Get-Together Club and other local bodies of Hartford and to the City Club. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and has served as vestryman of St. John's church of Hartford. He has ever found great delight and interest in travel, has several times crossed the American continent, has visited the northern coast of South America and journeyed through the Panama canal, while in 1912 he spent some months in European travel. His opinions always carry weight in those gatherings where men of liberal intelligence are met in the discussion of interesting and important problems and he has carried his investigations far and wide into those realms which have to do with literary progress and the cultural development of the race.

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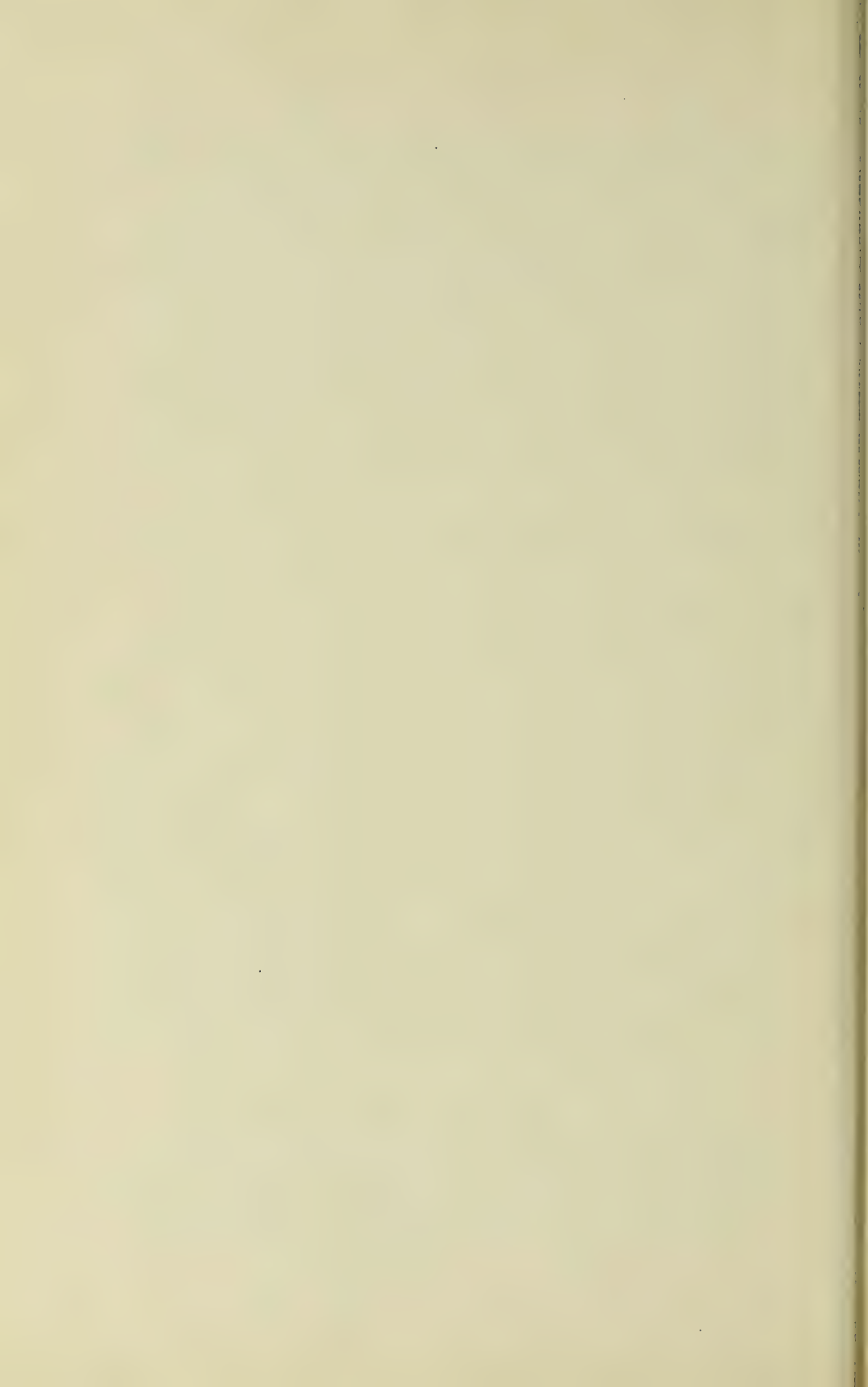
#### PHILIP SCHWARTZ

Philip Schwartz, a well known resident of Suffield, now living retired save for the supervision which he gives to his invested interests, was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 28, 1893, a son of Charles and Emily (Wadsworth) Schwartz, the former a stock broker of Chicago. Both parents are now deceased. The Schwartz family is descended from Revolutionary stock and through the Wadsworth and Loomis lines is closely connected with the pioneer history of this state.

Charles Wadsworth Schwartz was born September 16, 1891, in the residence now occupied by Philip Schwartz in Suffield. He pursued his education at Westminster and in Yale and Harvard universities, taking up the study of medicine at Harvard after the completion of his course at Yale in 1914. He afterward began practicing medicine in New York city and is distinguished as an X-ray specialist.

Philip Schwartz pursued his education in the Westminster school and completed an academic course at Yale in the class of 1916. He is of the fourth generation on the maternal side residing in the old homestead which was built in 1790 and there operates a farm of forty acres and is interested in raising cows of the Guernsey breed, fine chickens and setter dogs. He still retains interests in Chicago and his intelligently directed business affairs have made him one of the men of affluence in Connecticut. He belongs to the Hartford Club, to the Hartford Golf Club, to the Yale Club of New York city and to the Midwick Club of Pasadena, California.

On the 24th of November, 1917, Philip Schwartz married Miss Helen Smith, who was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, in 1895, daughter of Henry Spencer and Ella (Reese) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have two sons: Philip Wadsworth, born August 25, 1919; and Charles Henry, born February 18, 1924. Mr. Schwartz belongs to the Town and Country Club of Hartford, to the Hartford Golf Club and also to the Junior League of Hartford.





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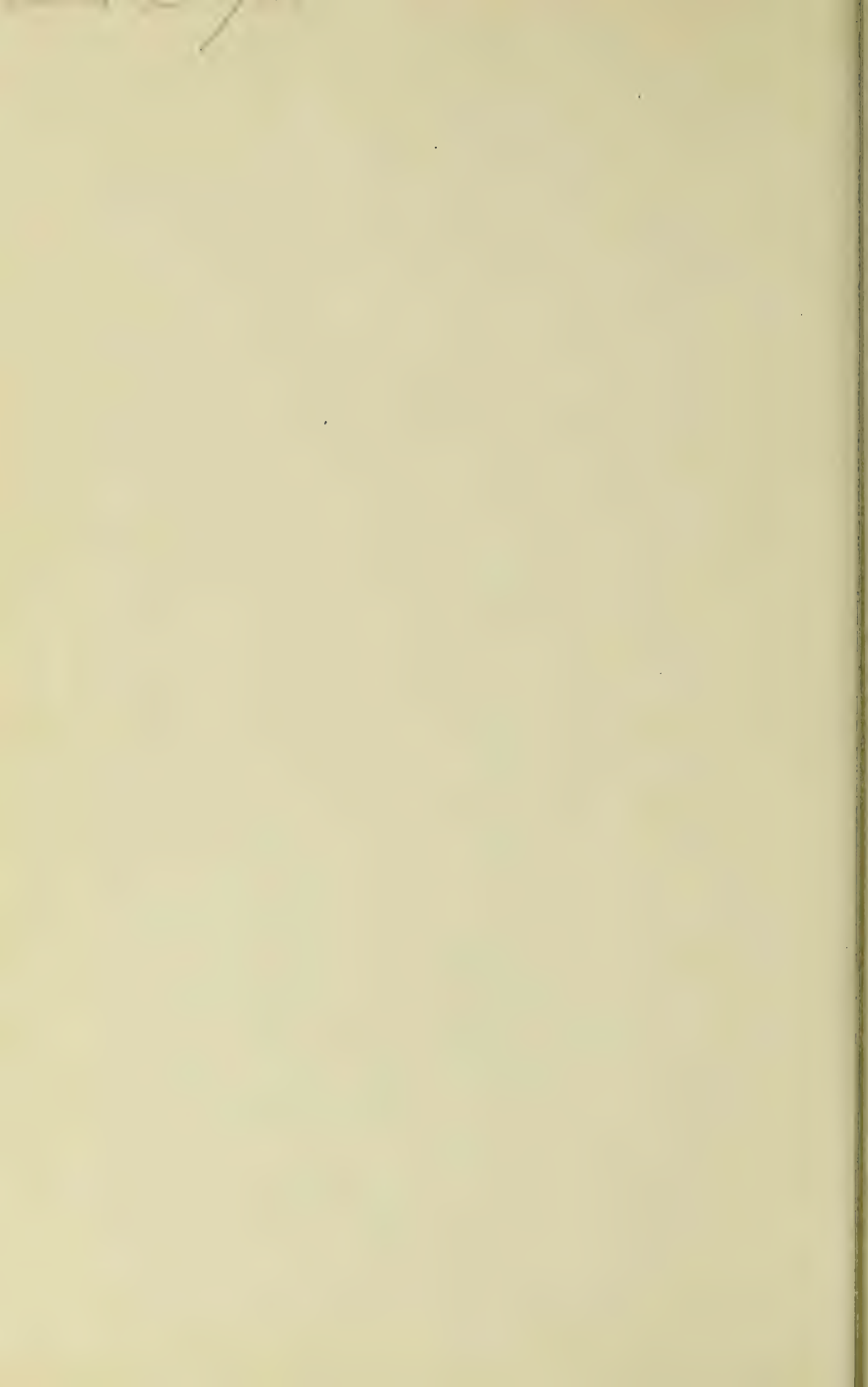
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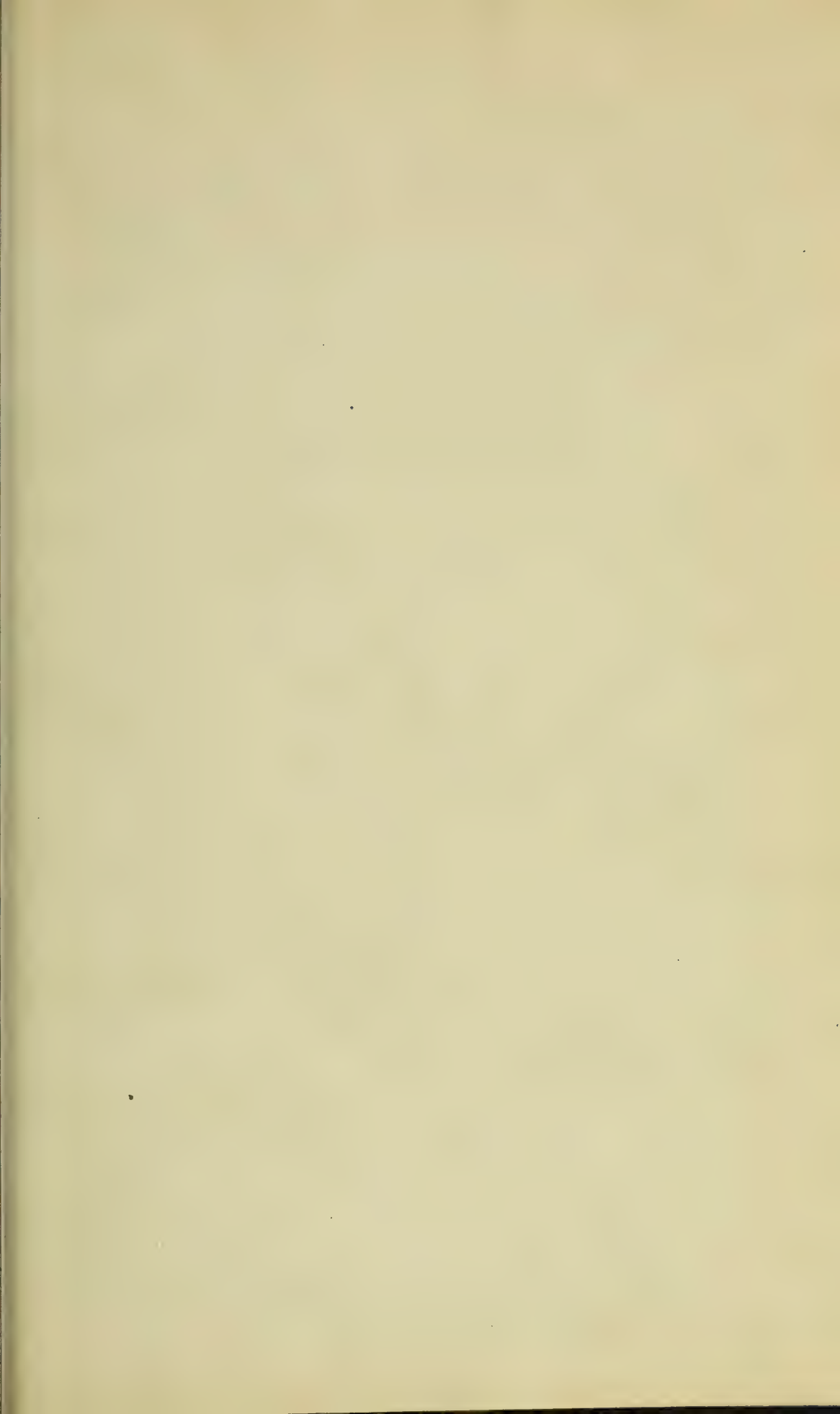
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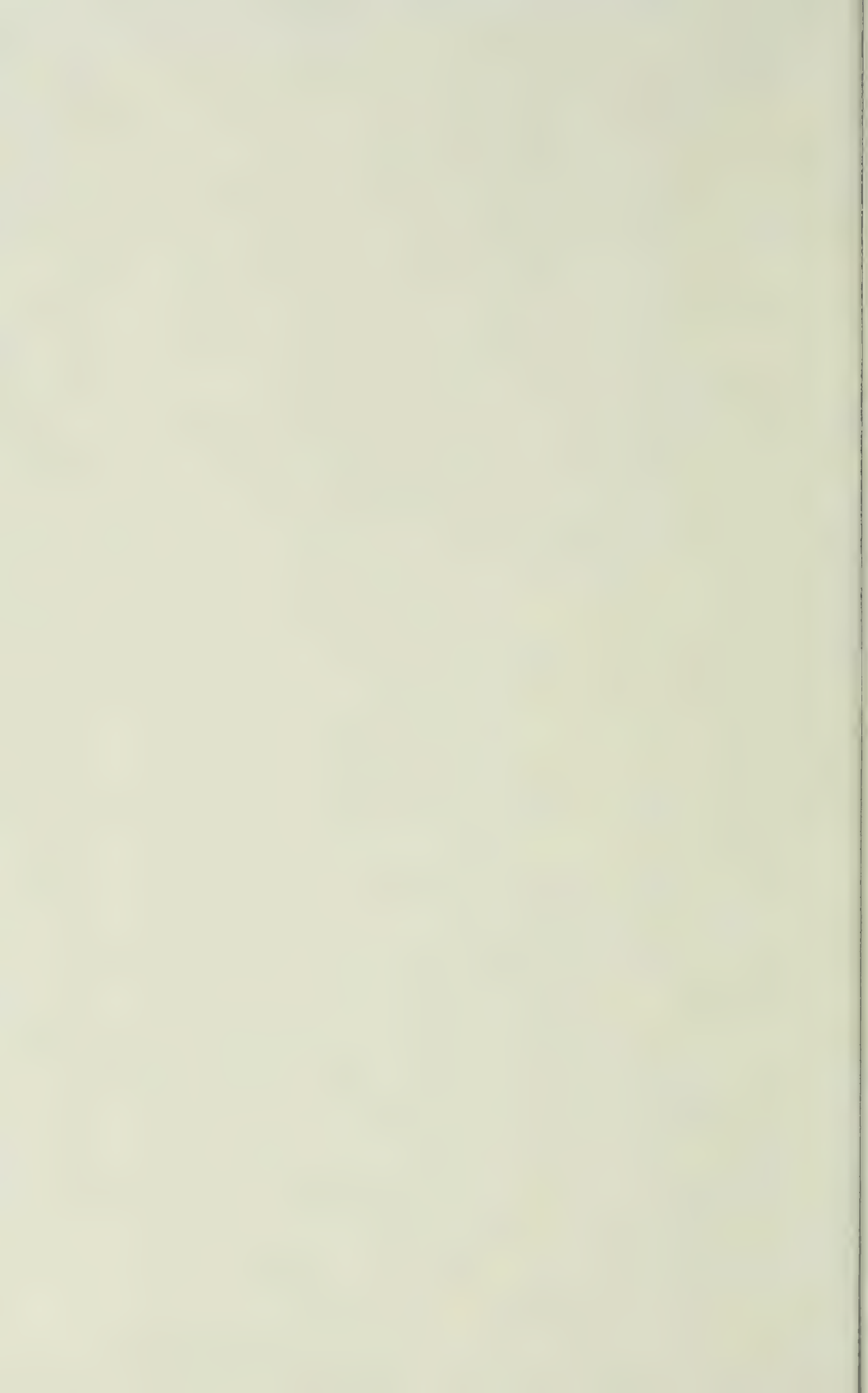




















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